

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

Item			
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance	Apologies	
	G Smith, R Craig, R Freel, J Robb, S Montgomery S Irons	Cllr Campbell	T Feeney
	Cllr Dorman		
	<p>Twelve members of the public were present including two Police Officers from Police Scotland. Chairman George Smith once again welcomed everyone thanking them for attending the AGM and advised that this would be the last regular meeting of the year as the December meeting would be cancelled.</p>		
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES		Action
	The previous Minutes were circulated and those present agreed they were an accurate record.		
3	POLICE REPORT		Action
	<p>PC's Stevie Lowrie and Lorna Hinshelwood were in attendance and advised they had responded to 129 calls from 16 October to date. From these 129 calls 17 crimes had been reported and there had been some police activity in Camnethan Street and Murray Drive areas, covering neighbour disturbances and fireworks etc. There had been 3 thefts of motor vehicles, 2 that were broken into had been left unlocked. PC Lowrie reported that he had recovered two of the stolen cars and the person responsible had been arrested. Thieves are on the prowl and Police advised residents to keep houses and cars locked. The rest were minor and no major crimes had been reported.</p> <p>Police are continuing with the speeding initiative locally covering Larkhall and Quarter</p> <p>There had been one report of fly tipping which had been asbestos related. It was reported at the meeting tonight of some fly tipping on the back road to Blackwood from Sidehead Road.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding the law on parking on pavements. Police advised SLC dealt with most of these but it is a crime to cause an obstruction on pavements when prams and wheelchairs/mobility scooters cannot get past.</p> <p>Traffic wardens are responsibility of the local council and that they are scheduled to cover Stonehouse</p> <p>Police congratulated FOSP on the Fright Night having been well organised and greatly received by the public.</p>		

	LEAP HANDS PROJECT BEFRIENDING AND HANDYPERSON SERVICE	
	<p>Chairman introduced Jodie Phillips who was the volunteer for the above project and was here to advise those present about the project. Jodie gave an overview of the background to the group and went on to advise that the project provides free practical assistance to support people over 50 years of age. They have trained local handypersons who carry out a range of small practical task from changing light bulbs, curtains, clean inside window, fit toilet seats and turn mattresses. All volunteers are Disclosure Scotland checked via a PVG form. Volunteers don't do decorating, gardening, cleaning or Hoovering.</p> <p>Chair advised Jodie that contact could be made with local church for introductions and to assist in identifying persons who may need help. Jodie indicated that she will do this in the New Year.</p> <p>Anyone interested in signing up for the service should contact Jodie</p> <p>Jodie was asked if it covered shopping for elderly but currently it does not.</p>	
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	Action
	No matters arising. Any matters arising would be dealt with throughout the meeting. Noted that Cllr Dorman had actioned on points from last meeting	
5	CORRESPONDENCE	
	A list of correspondence had been circulated to the meeting. A Consultation on tall wind turbines had been out for four weeks and was now closed. No discussion took place due to short notice.	
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	ROADS	
	<p>Cllr Dorman advised a Survey had been carried out in Hill Road regarding poor lighting. The poles were too far apart and brighter heads were to be put in. It was also reported that some of the poles were rotted and dangerous. Any other issues of poor lighting in the Village were to be reported to Cllr Dorman and she would check these out. A number of lights as you drive through the village were obscured by trees</p> <p>It was raised by Beth Grant that SGN had been working in Murray Drive for approx. 6-7 weeks and the street was a disgrace with works vans making it difficult to get past as the road was very narrow. Residents had not been informed of any planned works. There is a New Roads and Street Works Act which CC will raise with Director of Roads when they next meet. An application should be put into the Council for any planned works in the Village.</p> <p>The resurfacing of New Street which was scheduled for November had still not been carried out and Cllr Dorman was to investigate</p> <p>It was reported that Sidehead Road and Nursery Grove road was full of puddles. The road verge at the top of Sidehead road "the Brood" was a mess as a machine had fallen of a low loader and the roadside was in a mess. The ditches need to be cleared to allow drainage. CC to take up with Michael McGlynn at their next meeting.</p> <p>The subject of children crossing at Persimmon and Barratt estates, also the school,</p>	<p>Cllr Dorman</p> <p>CC</p>

	<p>was again raised. The CC will put on the Agenda to discuss with Michael McGlynn or roads director at their next meeting. Cllr Dorman advised the council were following National Government legislative guidelines on these.</p> <p>PLANNING A Planning application for an Eco House on opposite side of road at Glen Mark falls outside the Local Plan and it was agreed that the CC follow their stance on this side of the bypass and have objected to the application. Barriers along the pavement At the Barrat estate were also asked about.</p> <p>OTHER SLC ISSUES Cllr Dorman advised that 2 gents/ladies “mobile sheds “ were to be put on the road for Seniors who were feeling isolated. No further information at the moment.</p>	CC
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	<p>Robert Craig advised he had attended a CPP meeting with NHS into the proposal to close one Ward at Udston Hospital and move this to Stonehouse.</p> <p>Also the Government have given Monklands Hospital the go ahead to carry out consultation on options for the site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbish the existing Hospital, • expand the existing Hospital or • build a new Hospital on a new Site. <p>The timescale to complete the Design stage is 2020/21 but there is no guarantee of Government funding. The process has just commenced.</p> <p>To date a meeting with the CC and the Area Manager of Boots had still to be arranged.</p>	CC
8	UTILITIES	
	Broadband – the facility had been upgraded, however the coverage is for mainly at the front of the building and Library.	
9	TRANSPORT	
	No matters arising	
10	REPORTS	
10	<p>A question was raised on the opening of a car wash on Boghall lane with concerns of road freezing in cold weather. Cllr Dorman advised she was aware of this and was currently investigating if permission was provided to use as a car wash. It was thought that as it had light industrial use it may have this.</p> <p>Chair asked about the council’s budget but nothing was known although an announcement was imminent.</p> <p>TREASURER Reported that they had been advised of an error in the minutes of April 2016 where it was reported that the girl guides had been used to distribute survey forms. This should have read the Girls Brigade and that the payments in respect of this were made to the girls Brigade. This will be used s and addendum to reflect the error. The invoice for the poppy wreath was handed over to the treasurer to organise payment. Treasurer advised that SLC still had cheque book due to the addendum issue but would ask if they can release book to enable payment.</p>	

11	FACEBOOK	
	Continues to be used as one of the mediums for contacting members of the public.	
12	AOB	
12	Beth Grant raised an issue regarding Stonehouse Primary School. They have a Gardening Club and the garden at the front of the school on Sidehead Road area, which had been put in originally by SLC as part of the new school build, was now overgrown with weeds and the bushes were neglected. The ground was also proving to be difficult to break up. Cllr Dorman would look into this and rise with education.	Cllr Dorman
13	NEXT MEETING There would be no December meeting as this would be cancelled due to the closeness to Christmas but the Committee would meet should anything require urgent attention. The next meeting is Monday 15 January 2018. Chair wished all present a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.	

ADDENDUM TO APRIL 2016 MINUTES

It was reported that there was an error in the minutes of April 2016 where it was reported that the girl guides had been used to distribute survey forms. This should have read the Girls Brigade had been used to deliver survey forms and that the payments in respect of this were made to the girls Brigade not the girl guides.