

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Chairman's Report 2017

The Members of the Community Council continue to have served the village well during 2017 by representing their views in many forums.

There have been 10 regular monthly meetings in accordance with the schedule of meetings set out by the community council. The meetings have been well attended and the issues which affect the village are regularly discussed and reported within the village.

The police have been in attendance at the meetings and there is a regular report on crime in the village. Speeding by vehicles on the bypass have been tackled along with other issues.

The office bearers met with Michael McGlynn, Director of Planning and Pauline Elliot, Head of Planning & Enterprise at South Lanarkshire Council in August to discuss the upcoming Local Plan. The Council were encouraged with the positive approach that the Community Council takes towards Planning & Development of the village. Another meeting is scheduled for 30th November 2017.

We had several meetings with the other community councils and Banks Group regarding the Kypemuir Wind Farm and the establishment of the Community Partnership which will distribute the money from the windfarm. We are continuing to look at the criteria for the distribution of the funds which will come on stream at the end of 2018, beginning of 2019. We visited the site for phase one initial 26 turbines and inspected the bases at their various stages of construction. We are about to enter the construction phase in 2018 and the community council will bring updates to the meeting.

We have made two FOI applications: Retrospective planning applications and Housing owned land maintained by land services

Local plan submission May 2017 and submission in August on supplementary sites and commented on 8 applications over the year.

The Community Council again organised the production of the order of service for the service at the Cenotaph. Dr Lisa Cameron MP and our 3 Councillors attended along with many other village organisations to lay wreaths.

The Community Council continues to regularly use the Face book pages to update the village and we have increased the following with some excellent articles having several hundred 'hits' and attracting useful commentary.

George Smith, Chairman – 21 November 2017