

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2018**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	S Irons	R Craig	J. Robb
	R. Freel Cllr G. Campbell	S. Montgomery Cllr I Dorman	B Grant	W Grant
	PC S Lowrie from Police Scotland and 10 members of the public were in attendance. Chairman G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	<p>Constable Steve Lowrie attended from Police Scotland. Constable Lowrie reported that between 19th January 2018 and 17th February there had been 100 incidents reported in the area of which there resulted in 11 crime reports being generated. The breakdown of the crime reports was as follows:</p> <p>Four road traffic incidents One assault (detected) One petrol theft (detected) Four other thefts (all detected) On-going incidents of disorder of youths in Camnethan street / Murray drive area. This was being dealt with and involved mainly four youths. On the whole no major issues raised.</p> <p>Chair raised the issue of indiscriminate dumping in the surrounding environs which had resulted in posts being put on Facebook. Constable Lowrie advised that that they are trying to work with local council on this and he and his constable Hinclewood would try and patrol this area when they are next on regular shift. A partial registration was taken however was proving difficult to trace.</p> <p>No other issues raised.</p>			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The Minutes were agreed by those present.			
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	All matters dealt with in the agenda.			
5	CORRESPONDENCE			
	<p>A list of correspondence had been circulated. Secretary reported that a letter had been received from Stonehouse Gala Group regards taking out an advert in the gala day programme. It was agreed that a full page advert be taken out at a cost of £65.00.</p> <p>Planning refusal for Land adjacent to Glen Mark was advised, however chair advised that a notice in the Hamilton Advertiser reported that this had been approved. Looks as though it was wrongly reported.</p> <p>The response to Cllr Campbell's litter pick question was also read out. This will be scanned and uploaded to web site. Chair asked if the bypass litter pick could be escalated whilst there was no growth. Cllr Campbell will raise this.</p> <p>Reported that the clothing bin at the coop car park was again overflowing and had bags lying at the back of it. Cllr Dorman will follow up on this.</p> <p>All other correspondence would be dealt with under the appropriate agenda item.</p>			<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Elected Members</p>

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6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>The condition of Sidehead road was discussed and it was disappointing that kerbing had not been installed at the verges as this would have stopped later issues with heavy loads breaking up the tar. Overnight Parking at Cander Bridge was raised and the possibility of stopping parking. Chair advised that this had been raised before and that SLC had said it was ok for vehicles to park. Chair advised that in order to stop parking the vehicle registration would have to be taken and reported to traffic the commissioner who would have to check the licence conditions.</p> <p>Bollards missing on the bridge and blocking the bus stop area were also raised. Community council will write to roads department on these issues.</p> <p>The condition of New street was also discussed with the elected members advising that a temporary repair had been made and the recent bad weather had delayed the surfacing works and that it would be carried out in the new financial year. Secretary asked if the funding would be coming from this years or next years budget and was advised it would be this year's budget.</p> <p>Hill road was also raised as an area of concern.</p>	CC
6.2	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>No planning issues</p>	
6.3	<p>SLC ISSUES</p> <p>The response to the recent FOI request on school numbers and zoning was outlined by the chairman. The letter confirmed that 500 pupils are bused out of the village every day at a total of circa seventy six thousand pounds. The capacity of Newfield and Stonehouse primary was 297 apiece with Newfield having 213 pupils and Stonehouse 250 enrolled. Trigger points were monitored. Zoning issues were also discussed and SLC will be looking to address these by carrying out a consultation exercise and hopefully re-zoning by the next intake. For those parents in the Barratt estate worried about pupils going to Stonehouse primary there is nothing to stop parents putting in a placement request for Newfield no placements have been rejected.</p> <p>A further debate was entered into on the need for a high school and the growth of the village.</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	No issues raised	
8	UTILITIES	
	<p>WATER</p> <p>Scottish water had been carrying out work on a leak at Manse road; the CC knew nothing about this. RF advised that the SLC website gives information on where roadwork's are taking place.</p>	
9	TRANSPORT	
	No issues raised.	

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10	REPORTS	
10.1	TREASURER No expenditure since last meeting. Accounts have been cleared and cheque book received. Grant of £202 was advised. Some discussion on the amount of the grant and it being cut possibly due to late accounts however accounts were submitted on time with issues raised by SLC delaying payment. A member of the public asked if the CC would query this however Chair felt that it was not worth the effort querying.	
10.2	ELECTED MEMBER REPORTS 1) Cllr Dorman advised that SLC had the highest usage of salt and the highest stock levels. Secretary praised the refilling of salt bins and placing of new bins when requested. A new bin request was made for Securin avenue and Cllr Dorman will raise this with the roads department. Council Budget had not been decided yet 2) Cllr Campbell reported that Missives were currently being discussed with NHS for the hospital site and that would almost possibly mean that no other land release would be made on the local plan. Chair raised concerns on this as it meant that SLC were favouring one site in relation to others and that our elected members should be raising this with the Director of Planning as he has sole right on what is put forward on the local plan. This was effectively allowing persimmons homes to land bank the site and curtails any further land release for development within the village. Budget discussions in the Council were due on 28 th of the Month.	
11	FACEBOOK	
	No issues raised	
12	AOCB	
12	1) Representatives from Stonehouse boys club including some of the boys were present to highlight issues they had when booking playing parks. They outlined that they had issues booking local parks having to play games at Hamilton. With teams from East Kilbride and Hamilton booking up the Stonehouse Parks. They asked about the pitch at the running track used by the Rugby club as they were advised that the club was no longer in existence. The lack of available facilities in Stonehouse was causing issues for training as well. Chair intimated that perhaps the council could offer a shared use of the park and asked if this was something our elected members could get involved in. Cllr Dorman will speak with club representatives at the end of the meeting. 2) The upstairs external walls of the violet café now Stonehouse Cross café were raised as a possible cause of concern as the wall appeared to have a bow in it. Elected members were asked if this could be looked at.	Elected Members
13	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 19 th March 2018 at 7.30pm Apologies for this meeting were submitted from: Wilma Anderson, Tom Feeney and Robert Freel	