

**STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;  
MONDAY 20 AUGUST 2018**

Item			
<b>1</b>	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>		
	<b>In attendance</b>		<b>Apologies</b>
	R Craig	R Freel	G Smith
	J Robb	S Irons	
	S Montgomery		
	Thirty four members of the public were in attendance including Cllrs Dorman, Cooper and Campbell. Vice Chairman R Craig welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
<b>2</b>	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>		<b>Action</b>
	<b>ADDENDUM TO PREVIOUS MINUTE/NOTE</b>		
	Cllr Dorman advised that the previous meeting was not quorate and was not a minute as such. Meetings are required to be recorded and if not a minute it's a note of the meeting. Cllr Dorman indicated that the previous month's minutes / notes were inaccurate as on Page 3 (6.2) the Cllr Dorman had intimated in the debate about school children leaving the village by bus that 376 pupils left the village daily and not 300 as stated.		
	Whilst the meeting was not quorate the Minutes / Notes were deemed an accurate record with the above addendum being added.		
	Vice chair intimated that the speaker from South Lanarkshire carer's network has not appeared tonight so we will commence with police report.		
<b>3</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>		<b>Action</b>
	As there were no Police in attendance at the meeting this month no report was available. However, there were two residents of the village who wished to raise an issue with the Police regarding abuse from a resident who resides in the house in the Alexander Memorial Park grounds and also the speed which family members drove their cars in the grounds of the Park. This has previously been drawn to the attention of the Police and the CC secretary will raise this issue once more.		
<b>4</b>	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>		<b>Action</b>
	Cllr reported that the removal of bins was because they were not standard and had probably been purchased by householder and would be replaced by correct bin. Easy Movers class in Lifestyles will continue to run with a replacement instructor		
<b>5</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>		<b>Action</b>
	The Secretary advised copies of correspondence were available for inspection and a list of correspondence was included with the Minutes and Agenda. Secretary advised that there are three sites in Stonehouse subject to a Section 75 and that he has written to SLC to establish what progress they are making following their own guidelines on resolving planning issues. CC did not anticipate getting an answer regarding this until last week in August. SLC had passed a process of how they would handle these. The Local Plan is out for Consultation at the moment and a link is available on the CC website and open for any comments till mid September.		

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6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	Action
6.1	<p><b>ROADS</b></p> <p>It was again raised about the state of the road to the Cemetery i.e. holes in the road, the sides of the grass not cut and a drain on the road also in need of repair. Cllr Dorman advised she had reported the pot holes and drain at entrance and this would be looked at. The issue of New Street resurfacing was again raised and Cllr Dorman advised that it would be the next financial year before any works would be carried out. Mark Monie advised that he had been chasing the repairs for the last year and a half. A discussion took place regarding this and the Councillors agreed to make this a priority and for the works to be carried out possibly at the beginning of the next financial year. Secretary advised by the time it was being done the remainder of Lockhart street would be in need of repair however Cllr Cooper indicated they could not take account of this as at present and repairs a marked as a scoring system which determined the priority .</p> <p>The by-pass road surface dressing had been carried out prior to new street because there is more traffic using the by-pass. It was also raised that there was a lot of dust coming from the dressing on the by-pass and onto gardens which were backing onto the by-pass even after two weeks. This to be reported to the Roads Department along with the noise at the bridges.</p> <p>Cllr Cooper advised the meeting what the Roads Initiative Programme entailed and how the money was spent and the competing demands from other areas.</p>	Elected members
6.2	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>As previously intimated the Local Plan Consultation is on the CC website should anyone wish to add any comments. CC still to determine on whether they will make further representation to the Local Plan.</p> <p>Test drilling is still ongoing at the NHS hospital site. CC will be making an application to the Local Plan.</p>	
6.3	<p><b>OTHER SLC ISSUES</b></p> <p>The CC Elections take place every four years and nominations close at the end of August. Forms are available for anyone who wishes to be nominated contact a member of the committee. An advert should also be in the local Hamilton Advertiser.</p>	
6.4	<p><b>SLLC</b></p> <p>As intimated Easy Movers keep fit class will continue with a new Instructor.</p> <p>It was raised at the meeting about the high charges for the hire of SLC Lifestyle Halls even for charity events and charities are now no longer eligible for a discount. SLC also charge £200 for a Bond in case of any potential damage on the night. Also advised that Stonehouse Pipe Band is looking for alternative premises due to the high rent of the Halls.</p> <p>Also Stonehouse Old Folks Committee was advised when they moved to Lifestyles that the same conditions would apply from their previous premises in the village. Now they are faced with a charge of £200 three times a year for events which they hold in the Hall. It was also raised as to why the Coffee Shop was not open regularly and what hours it was open. The CC and Cllr Cooper will raise this matter.</p> <p>Cllr Cooper advised she is part of a Review Group for SLC and is aware of the challenges re pricing and this is under review by SLC at the moment.</p>	Cllr Cooper & CC

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7	<b>HEALTH MATTERS</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Robert Craig advised the meeting that a report is now available for public consultation regarding the future of Monklands Hospital and the choices are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Refurbish existing hospital.</li> <li>2. Build a new hospital on original site.</li> <li>3. Build a new hospital on a new site.</li> </ol> <p>The proposal is to possibly move all Monklands Departments to a new site at Gartcosh. The parking issue at hospitals was raised regarding adequate parking at a new hospitals and multi-storey car parks need to be considered.</p> <p>Robert provided an overview of the situation in Scotland regards social care and south Lanarkshire and the latest situation with regards changes proposed in south Lanarkshire care homes and what it could mean for Stonehouse. New care homes are to be built with decisions on others subject to public consultation and talks being provided to communities. An overhaul of all residential care centres are proposed and some could be hubs for rural areas. Cllr Fagan had also written to community councils urging them to contact SLC.</p> <p>Cllr Cooper also spoke re the above and provided a copy of the briefing paper to the CC meeting which will be uploaded to the CC web site and issued with next minutes.</p> <p>A member of the public also asked about job security in Canderavon, it was stated changes are not likely to happen for another year. It was also stated that the boiler and lifts were not in a good state and that if they were not maintained closure could be sooner.</p> <p>The wait for care packages being put in place was also raised and this needs to be looked at.</p>	
8	<b>UTILITIES</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>It was raised about the electric power supply being totally inadequate in Hill Road, Vicars Road and Wellbrae with overhead wires sparking and some had gone on fire. CC will raise this with the power Utility Company.</p>	
9	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	
	<p>No matters arising</p>	
10	<b>REPORTS</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>10.1</b>	<p><b>Elected Members</b></p> <p>Cllr Cooper advised the meeting re an event to be held in Avondale "Year of Young People" celebration on 2 September 2018 from 1-5 pm in the Common Green, Strathaven. No parking in common green, a skate area and Dr Bike will be in attendance</p>	
10.2	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Expenses – Submitted by Secretary: £13.60 for hall hire, Paper £18.50. Toner cartridge for Printer £6.50. Drum for Printer £10.99 amounting to £49.50.</p> <p>No balance available as books are still with SLC for Audit.</p>	

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11	FACEBOOK	Action
	FB Continues to be used and monitored for issues	
12	AOCB	Action
12.1	FOSP are holding a rock painting event on 2 September in the morning in the Park. Little Saplings events continue to be advertised on Facebook. On the 27 October there will be a Halloween event with more information to follow.	
12.2	The LEAP Project for the over 50's who are isolated and lonely in their homes are recruiting volunteers – leaflets were available.	
12.3	Burnt out buildings i.e. the original take away and Betting Shop have been deemed unsafe by SLC and the owners had till 14 August 2018 to demolish this and to date no work had been carried out, therefore SLC will demolish these buildings and contact the owners for reimbursement. The old “picture house” which was burned down will also be demolished and this work should be carried out over the next few months.	
12.4	The Glebe Cemetery is very untidy with leaves which are very slippy. Cllr Dorman will check this out.	<b>Cllr Dorman</b>
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 17 September 2018 at 7.30	