

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2015**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	S. Montgomery	Cllr Cooper	
	R. Freel R. Craig	J. Robb	Cllr Campbell	
	Cllrs Dorman and Holman and three members of the public were in attendance Chairman G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented on the low turnout possibly due to the weather.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	Those present agreed the Minutes were an accurate record of the previous meeting.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	<p>Sgt John McLeish was in attendance and apologised for missing the last meeting. He advised that in the last four weeks there had been 10 recorded crimes of which 5 had been detected. No particular patterns to the crime The other 5 included 1 broken window, 1 fraud, 1 car fire, 1 domestic incident and 1 car had number plates removed.</p> <p>There had been a number of calls regarding youths carrying laser pens and youths congregating at King St, Angle St, The Cross, and Newfield Road although causing no major issues.</p> <p>There had been reports of people at the back of houses in Blinkbonny and Muirhead areas and police would monitor this area.</p> <p>It was encouraging to note that the Police are continuing with their patrols in the village on a regular basis and that the community model is still being used.</p> <p>The new Inspector at Larkhall is Derek Hamilton with Sgts John McLeish and Gail Struthers.</p>			
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	No matters arising as all will be dealt with under agenda items			
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. A letter had been received from the Bank of Scotland in reply to our letter, re-the reduction in banking hours. Chair will write back to Bank of Scotland advising not happy with the situation regarding having to travel to either Larkhall or Strathaven when the public transport is not regular. Also to advise Bank that cashline machine had been out of order for approx. 1 week.			chair
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL			
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>Cllr Dorman is working with the roads Engineer regarding bollards for the pavement in New Street. However, she has spoken with Stonehouse Brighter Village who advise they have 5 spare planters they could put on the kerbside adjacent to Bits and Buns and the Brighter Village group would also maintain these. It was also mentioned that this could then cause parking problems outside the Bakers and cause obstruction on road. It would also be helpful to speak to the Residents of the houses before any planters were put in place. Chair to speak to Michael McGlynn also re bollards.</p>			Chair
6.2	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>			

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6.3	<p>OTHER SLC ISSUES</p> <p>The Chair advised the meeting of the huge write offs for Council Tax, Rates, Housing rent and Housing Benefit overpayments by SLC. The Secretary will write to SLC for Freedom of Information figures for write offs in the last five years.</p> <p>The Community Council were contacted by Larkhall CC regarding the possible closure of the Coalyard Tearoom and asked to sign a petition. Cllr Holman advised the meeting they had no details as yet and that the opposition party did not have copies of the budget papers. Savings were based on paper reviews</p>	Sect.
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	No matters arising	
8	UTILITIES	
	No matters arising	
9	TRANSPORT	
	No matters arising	
10	REPORTS	
10.1	<p>Elected Members</p> <p>Cllr Dorman advised the current situation re possible bollards in New Street. She also advised that Friends of Stonehouse Park had held a very successful Halloween night and ghost walk.</p> <p>Cllr Holman thanked the Community Council for organising the cenotaph celebration where 2 MSP's and 4 Councillors had laid wreaths. There had been an excellent turn out of local organisations as well.</p>	
10.2	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>The accounts show £148.61 in the account. Still awaiting the annual grant from SLC.</p>	
11	FACEBOOK	
	Continues to be used	
12	AOCB	
	<p>A possible Hustings meeting to be arranged prior to the Election on April 1 2016. This has to be confirmed. The Friends of Stonehouse Park are holding a Winter Wonderland party night in Lifestyles on 21 November. The group has to be congratulated in raising awareness of the Park.</p> <p>As the next scheduled December meeting lands on Christmas week it was decided to cancel the meeting and advise the halls and community of the cancellation and hold a sub group meeting on Monday 21 December 2015 at 7 pm. The next community council meeting will be held on Monday 18 January 2016 at 7 pm.</p>	