

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2017**

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| Item | | |
| 1 | MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES | |
| | In attendance | Apologies |
| | G. Smith | R. Craig |
| | R. Freel | S. Irons, J. Robb |
| | Cllrs Campbell and Dorman | Cllr Cooper |
| | 9 members of the public were in attendance along with two constables from Police Scotland. Chairman George Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. | |
| 2 | PREVIOUS MINUTES | Action |
| | The Minutes were agreed by those present. | |
| 3 | POLICE REPORT | Action |
| | <p>Constables Andy Bennie and Alan McConnichie were present. Constable McConnichie reported that between 20th Feb and 20th March there had been 83 recorded incidents resulting in 11 crime reports being generated. These crime reports included theft of a motor vehicle, vandalism, housebreaking, misuse of drugs and fraud, three road traffic incidents. Five (5) crimes had been detected and enquiries were ongoing on the others. The actions of an individual on a motorised scooter in Camnethan street and other parts of Stonehouse was reported to the constables at the meeting. The person on the scooter had no helmet and most likely no insurance. The police will monitor this area. The police encouraged residents to phone in complaints of this nature and, if possible, take photographs on their phones. The issue of illegal parking at the primary school was again raised and the police indicated that, when resources allowed, they would target the area. It was reported that the police would be deploying increased resources in Stonehouse from May this year.</p> <p>Parking obstructions were also discussed and police if called will require to determine if the vehicle is causing an obstruction before they can do anything.</p> | |
| 4 | BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES | |
| | Cllr Dorman reported that work would be taking place on properties in McLean Gardens during the new financial year and the car park at the bowling club would be used for a work storage and porta cabins. After the work was complete the car park would be repaired. The clothes collection point in the cooperative car park had been tidied up by the council however the charity skip owner had still not cleared all items and Cllr Dorman agreed to take the matter up. | Cllr Dorman |
| 5 | CORRESPONDENCE | |
| | <p>A list of all correspondence had been circulated with the minutes leaflets and literature received. The Secretary had raised the objections detailed at the last meeting with SLC. In respect of the issues raised regarding Dovesdale and the current operating hours for the plant he reported that SLC Planning had written to confirm the following</p> <p>"SLC planning can confirm that the current permitted operating hours of the Dovesdale Waste Transfer Station are:</p> | |

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| | <p>Mondays to Saturdays - 7am to 7pm With no work on Sundays allowed, except on the 3 Sundays immediately before Christmas Day, immediately after Christmas Day and immediately after New Year's Day. On these 3 Sundays the operating hours allowed are 7am to 6pm.</p> <p>The waste transfer station is designed to sort approximately 65,000 tonnes of refuse per annum which equates to 28 loads being brought in a day via refuse truck with approximately 10 HGVs a day taking the sorted waste out of the site to the incinerator and recycling facility in Dunbar a day.</p> <p>The new proposal is to allow up to 10 vehicle movements a day to export the waste outwith the permitted hours of operation. The 10 vehicles are not in addition to current vehicle movements but solely a request to allow exporting of waste to occur outwith the hours of operation. I can confirm that the application is pending consideration and no decision has yet been made on the suitability of the request.</p> <p>The haulage yard business at Dovesdale Farm does not have any restricted hours of operation or vehicle numbers."</p> <p>The secretary then referred to various consultations received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the on-going Scottish Govt. consultations on unconventional gas extraction (Fracking)• Scottish Government consultation on Planning was also on-going finishing shortly.• Police Scotland on next ten years Policing strategy• South Lanarkshire Local Plan consultation• South Lanarkshire disabled parking order. <p>He also indicated that details were now available on the CC website for the first three mentioned. The CC had no objections to the Disabled spaces consultation and secretary will respond on this.</p> <p>The Secretary read out a letter from Craig Smith who was seeking the community councils support for a proposed planning application at land adjacent to the Alexander Hamilton Park. The Chairman indicated that the CC did not offer direct support for any proposed applications and that when a planning application was submitted and came before the CC it would be discussed in the usual way with a decision taken. The chair also explained that SLC were currently consulting on areas to be included in the new local plan and when the new local plan was issued it would also be considered by the CC at a public meeting as had always been the practice. These areas may also be competing with Mr Smiths proposed area.</p> <p>The question of an incinerator at Dovesdale was raised and the Chair stated that the existing planning consent for the site was based on old technology and that any upgrade in technology would require an application to go before Planning and the CC would look at any application that was submitted. He stressed that at present there was no planning application relating to an incinerator at the site.</p> | Sect. |
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| 6 | SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL | |
| 6.1 | <p><u>ROADS</u> It was reported that repairs to Sidehead Road would be carried out in the new financial year. Cllr Campbell reported that the house builders would be asked by SLC to reinstate the area of Sidehead Road that had been damaged during construction work.</p> | |
| 6.2 | <p><u>PLANNING</u> An application for a boiler house at Dovesdale Farm met with no objections from those present. There was discussion on the application to fill the railway cutting running from the roundabout at the garage. It was agreed that there was a need to monitor the material being used for the infill and that the CC would write to SLC and SEPA on this issue. It was also reported that the work on the old railway line had resulted in an increase in vermin in the surrounding areas. The Chair stated that this was a matter for Environmental Health and that elected members could report back on this. It was agreed that the CC office bearers would discuss the Local Plan Consultation document and come back to a future meeting with recommendations.</p> | Sect, |
| 6.3 | <p><u>SLC ISSUES</u> The need for more presence in the village from parking wardens was raised. The police station was up for sale and it was reported that there were a number of bidders interested. It was reported that local church groups intended to take over the public toilet in Larkhall which had been closed by SLC.</p> | |
| 7 | HEALTH MATTERS | |
| | No issues raised | |
| 8 | UTILITIES | |
| | <p><u>BROADBAND</u> The issue of broadband speeds in the village dropping down at particular times was raised again and the poor wifi connection in Lifestyles. Cllr Campbell agreed to take up the wi-fi provision in Lifestyles with Leisure and Culture.</p> | |
| 9 | TRANSPORT | |
| | No issues raised. | |
| 10 | REPORTS | |
| 10.1 | <p>Elected Members Cllr Dorman reported that the West of Scotland housing association would be leaving their partnership with GENTO however this should not affect residents</p> <p>TREASURER £65 had now been spent on an advert in the Gala programme. The bank balance now stood at £2830.84</p> | |

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| 11 | AOCB | |
| | <p>11.1 The Chair indicated that there had been very little interest in a public hustings meeting for the local elections in May. Notification had been placed on Facebook and various mediums to gauge interest. He proposed that the next CC meeting, which would be 10th April should be an open meeting where the normal agenda would be suspended and those attending the meeting would have the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates should they be in attendance. Chair would write to candidates. Cllr Campbell and Dorman indicated they were re-standing and would attend. It was agreed that we suspend normal business at this meeting.</p> <p>11.2 It was reported that sheep had strayed into the Glebe graveyard and were causing a degree of damage. Cllr Dorman agreed to take this matter up.</p> | Cllr Dorman |
| 12 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 10 th APRIL 2017 at 7.30pm This meeting is earlier than normal due to Ester falling on the normal meeting date. | |