

**STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;  
MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

Item			
1	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>		
	<b>In attendance</b>		<b>Apologies</b>
	G. Smith	R. Craig	J. Robb
	R. Freel	N. Foote	
	S. Montgomery	S. Irons	
	<p>Cllrs Campbell, Cooper, Dorman, Holman, 15 members of the public and Three Police Constables were in attendance.</p> <p>G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>		
2	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>		<b>Action</b>
	<p>The Minutes were agreed by those present.</p> <p>Crow Road would be gritted and the waste contract mentioned had not been awarded.</p> <p>With these changes the minutes were accepted.</p>		
3	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>		<b>Action</b>
	<p>Constable David Sneddon reported that there had been 14 crimes reported in the previous month – including misuse of drugs and theft from cars – both of which had been detected. A further two thefts from cars were being investigated. There had been complaints regarding anti-social behaviour in Mainsacre Drive and Birksburn Avenue. The misuse of drugs took place in Union Street. A number of issues were raised with regard to parking, particularly at the corner in Lockhart Street and New Street. PC Sneddon to look into this problem. It was reported that the bus shelter in Strathaven Road just before the hospital had been badly damaged and he agreed to look into this. The Chair thanked the police for their report.</p> <p>On the issue of pavement parking the constable indicated if a parked car was causing an obstruction with insufficient space to get a pram or buggy passed they would investigate however these issues need to be called in.</p>		
4	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>		
	<p>The issue of street and path lights not operating and the replacement of street light bulbs was raised again specifically weaver's way. Cllr Cooper indicated that it was possible to report faults on line, and that each lamp-post had an individual number and if this was noted in the complaint it made it easier for the local authority to plan and carry out repairs. It was also noted that the local authority was in the process of changing all the bulbs in the street lights to led bulbs and that this process would take some time. The chair stressed to the meeting that it was important to continue to report faults in the street lighting as the local authority relied on the public reporting faults. He would make this information available on Facebook. The lack of visibility of cat's eyes on some roads was raised. Cllr Campbell indicated that they did deteriorate over time and were renewed when roads were being resurfaced.</p> <p>All other matters would be dealt with in the agenda of the meeting.</p> <p>R Freel asked is the RALF number still existed however councillor cooper was unsure.</p> <p>Cllr Dorman intimated that the waste contract mentioned in previous minutes had not been awarded yet.</p>		<i>chair</i>

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5	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
	<p>The Secretary went through the details of correspondence received and outgoing and a list of all correspondence had been circulated.</p> <p>The community council insurance was discussed and chair advised of potential issues of public liability insurance when holding events where members of the public were in attendance as the lifestyles insurance did not necessarily cover this.</p> <p>Community council to write to SLLC to establish the facts</p>	<b>Sect</b>
6	<b>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL</b>	
6.1	<p><b><u>ROADS</u></b></p> <p>Dealt with under matters arising.</p>	
6.2	<p><b><u>PLANNING</u></b></p> <p>The Chair reported that the work being carried out in Sidehead Road related to the Auch Robert windfarms development. The wind farm was being operated by Faulk not the Banks Group. It was agreed that the CC chairman would contact Faulk to discuss this development. The chair also reported on discussions with regard to the proposed village survey and the evaluation of the survey results.</p>	
6.3	<p><b><u>OTHER SLC MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>The high quality of the paper used by SLC to produce Community Matters was raised especially in relation to proposed budget cuts</p> <p><b><u>SLLC</u></b></p> <p>6.3.1</p> <p>A member of the public asked about the use of the halls for minor sports activities and why sport was never included in the original build. Chair advised that the halls were originally built to replace the three other halls in the village which were not sport related. There were also no changing rooms for sport activities</p> <p>The community council would ask the question if the halls could be used for soft ball or badminton</p> <p>It was also reported that SLC planned to stop private caterers, and private bar facilities being used for functions held in their premises. The bar and catering would be carried out by SLC staff.</p> <p>This resulted in widespread discussion with the general feeling that this could lead to the halls not being hired as much and it was agreed that the CC would seek to clarify this matter.</p>	<b>Chair</b>
		<b>Sect</b>
7	<b>HEALTH MATTERS</b>	
	<p>It was reported that a public consultation was taking place on the final plans for the integration of health and social care which was due to come into force in April of this year. Cllr Campbell stated this was already in place in Ireland. The use of consultants being brought from England to cover services at Lanarkshire hospitals was also raised.</p> <p>The booking of appointments at Strathaven medical practice was discussed. Cllr Cooper has written concerning this.</p>	

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8	<b>UTILITIES</b>	
	No issues raised	
9	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	
	No issues raised.	
10	<b>REPORTS</b>	
10.1	<p><b><u>Elected Members</u></b> Cllr Dorman reported on the planters at New Street and stated that the size and number of planters would be increased. That residents had been consulted and were willing to assist. Some bollards were missing and replacements would be sought. Cllr Cooper reported that the second play area in the Alexander Hamilton Park had been completed. The paths would be re-laid in the spring. A viewing area would be created near the old folk's home. She was also discussing with Land Services and Barratts regarding landscaping improvements to the entrance and exit from the village. Seating in the park would be either replaced or refurbished dependant on condition.</p> <p>There would also be a large three tier flower planter in the area across from the cooperative. She was also in the process of getting costings for adult gym equipment and improvements to the parking area at the rugby field. She was also working with St. Ninian's church on funding for an improved central heating system. Cllr Cooper referred to the police report about Mainsacre Drive and said that she had an undertaking from SLC to provide lighting in the lane where the trouble had been reported.</p> <p><b><u>TREASURER</u></b> The bank balance stood at £148.61. The problems regarding the annual funding for the CC were still unresolved with a printed statement of accounts being sent however it did not cover the specified period. A statement covering the period missing has been requested.</p>	
11	<p><b><u>AOCB</u></b> D. Baxter reported that STV news were planning to cover the work being done to support the lottery application made by the Beekeepers Association. There was also a folk night being held in Strathaven on 26 February to raise funds for the Beekeeping Association. The raffle held in the village at the weekend had raised £250 and he thanked the public for their support. The Chair praised the work being done on this project and the progress which had been made in the last two years.</p> <p><b><u>HUSTINGS MEETING</u></b> The Chair reported that there would be a hustings meeting in Lifestyles on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. The main political parties would all be represented. As with previous hustings meeting the tickets would be free and available on a first come first serve basis. Sunday School were organising a movie night however it clashed with the beekeepers night. Reported that it was the eightieth year for Male voice choir</p>	
12	<p><b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b> The meeting closed at 20.50pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm in Lifestyles.</p>	