

**STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;  
MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016**

Item			
<b>1</b>	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>		
	<b>In attendance</b>		<b>Apologies</b>
	G. Smith	R. Craig	N. Foote, S. Irons
	R. Freel S. Montgomery	J. Robb	Cllrs Holman, Campbell and Cooper
	Cllrs Dorman and 13 members of the public were in attendance including two police Constables. G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
<b>2</b>	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>		<b>Action</b>
	The Minutes were agreed by those present.		
<b>3</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>		<b>Action</b>
	<p>Constables Amos and Donaldson were in attendance. Constable Amos reported that there had been 12 low level crimes reported the previous month – including vandalism, road traffic and breach of the peace. The chair raised issues relating to Patrickholm Avenue and Lawrence Avenue and the officer stated that these would be reported and that there had been increased patrols in the area with two call outs reported. The issue of more detail on the action being taken in these areas was discussed and it was agreed that the chair would write to the Divisional Inspector for an update. Car theft from a property on Sidehead Road was raised and the need to keep property secure, with all doors being locked was stressed. The officer reported that a special unit had been set up to deal with car crime in the area. The problems relating to parking outside the school in Townhead Road were again raised and the police agreed to target the area when the problem was at its most acute, in the morning and at the end of the school day. The Chair thanked the officers for their report and stressed the good relationship the CC had with the police.</p> <p>A member of the public asked about communication between teams and handover regarding community matters when officers attend community meetings as on occasion new officers assigned to attend are not aware of previous issues and that some form of internal communication was required.</p>		Chair
<b>4</b>	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>		
	<p>The Chair reported that the Secretary had written to the housing department regarding the issues which had been raised at the last meeting for Prtickholm Avenue and the Neuk A copy of the letter should have had been passed to the police and was available to those attending the meeting.</p> <p>All other matters arising would be dealt with as part of the agenda.</p>		

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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. Highlighted items were that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) SLC was conducting a consultation exercise in relation to the local plan. Information was in display at Lifestyles and it was also available online.</li> <li>b) Police Scotland were conducting a consultation on priorities for the next three years and this was also available online and details had been made available on Stonehouse Facebook.</li> </ul>	
6	<b>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL</b>	
6.1	<p><b>Roads</b>            Cllr Dorman advised that pavements at Muirhead were being dealt with having had repairs carried out.            The condition of Boghall Lane was raised again and it was agreed to take this up with SLC roads department although elected member present will also raise this . Cllr Dorman reported that the pavements at Newfield Road were being repaired this week.</p>	<b>Sect &amp; Elected Member</b>
6.2	<p><b>Planning</b>            No matters raised.</p>	
6.3	<p><b>Other SLC matters</b>            The situation re Lifestyles and the ability of local groups to bring in outside caterers and bar staff was discussed at some length. Despite an assurance from the Leisure and Cultural Trust that there would be consultation with local groups who use the premises before any changes were made it was reported by members of the public that they were aware that staff had been interviewed for posts to allow the Leisure and Cultural Trust to provide catering/bar services and that equipment had been purchased for the kitchen.            The issue of who the legal owners of Lifestyles Hall was also raised by a member of the public who asked if the CC knew who owned the lifestyles . It was agreed that the CC would attempt to clarify the position and try to ascertain what the position was in the other Lifestyles within in SLC that operated or had bar facilities. A letter would also be written to South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture director Mr Gerry Campbell.             Some discussion on the community rate for local groups was also discussed</p>	<b>Sect.</b>
7	<b>HEALTH MATTERS</b>	
	<b>No matters raised.</b>	
8	<b>UTILITIES</b>	
	<b>No issues raised</b>	
9	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	
	No issues raised.	

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10	<b>REPORTS</b>	
10.1	<b>Elected Members</b> Cllr Dorman indicated that she reported most items throughout the meeting and had no more to add.	
10.2	<b>Treasurer</b> The treasurer reported that bank balance stood at £6823.61. CC Grant had been received for previous year .The Chair indicated that 6k of that money was from Banks Development to support the ongoing village survey including independent analysis of all returned forms. The accounts would be made up for the last financial year and presented to SLC.	
11	<b>FACEBOOK</b>	
	<b>No issues and still being used reasonably well.</b>	
12	<b>AOCB</b>	
12.1	<b>Village survey</b> The Chair reported that around 450 forms had been returned and that an independent agency in Newcastle would analyse the returns and prepare a report which would be ready for the next CC meeting. The Chair indicated that around 2000 forms had been distributed throughout the village by the Girl Guides and it was agreed that a cheque for £1000 should be given to the organisation as thanks for the sterling work they had done. Beth Grant asked why the scouts had not been asked, Chair advised that it was the intention to split the village between Girl guides and scouts and that he had approached the scouts and was advised they would get back to him after consulting with parents. The survey was put on hold for around 10 days waiting on a response. When no response was received he asked the girl guides and they started the distribution within a day of being asked and reported back on what streets had been carried out. <b>Friends of the Park</b> It was reported that the Easter Day event in the Alexander Hamilton Park had gone well with over 170 children attending. Whilst the group try to run these as free events they required to run funding events and a Fun Run was scheduled to take place on 30 <sup>th</sup> April called "Hurry for the Furrries". Work also continues on their efforts to obtain funding to carry out work in the park Chair wished the group well with this event and congratulated the group on their work to date.	
12	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The meeting closed at 20.50pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm in Lifestyles.	