

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2017**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	R. Craig	S. Irons,	Cllr Cooper
	R. Freel	J Robb	D O'Malley	
	<p>, MSP Christina McKelvie along with over 50 members of the public were in attendance as well as the following Candidates for the forthcoming local elections. Alistair Hendry : Independent Graeme Campbell : Scottish Conservative Erica Young: Green Party Isobel Dorman :SNP Mairi Tulbure: SNP Apology received from Mr O'Malley.</p> <p>Chairman George Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting, intimating that the Community Council (cc) had written to all candidates for the up and coming local election and had taken the decision to turn the meeting over to a question and answer session. The questions would be centred on Stonehouse and the candidates would be allowed to provide a 3 minute overview of their top 3 objectives for the village and to finish with a similar summing up. Rules for the meeting were also read out and passed to all candidates</p>			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	Were made available to those present at the meeting however were not approved.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	Apologies received following notification that meeting would be used for this purpose.			
4	CANDIDATE QUESTIONING			
	<p>The following is not a verbatim account but a summary of topics and the secretary's account of the questions and answers.</p> <p>Main Priorities / Objectives Current standing councillor, Cllr Dorman stated that her main priorities objectives would be to ensure Section 75 monies from development in the village was spent in the village and that Area committee changes would be made to ensure local democracy. Mairi Tulbure stated that her priorities would be to provide empowerment to local people giving back control to make decisions, to provide affordable and social housing and ensure that full consultation with communities takes place. Erica Young stated that her main areas of priority would be local participatory consultation and decision making, would like to concentrate on mental health and social issues and assist local community enterprises to develop. Current standing councillor, Cllr Graeme Campbell stated that future development in Stonehouse was a priority as the areas that constituents had spoken to him about was unlikely to come from the council and would have to be from development led opportunities. More housing affordable and social housing was also a requirement and that this would increase council tax income. Road safety was also a concern and that he would like to see more residential areas be marked as 20MPH. Alistair Hendry stated that his priorities would be on affordable housing, road traffic and management to reduce the flows of heavy traffic through the village. Heavy traffic was required to be reduced especially the companies who flaunt using the local roads.</p>			Cllr Dorman

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	<p>A series of questions from the members of public around some pre-determined themes were then discussed with each candidate being asked to provide their views and stance on the following areas.</p> <p>Public Toilet closures and the potential re-opening of toilets. Litter and dog fouling Local Plan and settlement areas Hospital ground as well as Loch Park ground development Education and the requirement for high school. Housing.</p> <p>Other questions were also brought into the meeting from the body of the hall covering Traffic management and wardens. Health and social care integration and how this could be best developed. Building and maintenance of play parks within the village.</p> <p>Candidates were then asked to sum up and each was given the same time to provide a summary of why they should be elected.</p> <p>Chair provided a vote of thanks to the prospective candidates for attending hoping that they had found it worthwhile.</p> <p>A member of the public also stated that those present tonight should thank the community council for taking the time and organising this meeting.</p>	
12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 15th MAY 2017 at 7.30pm</p>	