

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON:
MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2017**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	R. Freel	N. Foote	J. Robb
	Cllrs Campbell, Cooper and Dorman	S. Montgomery S. Irons		
	9 members of the public were in attendance along with two police constables from Police Scotland. Constables Alan Weir and Heather Hunter. No other Apologies received Chairman G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The Minutes were distributed and agreed by those present. Some discussion on the planning application for the land at Toftcoombs took place with Cllr Cooper advising that the company were asked to stop work until such times as the entrance junction was agreed as this had not been fully agreed by council and that it may have to go to another planning committee. Cllr cooper will be meeting planning. Cllr Dorman intimated that the route to the site was via the temporary entrance created next to the roundabout at the garage. The section 75 was almost completed.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	<p>Constable Hunter presented the police report. From the last meeting in January there were 120 reported incidents. From these reported incidents 21 crimes were reported and 7 had been detected. The crimes included common assaults, domestic incidents, Robbery at the Spar and Coop and a misuse use of drugs</p> <p>Chair asked about the Barratt estate issues reported at the January meeting and was advised that this appears to have reduced. Police have been doing drive bys and Cllr cooper reported that she had a call from a resident to advise no further problems at the estate. Boy racer calls had also reduced.</p> <p>A member of the public asked about the body taken from the flats at Wavers Way As a suspected drugs death. This was confirmed. Some discussion followed on the use of the scatter flat at Weavers Way / Patrickholm and the issues it was causing residents. A local landlord stated that bins had been set on fire and access to flats was restricted because of this resulting in their flat being unable to be rented. The scatter flat had been used for the last 5 years. Councillor cooper was attempting to get the flat back into general use as opposed to a scatter flat however this would require another house in another area being released. This flat was well known to police and had been subject to many call outs over the last few years.</p> <p>Cllr cooper stated that she was trying to obtain a copy of the policy on use of scatter flats and would advise future meetings of how long these flats can be used.</p> <p>The parking at the school chicane and Sidehead road was raised again along with the merits of the traffic chicane. The community council had originally objected to this and had previously asked for them to be reversed to face in the opposite direction however road engineers felt that it was not suitable.</p> <p>Constable Weir intimated that Police were implementing a new shift pattern with Larkhall now being a hub with 12 officers working from Larkhall</p>			Cllr Cooper

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4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	No Business Arising	
5	CORRESPONDENCE	
	A list of all correspondence had been circulated. It was agreed that the CC would take a Full page advert in the Gala programme at a cost of £65.00 Treasurer to send cheque.	
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>Cllr Cooper had advised the CC that Sidehead road was being added to the 17-18 Budget and would be carried out some time after April. No timelines have been set.</p> <p>T Feeney asked about the wall at Udston farm as it was still in place. Cllr Cooper reported that a notice had been served and that the occupier had a set period to action on the notice. Cllr cooper will report back on this.</p> <p>Manse Road and Vicars road have been reported by Cllr Dorman.</p> <p>The area at the bowling green car which is used as a car park was raised with elected members advising that it was not roads however Cllr Dorman intimated it was the housing department and would raise this with them.</p> <p>The car park at the Coop was raised with Cllr Cooper and responsibility for the old area is being checked however the community garden part which is slabbed and has areas that have collapsed belongs to the development trust and is their responsibility.</p>	<p align="center">Cllr Cooper</p> <p align="center">Cllr Dorman</p> <p align="center">Cllr Cooper</p>
6.2	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>There were a number of planning applications which required to be discussed.</p> <p>17-024 Dovesdale extension of hours for vehicles</p> <p>17-046 Dunavon</p> <p>17-022 Seven Oaks</p> <p><u>17-024 Dovesdale Carlisle Road</u></p> <p>Chair advised those present that an application had been submitted to extend the operating hours of the business. As far as he was aware the application was in order to be able to transfer the Viridor waste from storage area to these extra vehicles. The body of the hall was asked if the CC should object no comment either way was made and no objection would be raised, however secretary to establish the detail of the operating hours.</p> <p><u>17-024 Dunavon Manse Road</u></p> <p>This application was next to the application for 4 houses at east mains holding (adjacent to manse at cemetery) which the CC objected to last month. Some debate on this application was made with CC intimating that if the council had a policy for non-development on Green belt they should stick to it and not award planning permissions based on each site favouring small individual development as opposed to large scale. Agreed that an objection letter be submitted.</p> <p><u>17-022 Seven Oaks (Manse Road)</u></p> <p>This application was a change of use of the agricultural shed to an equestrian centre with a residential caravan to be sited on the ground.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that the council's original objects to the shed and the Bed and Breakfast on the site be re-submitted.</p> <p>Any other SLC Issues</p> <p>Clothing bins at the Coop car park were raised as they were overflowing; Cllr Cooper advised it was not a council matter however Cllr Dorman will investigate.</p> <p>SLLC Issues --None Raised.</p>	<p align="center">Sect.</p> <p align="center">Sect.</p> <p align="center">Sect.</p> <p align="center">Cllr Dorman</p>

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7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	R. Craig was on holiday and no report on matters.	
8	UTILITIES	
8.1,2 & 3 8.4	<p>No issues raised under Water, Electricity or Gas.</p> <p>Broadband The issue of broadband speeds in the village dropping down at particular times was raised by the chair. In the chairs experience in dealing with BT they were not admitting to having a problem. Cllr Campbell is working with SKY and intimated it was the open reach backbone that was the issue. Superfast broadband cabinet being fitted at bottom of vicars Road however it was only the cable to the cabinet that was upgraded and if old copper cables were still used speed could be limited.</p>	Sect
9	TRANSPORT	
	No issues raised.	
10	REPORTS	
11	<p>11.1 Elected Member Reports Cllr Dorman intimated that two schools in Stonehouse were being provided a total of £112k attainment money to raise achievements. Cllr Cooper and Campbell intimated that this would not help as it had been proven elsewhere it did not work. Some subsequent discussion followed on the recent consultation by Scottish government, insufficient teaching staff and issues for schools in obtaining teaching staff. Councillor Cooper stated that National Testing was being re-introduced and that this was a backward step creating league tables and prompting requests for placements which would place additional pressures on the council. Housing issues and high turnover of lets around Camnethan street were also raised with people not wanting this area. Cllr Cooper stated that outdoor fitness equipment was in process of being installed The councils rural task force has intimated that rural road spend will increase. Cllr cooper intimated that South Lanarkshire were building more council houses when asked if any were Stonehouse the answer was no.</p> <p>11.2 Treasurer The bank balance currently stood at £2895.84 (Gala group advert had still to be paid out)</p>	
12	AOCB	
12	<p>Hospital Ground No update provided Chair will follow up his previous letter. Cllr Dorman asked if anyone had viewed the police office which was up for sale. No one present had visited when it was open for viewing.</p>	
13	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 20 th March 2017 at 7.30pm	