

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 16 MAY 2016**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	N Foote	S Montgomery	T Feeney
	R. Freel R. Craig	J. Robb Cllrs, Dorman, Cooper and Campbell	S. Irons	
	Nine members of the public were in attendance and two Police Scotland sergeants, Jon McLeish and Adam Smith were also 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
	<p>Constables Jon McLeish and Adam Smith reported that since the last meeting there were 17 recorded crimes. 7 were detected which were mostly domestic disturbances and breach of the peace. The 10 undetected crimes consisted of theft related matters, attempted house break ins at Toftcoombs Crescent, Kirk Street, Queen Street and one of the local farms.</p> <p>Police are aware of the house break ins and plain clothes officers are working in the area. There appears to be a link with sneak thieves operating in Stonehouse and Larkhall regarding these break ins.</p> <p>Police were alerted again to Blinkbonny and Spinningdale areas where there had been some minor disturbances and damage, Police will continue to monitor this area and keep it on a hot spot list. A significant amount of drugs were reported to have been found in a house in Stonehouse details could not be released as investigation was on-going. Damage to a property was reported in Weavers Way but no report submitted as yet.</p> <p>Police advised they would be in attendance at the local Agricultural Show on Saturday 21 May 2016. Police advised that no calls had been received regarding parking at Townhead Primary School. This was an issue raised at the last meeting.</p> <p>Following a question at the April community council meeting PC Jon McLeish advised that the Police would try and handover to the constables all relevant information before they attended the monthly community council meeting. He advised sometimes it was more difficult due to changing shift patterns and the available time to pull off the information.</p> <p>A member of the public advised Police that a concrete mixer lorry was parked on the corner of Patrickholm Avenue and Sidehead Road and this could be causing an obstruction. Police advised they would visit the area when they left the community council meeting.</p> <p>The issue of parking was raised once again concerning the parking across from the Violet Cafe on the pavement, but the Police advised there is no legislation in place regarding this unless an obstruction has been caused e.g. buggy's or wheelchairs not getting past. If this was the case then a call should be made to 101. Chair advised the public to take photos of said vehicles and pass onto SLC Roads Department or police. Chair asked if police could patrol new street early morning and get the message across regards parking.</p> <p>Parking issues were raised in Secaurin Avenue but as before no legislation in place unless causing an obstruction.</p> <p>Lifestyles staff raised the question of cars parking out of hours in the car park and leaving rubbish/litter. Police advised they would drive past car park on a regular basis.</p> <p>Speeding issues were raised at bottom of Camnethan Street and police will monitor this.</p>			
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	No matters arising.			

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5	CORRESPONDENCE	
	The Secretary went through the details of all correspondence received and outgoing including emails and a list of all correspondence had been circulated with the Minutes. FOI responses would be uploaded to the website for anyone to view. Members of public reminded they can examine the correspondence at the end of the meeting.	
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>An issue was raised re-an advert trailer placed at the side of the roundabout at Canderside Toll and whether permission was required for this as it could create a distraction when driving. Cllr Dorman advised she had phoned Roads and had been advised that the advert was to be removed but to date was still there.</p> <p>Cllr Dorman advised that it was the roads in Muirhead that had been resurfaced and not the pavements as previously reported.</p> <p>Minor patching road repairs were due to be carried out in Boghall Street and New Street.</p>	
6.2	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>A decision had been taken by the Community Council to oppose a second planning extension by the NHS on the hospital ground. The lack of development at this site spanned two –three local Plans and around 10 years and still no development. The CC objections were centred around the fact that the site was scheduled for around 100 plus houses and it is perceived that as the area is designated for housing it is stopping any additional housing in and around the village. This was similar to Lochpark where no further plans have been put in place regarding a planning extension although the secretary will check this out.</p> <p>Cllr Campbell intimated that he had written a similar letter to the local authority.</p>	Sect.
6.3	<p>OTHER SLC ISSUES</p> <p>The lack of toilet facilities in the village was again raised and it was asked if a petition to the local Council for a “comfort stop” would be feasible. Cllr Campbell advised that this had already been carried out within South Lanarkshire and an annual grant may be available.</p> <p>Community Council advised they would contact Peter Ramsay of the Stonehouse Business Association to see if any business would be willing to help out in offering a comfort stop.</p> <p>A letter had previously been sent to the local Housing Department regarding anti-social behaviour in Patrickholm Avenue and The Neuk and the Chair advised a letter had been received regarding this issue. Some details of the letter were read out and the letter was available for any member of the public to look at. The letter intimated that there had been 14 anti-social behaviour complaints in the last year and this had resulted in a couple of Unacceptable Behaviour Notices being issued. The letter will also be put on the Community Council website for information</p> <p>The situation regarding Lifestyles and the ability of local groups to bring in outside catering and bar staff was again discussed. Cllr Cooper advised she had a discussion with the Leader of the Council and no enforcement of that Policy would go ahead for the foreseeable future/ No one would be forced to have SLLC bar and catering facilities. Cllr Cooper advised she had many negotiations to reach the above agreement, however the Chair advised the body of the Hall that it had been originally raised by the Community Council at previous meetings.</p> <p>Cllrs Cooper and Dorman advised that some of the Staff at the Horizons Restaurant at Council HQ had been recently deployed to Lifestyles and Education following a restructure.</p> <p>Beth Grant advised that tree roots in Murray Drive were very near to some of the houses and asked for Land Services to look into. Elected members present should pick this up.</p>	Sect. Elected Member
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	No matters arising	
8	UTILITIES	
	No matters arising	
9	TRANSPORT	
	No matters arising	

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10	REPORTS	
10.1	Elected Members Cllr Cooper advised new benches were in place in the Park and a new picnic table was in place at the bottom play area. She advised she was in negotiations for an additional picnic table at the toddler area at the top of the park. Cllr Cooper also advised that she is seeking additional Landscaping work and ornamental tree for the village and is in discussion with Brighter Village and Land Services. Bulb planting would take place on Tuesday evening It was also noted that the pavement / slabbed area at The Cross had a clean-up and Cllr Cooper advised she was hoping Land Services would clean up the area across from the Co-operative.	
10.2	TREASURER The bank balance shows £5263.61 in the account.	
10.3	CHAIRMAN Chairman advised that although we were showing a high figure balance expenditure on the recent survey had still to be committed. Public Knowledge the company carrying out the analysis of the survey have still to invoice prior to releasing the results. The Girls Brigade were also presented with cheques for £1000 for delivering the recent village survey forms to households in the village over a good number of evenings and a further £200 for Girls Brigade leader Grace Allen to take all the girls involved in the delivery of the forms out for a pizza. The results of the Survey should be available for the June meeting however it was estimated that just under 500 forms were returned. Some discussion on whether this was a good return took place.	
11	FACEBOOK Continues to be well used	
12	AOCB	
12.1	Friends of Stonehouse Park are holding a work day at 10 am on Sunday 22 May to tidy up Bandstand area before the Gala Day in June. Anyone wishing to attend and help should just turn up. It was also brought to our attention that the Co-operative had put money back into the village from the 5p carrier bags and should be commended for this. Further questions were asked about other organisations charging for bags.	
12.2	Danny Baxter advised there would be £7,500 worth of bees coming in June and that 35 hives were to be built to accommodate them. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held in Lifestyles on Monday 20 th June at 7.30 pm.	