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**MINUTE OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 18 JUNE 2018**

Item		
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES	
	In attendance	Apologies
	G. Smith	J. Robb
	R Freel	
	R Craig,S Montgomery,S Irons, A Thomson M McGregor, A Anderson W Campbell	
	<p>Thirty-two members of the public were in attendance including Cllrs Dorman and Campbell and PC Alan Weir from Police Scotland. Chairman G Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting would proceed although not quorate as there were a number of items to update everyone on. No decisions could be taken if required.</p>	
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES	Action
	Those present agreed the Minutes were an accurate record.	
3	POLICE REPORT	Action
	<p>Chairman introduced PC Alan Weir from police Scotland who would provide the monthly report. PC Weir advised the meeting there had been 110 calls in the last month. This generated 14 crime reports of which 7 were detected. A 50% detection rate was felt to be good. The seven remaining reports were still on-going. The breakdown of the 14 were as follows: There had been a robbery at the Spar which was detected in 3-4 days and two males are currently in custody. There had been a couple of Breach of the Peace, vandalism and minor thefts. The majority of the calls were non crime related. Beth Grant raised the issue of parking on pavements being an offence and enquired when the new Transport Bill would be passed and come into force and who would enforce it? Unfortunately constable Weir could not answer this. No other items were raised.</p>	
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	<p>1) New Street resurfacing has still not been carried out and both Councillors are continuing to push for this although it had been previously reported by Cllr Dorman that this would be carried out this month. The main reason cited for the delay was it was more work than anticipated and that the budget did not include for this. Cllrs were hopeful that this will be done in this year's budget. Mark Monie reported that Galloway and McLeod's lorries have been avoiding New Street till 8 am. which was assisting in reducing the noise and vibration for residents in New Street. Questions were raised from those present as to why it was not a priority as it was the main road through the village. There was no answer to these questions but it was possibly down to budget constraints. The village By Pass is to be patched and then surface dressed. The planned works from Lockhart Street roundabout to Canderside Toll works have been postponed until September 2018.</p>	

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5	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p>Secretary advised that copies of correspondence were available for inspection and that a list of correspondence was included with the agenda and minutes. A letter from SLC licensing was received regards parade on Saturday 7 July. A Letter from Carers Network seeking to attend a cc meeting and make a presentation. All others would be discussed under the appropriate agenda item.</p>	
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>It was raised by Mr Danny Baxter that the disabled bays at the Co-op and Spar were not enforceable as they were required to be painted yellow as anyone can park in the existing bays at present. Cllrs will investigate.at the moment according to the Police. Secretary advised that SLC have a Park and Ride Consultation available on their website if anyone wishes to read this. This includes options of making some existing Park and rides multi storey.</p>	Cllrs
6.2	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>6.2.1 SLLDP2</p> <p>Chairman outlined what happened at his and secretary attendance at the planning meeting held on 29 May. Whilst chair had written to attend he had received a call whilst on holiday that a written letter would be required to be submitted to Chief Executive seeking permission to speak under council standing orders. Secretary duly did this. CC were advised that they could attend but it was up to the committee members to determine if they could speak. Following an objection by Cllr Donnelly to the CC being allowed to speak it was further debated by members present and eventually agreed that the CC could speak. Chair George smith was allowed 10 minutes to present his case as to why the land at the top of the village should be included in the plan, this was followed by questions from elected members mainly Cllr Scott who asked how many units and the make-up of the plan. Chair stated this was not known and it would be up to developers to determine. This was followed by a presentation by Cllr Campbell on why land should be included. After much debate and the reading of the report being put forward by Mr Flynn which was not read verbatim but had the planners comments added whilst reading a motion to include Stonehouse as a special economic growth area was put forward by the conservative party and was seconded. This resulted in the planning committee having to vote on the original plan which excluded the land at the top of the village or vote on the report being amended to add Stonehouse as an economic growth area. Cllr Dorman seconded the original report and the agenda item went to a vote which effectively meant that Cllr Dorman voted against Stonehouse being treated as a special economic growth area and Cllr Cooper abstained whilst Cllr Campbell not being a member of the committee could not vote. The vote went in favour of the original report. No details of the vote were available as it did not go to a roll call. Chairman advised the meeting that he was disappointed that Cllr Dorman did not stand up at the meeting and support the community council speaking which she could have done and that he was disappointed that Cllr Dorman had went back on what she had stated at the local hustings that she would support growth of the village. Cllr Dorman stated that this was not true and that the area was not suitable and growth should be from the centre of the village. Chair stated if she felt that way why did she vote against Stonehouse being treated as a special economic growth area as it was the land being placed on the local plan</p>	

<p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p>	<p>and not a planning application that was being debated. Mr Kenny Weir asked to speak and provide facts and was allowed to do so. Although some facts were disputed by Cllr Dorman. Discussion also centred on two / three applications which were already passed and no section 75 agreements were in place and that these were holding up development as was the development of the hospital ground which would offer no planning gain to the village. Secretary Robert Freel stated he has asked for further information on section 75 agreements and the duration and timeline it takes to put these in place. Further questions were asked about the potential of a high school which was originally in a plan for the area at the top of the village prior to being rejected. Cllr Dorman stated that only 300 plus pupils left the village however this was disputed by the community council as they have a letter dated February which states over 500 and outlines the cost of transport. The general feeling of those present was that Stonehouse had lost a great opportunity to achieve growth and gain infrastructure that growth would provide and that with the recent development of supermarkets at Larkhall and Strathaven it was unlikely that Stonehouse would ever have a store bigger than the coop.</p> <p>OTHER SLC ISSUES A discussion took place re possible closure of Canderavon Care Home and the report being put forward for approval by the social work. The general feeling of the meeting was that this should be opposed as the report offered no equality impact assessment and offered no timelines as to when this would happen. Cllr Dorman and Campbell intimated that discussions were continuing in the background as to what would</p> <p>SLLC It was raised that the SLLC run keep fit class held in Lifestyles on Mondays and is scheduled to lose its Instructor and at present no assurance was being provided that this class would continue. Cllrs were asked to investigate and provide assurance that the class would continue to run.</p>	<p>Cllrs</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>HEALTH MATTERS</p>	
	<p>7.1 Boots The CC met with Boots Chemist re complaints of stock rotation, medicines not being available, palliative care and non-use of texting. Boots have taken these issues on board and will look to implement some immediate changes like having details of where palliative care medicines can be obtained in the local area.</p> <p>7.2 Doctors surgery CC also had a meeting with Dr Fawcett, Debbie Russell and Assistant Manager who gave stats of usage in the Surgery and number of Partners in the Surgery and advised Nurses are doing more of the GP work. MAY 2017 Triage 203 MAY 2018 Triage 1222 They explained how the triage system worked and will update cc every 6 months. CC were advised there was on average of 20 no shows per week = 80 appointments per month. After 3 no shows a letter should be sent to patient from NHS. This has a knock on effect on obtaining an appointment at the surgery. Members of public are encourage to cancel appointments if they cannot make it. It was also reported that the Phlebotomy Clinic has been moved to Stonehouse hospital and anyone phoning Larkhall should be offered the opportunity to attend Stonehouse if they wished to wait for the next available date. The CC complimented the front office staff as there had been no complaints</p>	

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8	UTILITIES	
8.1	<p>WATER The Water Board are carrying out water main improvements in South Lanarkshire and intend to commence work in Stonehouse this year (September / October) at Udston Mill Road, Udston Road and Dykehead Road. No specific date available as yet.</p>	
9	TRANSPORT	
	No issues arising	
10	ELECTED MEMBERS	
10.1	As previous comments in Minutes.	
10.2	<p>TREASURER No Treasurer's report available this month.</p>	
11	FACEBOOK	
	<p>There had been a few comments on FB regarding SLC removing large black bins and replacing them with smaller ones. It was not known if SLC now have a strategy to take away large black bins and replace with smaller ones to encourage better recycling. Households in question have to prove they need a large bin. Elected members were asked to investigate.</p>	Cllrs
12	AOCB	
	<p>12.1 Planning change at New Street: Helen Mitchell spoke on the Trust Jack foundation for Mental Health. The Foundation are applying for a change of class to take over the former premises of the Pet Shop in New Street. Helen gave a brief talk on the Foundation and what they hoped to achieve in Stonehouse. The Trust wants to support young and old people with mental health problems and plan to involve the community, groups, and coffee mornings and involve residents from the Old Folks Homes to come along and have a chat. Also they are planning a youth group, breakfast club for school kids and include a drop-in centre for youths in Stonehouse. The CC advised they would support this venture and any further information could be found on their website. Helen stated she was aware of parking concerns and felt that there would be no issues as it would be a drop off facility.</p> <p>12.2 Church The Paterson UF Church have started the process for fund raising to repair the Church clock and Tower and were looking for letters of support from local groups and asked if the CC would support this.</p> <p>12.3 Elections George Smith announced that the CC Elections would take place later this year and Nomination papers were available to anyone who may be interested.</p>	
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 20 August 2018 in Lifestyles at 7.30 no meeting in July</p>	