

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2015

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	S. Montgomery	J.Hewart	G Haddow
	R. Freel R. Craig	J. Robb		
	Cllrs Campbell, Dorman, Holman along with 14 members of the public were in attendance. Chairman G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	Those present agreed the Minutes were an accurate record.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	No police report available as police were not in attendance.			
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	Secretary advised that following an appeal to their FOI request SLC had advised the Community Council that 21 pupils were involved from Stonehouse regarding the school transport boundary changes. Elected members advised that this was going to committee later this week.			Sect.
5	CORRESPONDENCE			
	The Secretary went through the details of correspondence received and outgoing and a list of all correspondence had been circulated with the minutes. The secretary provided an overview of the most pressing.			
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL			
	<p>ROADS Boghall Lane, Lockhart Place, Patrickholm Avenue/Cairnsmore Drive pavements and roads need attended to and added to the list. Rubbish still being dumped from Udston Mill Road up to Udston Farm. Also reported that rubbish was dumped on the Milheugh road although farmer has cleared this.</p> <p>PLANNING Chair advised that he had attended a council planning meeting regarding the application by Keppies. Chair asked Cllr Holman who had spoken for a previous application in Strathaven with a high number of objections why he had not spoken for the Keppie application. Cllrs Holman and Dorman were asked by the chair if they were following a party line or if the decision not to support the application was personal. Both advised it was personal decision stating they did not agree with the application basic principles. Cllrs Campbell advised he supported the appeal by Keppies as he felt that it was the only way that infrastructure in the village could be grown. Chair stated this application was going to appeal and asked if the elected members would re-consider their stance Further discussion took place re high school economic viability in Stonehouse. Robert Craig and George Smith met with Planning re- retrospective planning permission in Stonehouse area, to be advised that no fines were imposed for this whatsoever. Danmore House – Conversion to flats – CC to write back regarding the issue of parking. Also disabled parking bays at the Cross were being used for parking at all times of the day by council vans and others. Once again complaints of parking across from Bits and Buns on the pavement which in due course may damage slabs.</p>			<p>Sect</p> <p>Sect.</p>

	<p>Other matters</p> <p>Re tree preservation order adjacent to Caledonian Avenue on Strathaven Road – should the residents of East Mains that back onto this area wish trees cut down or trimmed they need to look at the financial aspect and approach the SLC / CC.</p> <p>Secretary Robert Freel Met with Joe Conner of SLC cemeteries re state of weeds and walls at manse road cemetery, work had started but was not complete yet. Budgets were restricting maintenance of walls.</p> <p>Slabbed area next to The Neuk where the weeds are knee high had been reported the previous month but no progress made, Cllr Campbell advised that he had been speaking to the housing department and that the type of weed growing was very difficult to contain and that . SLC would look at different solutions to eradicate them and improve the area.</p>	Cllr Campbell
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
7.1	<p>Those present were advised that Flu vaccine will be available at Drs Surgery from 26 October, appointments can be made in advance.</p> <p>Out of hours service at Douglas Street now operational with a 6 month review of the service to take place.</p>	
8	UTILITIES	
	No matters arising	
9	TRANSPORT	
	21 pupils affected by the mileage boundary changes in Stonehouse. Await outcome of SLC committee meeting on 26 August. Appeal has been lodged on the basis that the route is not safe. Cllrs Campbell and Dorman have both lodged appeals.	
10	REPORTS	
10.1	<p>Elected Members</p> <p>Cllr Dorman has been making enquiries re bus transport route to Larkhall and also has checked width of pavements re the safety of pupils walking alongside busy main road.</p> <p>Cllrs Holman is awaiting outcome of bus transport on 26August.</p> <p>Cllrs Campbell has been dealing with Keppies Development and the Neuk areas as well as lodging an appeal regards the school transport.</p>	
10.2	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>The accounts show £218.56 in account. No other withdrawals, await payment of grant.</p>	
11	FACEBOOK	
	Continues to be used	
12	AOCB	
12.1	Wi fi –Broadband in village is varied in certain areas. George Smith and Cllr Campbell to liaise on this.	Chair –Cllr Campbell
12.2	Friends of Stonehouse Park had organised an excellent day in the park recently and should be congratulated on this.	
12.3	<p>A Village Survey was discussed to look at 10 year village plan. CC to meet with Local Energy Scotland to advise re methodology. Possibly Girls Brigade could help with door to door questionnaire. It was hoped to obtain a grant for the survey and thought the details have still to be worked it could be a door to door survey with the CC paying a local organisation to carry it out.</p> <p>Kenny Weir advised a similar survey had been carried out in the village in 2005 and could make this available to the CC</p>	
12.4	Chair advised he had received an invitation to the Scottish Parliament re Connect Renewables taking place on for 22 September.	
12.5	Jackie Hewart advised that she would be moving out of Stonehouse in the coming months. Thanks go to Jackie for her work as Minute Secretary, all her hard work on the Committee and best wishes to Jackie and her family in their eventual move South. Jackie can still attend meetings up till she leaves	
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 21 September 2015 at 7.30.</p>	