

**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;  
MONDAY JUNE 20 2016**

Item			
1	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>		
	<b>In attendance</b>		<b>Apologies</b>
	G. Smith	S. Montgomery	N Foote
	R. Freel	J. Robb S Irons	
	R. Craig	Cllrs, Dorman, Cooper and Campbell	
	Forty members of the public were in attendance including Police Scotland (Sergeant Jon McLeish). Chairman G Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>		<b>Action</b>
	Those present agreed the Minutes were an accurate record.		
3	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>		<b>Action</b>
	<p>Sgt Jon McLeish advised since last meeting there were 20 crime reports of which 15 had been detected. The 5 undetected included shoplifting, 1 online threat (positive line of enquiry), vandalism to a car and window and 1 breach of the peace (positive line of enquiry). The others were largely disorder within houses, domestic matters and road traffic offences. This was up slightly from the 17 reported in the previous month.</p> <p>Sgt McLeish advised since the last meeting the driver of the cement mixer lorry had been spoken to and said lorry was moved. Police had also been at Lifestyles and spoken to drivers of cars parked at night about leaving rubbish / litter etc. in the car park. Regarding parking issues at the Bakers, Police had spoken to the staff and asked them if they could ask drivers to try and keep the area clear. Naismith Court house break in had been noted in the Hamilton Advertiser.</p> <p>Sgt McLeish advised the meeting that they had asked the Community Council for a short response as to the possible closure of the local police station as part of a wider consultation in Police Scotland. Sgt McLeish apologised for the short timescales and indicated that the CC had raised some valid points which included financial implications, emergency phone usage, other uses) and these have been fed in to their system. No timescales were given as to any closure of the police office as they are considering this with many others across the district.</p> <p>Danny Baxter advised Sgt McLeish that the concrete mixer was still parking on the corner since the last meeting and he advised he would again speak to the driver.</p> <p>Cllr Dorman advised a bad traffic accident had taken place in Camnethan Street and asked if this area could be kept in mind for possible boy racers. Reports of speeding cars was raised in Patrickholm Avenue, Muirhead, and Udston Mill Road. Sgt McLeish advised they would be added to the police list to patrol. Speed bumps were requested in Muirhead and elected members were asked if they could look into this especially with a school in the area. Cllr Dorman advised she had attempted to get speed bumps in Camnethan Street but there has to be three injury accidents over three years or accidents above the national average before it was considered.</p> <p>A member of public asked if the drop off at Stonehouse Primary could be looked at.</p> <p>It was also raised that perhaps it was time to get a full traffic impact study done in relation to the village with perhaps consideration of a one way system at the bottom end of the village. Elected members could raise this.</p> <p>Concern on the paths and crossing area at the new Barratt homes was also raised and CC will write to roads department on this although elected members could also raise this concern.</p>		<p>Elected Members.</p> <p>Elected Members</p>

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<b>4</b>	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
	Any matters arising will be dealt with through agenda items	
<b>5</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
	The Secretary went through the details of correspondence received and outgoing and a list of all correspondence had been circulated with the Minutes. Items to note were planning application issues and these would be dealt with under agenda item 6.	
<b>6</b>	<b>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL</b>	
6.1	<p><b>ROADS</b></p> <p>An issue was raised regarding no safe crossing place at the Barratt Estate and was very dangerous for children crossing on their way to school. The CC advised that the issue of a crossing was raised when the Barratt development commenced however as there was another crossing in the near vicinity it was deemed that a pedestrian crossing was not required. Chair advised that roads department had indicated that the roundabout at Barratt would act as a calming measure to reduce speed of cars entering the village.</p> <p>Complaint on the state of pavements following repairs at Newfield / Partickholm were raised. Tar left on pavements with no move to clean areas by workmen</p>	
6.2	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>a) The Chair updated the meeting about what the community council were aware of on the ins and outs of the Viridor application at Dovesdale. The Application was to double the size of the existing shed to allow applicant to retain salt area and use the extension to sort waste that had previously been the subject of a previous planning application.</p> <p>b) The Chair advised the meeting that the CC had opposed the extended planning application for the NHS hospital ground and updated them on the reasons for the objection, however the planning department have granted an extension.</p> <p>c) An update on the planning application for the B and B next to the large shed in Manse Road has been withdrawn.</p> <p>d) The Chair advised the meeting that every four years the Council has a Local Plan and now is the time to put any ideas forward for this. The 2019 Local Plan is now out for consultation and members of the public can submit items via the council website. An advertisement had also been run by the council inviting developers to submit proposals. Separate CC consultations would be taking place in August 2016.</p> <p>e) Chair provided an update of a meeting that the chair, secretary and vice chair had with Head of Planning Mr M McGlynn on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The meeting covered introductions and local plan that was currently being consulted on along with discussions on the hospital ground and the cc expectations on improving the village extension to the bypass and possible retail opportunities school provisions and general demographics of the village. Chair also provided a copy of the recent village survey results and gave an overview of how we will be using these to feed into the local plan requirements for the next 4-5 years.to improve</p>	
6.3	<p><b>OTHER SLC ISSUES</b></p> <p>No issues raised</p>	

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<b>7</b>	<b>HEALTH MATTERS</b>	
	<p>Robert Craig advised the meeting that the ordering of repeat prescriptions was about to change. Instead of telephoning the chemist for a repeat prescription you would now telephone the Doctors surgery. This, hopefully, would save on prescriptions and stockpiling of tablets and provide savings for the NHS. The pilot scheme would be rolled out from July 1 in Hamilton and Blantyre.</p> <p>It was raised at the meeting by a member of the public (Mr Kennedy) that a new hospital was to be built to replace Monklands Hospital, however, no one knew anything about this and Stonehouse would have been an excellent area for this due to its proximity to the Motorway.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>UTILITIES</b>	
	<p>A question was asked regards the Sidehead road closure and what was the requirement. Chair advised that as far as the CC were aware it was for the laying of power cables from a wind farm outwith Stonehouse. The state of the roads and verges was also raised and Chair advised that anyone with concerns should take photographs and either pass to elected members or the community council. A further question was asked if the village would be benefitting from this wind farm, with chair advising that any benefits were probably going into the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) run by the council and groups would have to apply to this for funding. that No matters arising.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	
	No matters arising	
<b>10</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	<p><b>Elected Members</b>  <b>Cllr Dorman</b>                  Advised the meeting about the road traffic accident in Camnethan Street.</p> <p><b>Cllr Cooper</b>                  Advised she had a further meeting with Building Control regarding the burnt out building in New Street but not much progress had been made as was still at Court, however, she was continuing to pursue this. Cllr Cooper advised she sits on a Rural Task Force Committee and there is a new programme of funding called Leader Funding which has three streams (1) developing committees (2) growing businesses/business plan (3) heritage, culture and environment and she will keep us updated regarding this. Secretary asked if this funding would require groups to front monies before funding would be made. Cllr Cooper intimated that this rule had been relaxed for this funding.</p> <p>Anna Timmins from the TABS group advised Cllr Cooper she still had not replied to them since April regarding their lottery funding application. Cllr Cooper indicated that she had and that some of the streams of funding looked at had not been suitable.</p> <p>Cllr Cooper also advised that the Viridor funding would be coming to a close shortly.</p>	
<b>10.2</b>	<p><b>Cllr Campbell</b>                  Advised proposed roadworks on A71 Stonehouse to Strathaven had been put back to 18 July. The Strathaven to East Kilbride roadwork's had been put back to the summer holiday period. Questions on why a full closure was made and Cllr Campbell advised it was down to Health &amp; Safety issues and providing a safe working environment. The standard of the repairs being carried out was also raised with Cllr Campbell advising that he had no complaints as to A71 repairs and where repairs were substandard via material or workmanship the council did follow up on this. An example of recent material failures was quoted and measures being taken by SLC</p>	
<b>10.3</b>	<p><b>Treasurer</b>                  The bank balance shows £3623.61 in the account.</p>	

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11	<b>FACEBOOK</b>	
	Continues to be well used, with issues or posts being put on to advise of road closures etc.	
12	<b>AOCB</b>	
12.1	<p><b>Village Survey</b>  Copies of the recent village survey were issued to those present and the Chair went over the survey analysis which had been carried out by an independent company called Public Knowledge. Chair advised how the survey had been co-ordinated to include all the relevant questions and this was discussed in great detail with various members of the public who were present at previous meetings along with meetings held with local groups. The response was just over 20% which was thought to be reasonable although some discussion by those present indicating that it was not representative and asking why items had not been included and why some households had not responded.</p> <p>The chair advised that follow up collections were not used due to the Girls Brigade advising that on previous occasions they had been subjected to some verbal abuse.</p> <p>The Chair re-emphasized that they had met the Director of Planning Michael McGlynn and advised him of the outcome of the Survey which will be used to influence the next Local Plan. Details of the items discussed are under agenda item 6.2 (e).</p> <p>A wider discussion then went into available leisure and lack of it within the village, why no play provisions were available at the top end of the village. Input of business organisations in Strathaven and the Adams Trust and their provision as opposed to Stonehouse. The reluctance of the council to take ownership of assets that were funded from private sources.</p> <p>Friend of the Park representatives indicated what they had achieved since setting up their group and encourages groups to get involved.</p> <p>Cllr Cooper re-emphasized the recent £100,000 capital spend in the park, Cllr Dorman intimated that this included £35,000 planning gain although this was disputed by Cllr Cooper who stated she was not aware of any planning gain monies. Secretary asked where the £35,000 was, if not used in the park upgrade. This was not known</p>	
12.2	Friends of Stonehouse Park advised they were holding a Summer Fun Day on 13 August and to spread the word.	
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 15 August 2016 at 7.30.	