

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON:
MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2018**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	R. Craig	S. Irons	J. Robb
	R. Freel Cllr G. Campbell	S. Montgomery	Cllrs Dorman	
	13 members of the public were in attendance. G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The Minutes were agreed by those present.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	<p>Constables Steve Lowrie and Lorna Hinshelwood attended. Constable Lowrie reported that between 15/12/17 and 15/1/18 there had been 109 calls in the area the majority being road traffic offences – no insurance etc. etc. – Of these 109 calls 21 crime reports with 16 detected. There had been two housebreakings – both detected and 2 minor assaults and fire raising.</p> <p>The house fire in New Street was down to the householder. There had also been a fire at the old cinema which was now being used as a tattoo business/garage repair centre. Investigations are on-going.</p> <p>The recent lorry fire on the A71 Cander bridge layby leaving the village was also raised. Constable Hinshelwood reported that the same time as the fire on the bridge there had also been a fire in Ashgill which stretched police resources. The two fires occurring at a similar time had further complicated matters and reduced resources resulting in police resources from other areas being utilised and they may not have known the area.</p> <p>The constables agreed that the traffic problems resulting from the road closures caused by the lorry fire had not been handled well and they agreed that lessons needed to be learned for the future. A number of complaints regarding the incident of the road closure had been received including the bus company. It was also noted that Cander Mill road which was used as an alternative route was not suitable for HGV's and this had resulted in the road also being blocked. Signage at this road needs to be looked at.</p> <p>PC Hinshelwood also reported that they had been carrying out speed checks on Strathaven road before Christmas. The issue of speeding on the bypass and on the approach to the roundabout leaving the village was also raised and the traffic congestion in New Street.</p>			PS & Elected Members
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	All matters dealt with in the agenda.			
5	CORRESPONDENCE			
5	A list of correspondence had been circulated.			

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6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>The Chair reported that the issue of pedestrian crossings raised by the residents of the Barratt and Persimmon estates, along with other road issues had been raised with SLC officials at a meeting in December and they would respond at a further meeting scheduled for early March.</p> <p>It was noted that further work is scheduled for Sidehead road although this work will not cover pavement works. Work on resurfacing New Street is still scheduled to happen in the near future and within the financial year however pot holes and rutting are still causing noise and vibration to the residents in New Street.</p> <p>The condition of Sidehead road at the bru (top of the hill as you leave the village) was highlighted with water overflowing ditches and running down the road creating an ice hazard in wintry conditions.</p> <p>The condition of the road leading to the Linthaugh Bridge was also raised and the difficulties caused by the water flowing from Alexander Hamilton Park.</p>	<p>CC</p> <p>Elected Members</p> <p>Elected Members</p> <p>Elected Members</p>
6.2	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>The application in respect of Brankston House holiday homes had been refused. An objection had been lodged with regard to an application at east main stables. The Chair Indicated that a meeting with SLC planning officials would be continued in early March.</p>	
6.3	<p>SLC ISSUES</p> <p>The CC had submitted a FOI request to SLC following being contacted by a member of the public with regard to a number of issues related to school allocation and provision in the village. Among other issues raised was the capacity at the village primary schools, catchment area and determination of this for primary schools. The number of pupils from Stonehouse attending secondary schools out with the village and the costs associated with this transport. A response would be available by the next CC meeting. Cllr Campbell asked for a copy of the letter and indicated that he would also pursue some of the issues raised.</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The CC was trying to arrange a meeting with Boots to discuss services being provided and concerns raised at the meeting. The contact details they had were out of date. 2) The local GP practice has introduced a system of triage of evaluating patients by nurses before appointments with a doctor and the availability of medical services was discussed. It was agreed that the CC would raise these concerns with the medical centre and Cllr Campbell agreed to take some of the points raised to the next meeting of the Integrated Joint Board. CC member Robert Craig will also raise at the CPP meeting 	

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8	UTILITIES	
	WATER 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 roadworks are taking place.	
9	TRANSPORT	
	No issues raised.	
10	TREASURER No expenditure since last meeting. The Chair reported that he had resolved the matters raised by SLC regarding the accounts and that the issued minutes reflected the error made in a previous minute. Cheque book and accounts still to be received.	
11	ELECTED MEMBER REPORTS <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Cllr Campbell reported that concerns had been raised about the fire damaged buildings.2) He would also try to ascertain what the schedule was for picking up litter in the village and bypass.3) The problems of ice on pavements during the last cold spell was raised but SLC concentrated efforts on roads detailed in their winter plan. Grit bins would be provided where requested.4) Budget discussions in the Council were on-going with regard to 2018.	Cllr Campbell
12	AOCB <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The facing of the old cinema was deteriorating and could be dangerous.2) The brick sign at the entrance to the Alexander Hamilton park was damaged with some bricks missing and had previously reported by CC and Friends of the Park3) There would be a meeting of the Banks Renewables Group on Tuesday 23rd January.	Elected Members
13	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 19 th FEBRUARY 2018 at 7.30pm	