

**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
 MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2017**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	R Craig	R Freel	G Smith	S Montgomery
	J Robb , S Irons	Cllrs Dorman and Campbell	Cllr Cooper	Beth Grant
	Eight members of the public were in attendance and two Police Officers. As Chairman George Smith was on holiday Vice Chair Robert Craig conducted the meeting and welcomed everyone.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The previous Minutes were circulated and those present agreed they were an accurate record. These were the June minutes as there was no July meeting.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	<p>PC Stevie Lowrie and PC Lorna Hinshelwood were in attendance and advised that from 19 June to 18 August there had been 198 incidents, of those only 18 crimes were reported. These included a couple of disturbances where arrests had been made. A couple for vandalism and domestic incidents.</p> <p>Two sneak in thefts had been reported in Murray Drive and Davidson Gardens and one male had been arrested.</p> <p>A joint Police initiative is to be set up with VOSA and SEPA to try and stamp out the fly tipping in and around Stonehouse. Mark Monie advised the Police about fly tipping in Union Street and Spittal Road area.</p> <p>PC's Lowrie and Hinshelwood have now been trained in the use of speed guns and these may be used within village.</p> <p>Danny Baxter advised them of speeding cars regularly in Lawrie Street and also advised that the residents of the house in the Public Park are quite reckless with motor cars and motor bikes within the Park.</p> <p>The Police also advised they would be visiting the local primary schools again now that the holidays are over.</p> <p>Danny Baxter reported to the Police that there had been over seventy youths congregating in a local area known as the "horsepool" near the Park. Police advised again that youths are moving every week between Larkhall, Strathaven and Stonehouse using social media to advise where to turn-up and that some parents have been lettered when police had questioned youths and taken them home.</p> <p>The Police were thanked once again for attending the meeting.</p> <p>Those present were also reminded that incident numbers are recorded and if phoning to report incidents to use the 101 number. Police monitor the number of calls and those areas where larger than expected volumes of calls are received will receive special attention.</p>			

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4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	Any matters arising would be dealt with throughout the meeting agenda	
5	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p>Housing The CC had written to SLC Housing Department re housing land in Stonehouse maintained by SLC Housing or another body appointed by them and asked to provide details of the areas and the cost in relation to that. A detailed plan was given to Robert Freel who was advised the cost was approximately 40,000 per annum.</p> <p>Speed Limit consultation A copy of consultation document relating to speed restrictions of Strathaven road and A71 bypass had been received and CC had no objection to these. Part of Strathaven road being reduced to 30MPH and Bypass to 50MPH.</p> <p>Retrospective Planning FOI Response received on this FOI and will be further discussed under Planning.</p> <p>Public toilet consultations Local groups being consulted on use of toilets, those present advised to make comment.</p> <p>Temporary Road closure Details of Lockhart Place closure advised</p> <p>Licence application will be dealt with under planning</p> <p>CC Liaison office wishes details of members and addresses</p>	<p>Detail to be put on website</p> <p>RF to action</p>
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>Nursery Grove A question was raised as to whether there would be a pavement put in at Nursery Grove the new housing development on Sidehead Road as the pavement had not been done on the first half of Sidehead Road. The understanding is that the Developer would reinstate any road works. Cllr Dorman will enquire about this.</p> <p>New Street Also the state of the road in New Street was raised as there is a rut up the middle of the road from Lockhart street to garage causing vibration and noise to residents. Cllr Dorman will enquire about this.</p> <p>Townhead Street / Sidehead Road Issues once again were raised regarding the parking on Sidehead road and traffic calming on Townhead street and lack of use of the school car park in Townhead Street. Cllr Dorman advised the meeting that she had spoken with Gordon McKay, Head of Roads, to look at reversing the traffic calming measures at the school. Cllr Dorman to advise on outcome.</p>	<p>Cllr Dorman</p> <p>Cllr Dorman</p> <p>Cllr Dorman</p>



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6.2	<p>A71 Bypass Hedges and Trees It was raised that the trees bordering each side of the by-pass needed to be cut back as the wing mirrors of lorries were touching them. However, SLC have advised Cllr Dorman that they are not responsible for the trees and it was too dangerous for them to be cut back. The CC to clarify the position. Secretary advised that SLC roads would have been consulted on the design and planting and should be responsible for those on verge. Elected members should re-check</p> <p>Merrick Drive A resident of Merrick Drive advised the meeting that she had trees in her back garden which needed to be cut down but did not know who owned them. Elected members were asked if they could follow up on this.</p> <p>General Land Services It was also noted that the general maintenance in and around the village was looking very unkempt and the road from Gibb Court to the Graveyard was a disgrace.</p> <p>Crossing Point on A71 Persimmons A resident in the Persimmon Estate brought up the danger of children crossing the A71 at the entrance to the estate, on the way to and from the school. Cllr Dorman advised that this had been raised previously and no action would be taken. Secretary advised that CC had raised this at the planning stage of the development however roads department had no objects to the development. Cllr Dorman further advised that there had to be three traffic accidents in three years to warrant any change or investigation. CC will also write concerning these issues</p> <p>A member of public present at the meeting stated that the Road signs showing toilet facilities should be altered as the toilets were now closed</p> <p>PLANNING A Planning meeting was held with Michael McGlynn on the 4 August 2017. Vice Chair provided a summary of the meeting. Retrospective Planning Applications. SLC have limited powers and cost can be prohibitive to follow up. SLC rely on any mortgage lender or funder to consider their options if property owner has borrowed on the property.</p> <p>Local Plan Various question on the local plan and recent decisions on green belt were discussed as these would affect how CC approach consultation on additional sites. Some sites within green belt were being treated as gap sites. Existing planning applications on hospital ground and Loch park were also discussed along with their extensions and the perception as to these blocking other development. Planning would be prepared to re-look at these on the new plan. Secretary stated that a note of the meeting was recorded and that this would be posted on Website and issued at next meeting</p> <p>Off Licence application Garage The Esso Garage has applied for an off sales licence but after discussion at the meeting it was decided the CC would lodge an objection to this as it was felt there were enough places selling alcohol in the village. Cllr Dorman was asked to advise the Licensing Board that the CC would be opposed to this.</p>	<p>Sect. Elected Members</p> <p>Elected Members</p> <p>Sect</p> <p>Sect to post on web</p> <p>Sect.</p> <p>Sect</p>
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6.3	LOCAL PLAN Two additional sites were received for consideration in the new local plan, one was the Keppie site which was previously rejected and the other was the filed next to the running track. Following discussion and consultation with those present it was agreed the community council would support both developments as it could not support one without the other. Sect to send letter to this affect	Sect
6.4	OTHER SLC ISSUES It was again raised about the overzealous use of weed killer by SLC in the Public Park and various areas around the village Also a burst water pipe next to the Bandstand in one of the flower beds was reported and was causing an issue in AHMP. Cllr Dorman to raise this. At the entrance to the Public Park some of the stones have fallen off the signage. The phone box at the Cross needs taken away as it is getting vandalised.	Cllr Dorman Elected Members
7	HEALTH MATTERS No issues arising.	
8	UTILITIES Some issues raised with work signs not being removed following work completion	
9	TRANSPORT No matters arising	
10	REPORTS	
10.1	Elected Members Cllr Dorman advised the burnt out building in New Street was still considered to be safe. SLC are still waiting on the three owners getting together to decide what they are going to do with the building. Treasurer No Report available as Sharon was not in attendance.	
11	FACEBOOK Continues to be used.	
12	AOCB	
12.1	Robert Craig advised the CC office bearers had a tour of the Kypemuir Wind farm along with the other Community Councils involved. This had been very interesting and all was going to schedule. Mark Monie brought up a possible solution to alleviate the traffic flow through the village, especially at peak times. He advised at the bottom end of the village, block off the entrance to the village and use the by-pass and traffic would disperse through the village at the roundabout at the Esso garage. Could this possibly be run as a trial. CC will go back to SLC and talk further in November and this suggestion could be raised. CC also looking to have a meeting with the Education Department.	CC
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 18 September 2017 at 7.30.pm.	



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