

**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
 MONDAY 15th April 2019**

Item		
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES	
	In attendance	Apologies
	G. Smith (chair) R Craig (v chair) R. Freel(Sect),S. Montgomery Y. Gardiner. Monie, K.Gallacher, N. Wood.	J. Robb, S Irons
	Twenty-seven Members of the public were in attendance including Cllr Dorman and Cllr Campbell. PC Alan Weir from Police Scotland was also present. Chairman G Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	Those present agreed the Minutes were an accurate record.	
3	POLICE REPORT	
	<p>Chairman introduced PC Alan Weir from Police Scotland who would provide the monthly report.</p> <p>PC Weir advised the meeting that there were 91 calls which was average for Stonehouse. From those 91 calls 14 crime reports had been made. The crime reports were 2 common assaults, shoplifting, road traffic offences, vehicle obstructions, missing person, misuse of drugs and scrambler bikes. PC weir asked the meeting if people could keep an eye out for these bikes and give police any information on where these bikes are as they most likely have no insurance or tax.</p> <p>PC Weir gave out leaflets about scamming and bogus workers as part of a national scamming campaign. He explained that they are dealing with workmen who are coning people out of thousands of pounds and to be aware of these people. Not just for ourselves but keep an eye on neighbours and vulnerable people in the area. He emphasised not to pay money up front.</p> <p>Chairman asked the meeting if anyone else had anything to ask the officer. A member of the public at the meeting expressed her concerns about the known paedophile that was in the area and how could she keep her child safe. She also indicated that this person had installed CC TV cameras. PC Weir explained that the sex offender management team would monitor the gentleman robustly and not to worry that he would have to sign in daily along with his movements being tracked and being visited regularly. He will also have a management plan in place. It was assumed that the CCTV cameras were for his own safety. The chairman indicated that the CC would write to Sargent Richardson to find out how this man is being monitored and report back.</p> <p>A member of the meeting asked the police if there had been an initiative on clamping cars. The reply was no. The secretary replied that cars were getting clamped because the DVLA were in the village today and people who are parked on the road and whose vehicles are either not taxed or insured are being clamped.</p> <p>No other items were raised.</p>	
	Sect.	

4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	<p>Cllr Dorman had advised by email that she had</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reported the pavement at Boots in King street b) The tree at Murray drive was being inspected c) Litter and glass had been reported. d) Dangerous tree on by pass had been removed. 	
5	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p>Secretary advised that a list of correspondence was circulated with agenda and minutes and proceeded to advise the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Scottish Water had checked the capacity in the new persimmon estate. It reports that there is capacity for 189 houses. As there are more houses planned for this area persimmon will have to reassess and re submit. SW will consider Stonehouse park for a water bottle filling station. b) Correspondence back from MSP Margaret Mitchell regarding fly tipping. c) The chairman discussed that he received an email about loneliness which lead the committee to have a discussion on how to tackle loneliness in Stonehouse. It was said that we would contact MSP Christina Mckelvie to seek a meeting to discuss and ask for some advice. <p>Chair will email Christina to set up a meeting</p>	Chair
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>New Street is now open and a massive thanks goes to all concerned including building owner Brian Biggar and Cllr Campbell for making this happen.</p> <p>Petition</p> <p>M.Monie spoke to the meeting about a recent petition he put together about some of the roads within Stonehouse. The Council had come back to Mark on this and he could see there was no conclusion and the correspondence seemed to be very negative. Correspondence also mentions school travel plans. Cllr Campbell said that as a community council that we should not accept this. As it has not answered Marks questions and that he will give it to Robert Brown.</p> <p>The Chairman spoke about the people on Facebook moaning about getting their cars booked. However, at the community council meetings people are discussing how these people shouldn't be parking in certain areas of the village. This shows that coming to the community council meetings and airing your views and highlighting the issues in the village that you are being listened to and issues are being dealt with.</p>	Cllr Campbell
6.2	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>No issues Discussed.</p>	
6.3	<p>OTHER SLC ISSUES</p> <p>Nursery placements:</p> <p>Cllr Campbell is still waiting on a reply about this issue.</p>	

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Street cleaning

A freedom of information was asked about street cleaning in Stonehouse compared to other areas within South Lanarkshire. Answer was as follows:

Stonehouse

Stonehouse Cross – 10.5 hours

Alexander Hamilton Memorial Park – 4.5 hours

Remainder of Village – 20 hours

Stonehouse Bypass – This is completed when traffic management is arranged by the service or when road works are arranged externally. Although this is cleared on approximately 3-4 occasions per annum, the average hours per week is 3-4 hours.

Larkhall

Larkhall Main Street – 63 hours

Remainder of Larkhall – 60 hours

Strathaven

Common Green/Shops – 16 hours

Strathaven Park – 6 hours

Remainder of Strathaven – 40 hours

Ashgill/Netherburn

Main Streets – 4 hours

Remainder – 4 hours

Carluke

High Street/Market Place – 30 hours

Moor Park/Crawfordyke (including Skatepark daily) – 20 hours

Remainder of Carluke – 45 hours

All figures are estimated and can be affected by a number of factors:

- Holidays
- Sickness
- Inclement weather
- One off requests for litter cleaning requests such as fly tipping, fly posting and removal of hazardous items in the locations noted or the surrounding areas. This frequency of operation is dictated by the number of requests received.

The Letter also indicated that as no records are held with the information it is technically exempt in terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EI(S)Rs.

A general discussion on this took place with Members of the public at the meeting advising they have witnessed workmen half-heartily picking up rubbish and when bins are emptied if it spills on pavements it's not lifted. Which lead to the question being asked who are regulating these workers to ensure productivity and value for money?

Village clean up

Congratulations to Friends of the park for their efforts in tidying up the park. It was agreed the park looked amazing.

On the back of this brighter village, community council and clean up Scotland have arranged a clean up of the village on Saturday 4th May. Concentrating on the area in the trees down from the petrol station. CC member Keith Gallacher will provide landscaping materials and machinery to help with this clean up.

It was suggested that a leaflet drop should be done for volunteers.

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	<p>Dog bins A member of the meeting asked if there could be a dog poo bin in the vicinity of Secaurin Avenue as the previous bin had been removed</p>	
6.4	<p>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE LEISURE ABND CULTURE No issues raised,</p>	
6.5	<p>MICRO GRANTS Micro grants were explained to those present. These were a £5000 lump sum grant awarded to the community council who would be able to award as micro grant of up to £500 to local groups who have project which will assist community life. This was a trial and grants will be given this year and the same next year. There is a set of rules which are awaiting on clearance and the rules have been uploaded to the Cc web site. It is anticipated that applications will be open from June – July and submitted to the community council. Applications will be determined at the August meeting.</p> <p>Banks Renewables wind Farm at Kype Muir Yvonne spoke in detail about the community councils trip to the windfarm. She stated that over 100 people attended, and they took a tour around the windfarm. Yvonne spoke about when it is more established there will be a mountain bike track. The company who run the windfarms are committed to help the community and are giving out grants to project groups within the village. Chairman gave a brief overview of the community partnership and Grants that would be available to the village. A member of the Tabs group talked about how this money would help buy a new stage for the kids shows. This stage would be available for other groups to use. The representatives for the guides said that the money would also help them to fix the windows in their building. Another suggestion was a community garden within village for the whole community to use. The grant application forms have still to be finalised and will be advised in the near future.</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	<p>7.1 GP MEETING A previous meeting which was cancelled has been re-arranged with individuals from the Cander Centre. This will take place on the 16th May.</p>	
8	UTILITIES	
8.1	<p>M.Monie asked if there was any chance that fibre cable could be fitted by BT before the council re surface the road. Secretary will write to BT</p>	Sect.
9	TRANSPORT	
	No matters arising.	

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10	REPORTS	
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS	
10.2	<p>Cllr Dorman stated that the pavement outside Boots the chemist will be fixed soon. Cllr Campbell stated that he is awaiting a response regards nursery placements.</p> <p>TREASURER Reported that £36 was paid to Secretary for the purchase of the Section 75 from Registers of Scotland following the FOI regarding section 75. The current balance of the account is £2847.07p</p>	
11	FACEBOOK	
	FB continues to be used.	
12	AOCB	
	<p>Speed and volume survey. It was reported that speed and volume tracking leads had been laid across the A71. It was discovered that these had been carried out by Persimmon and not SLC and they did not need council approval, it would appear to have been put in place to build a case against putting a roundabout at the new persimmon estate.</p>	
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held in at Lifestyles on Monday 20th May at 7.30pm.</p>	