

**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON
 MONDAY 19th AUGUST 2019**

Item			
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance	Apologies	
	G. Smith, Craig, R.Freel, Y. Gardiner, S. Irons,K.Gallagher N. Wood. Cllr Campbell, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Dorman	J. Robb & S. Montgomery	
	<p>17 Members of the public were in attendance including Cllr Dorman, Cllr Campbell and Cllr Cooper. PC Alan Weir from Police Scotland was also present. Chairman G Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chair intimated that Mark Monie had left the Community council that that fellow community councillor Janette Robb was seriously ill in hospital.</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.</p> <p>PC Weir provided the monthly report and intimated that he had only gone back four weeks as opposed to the last community council meeting. There had been 94 calls received and from the 94 calls there had been 19 crime reports generated. 10 of which have been detected to date and 9 are still on going. These included 3 Road Traffic Accidents, 6 breach of the peace, fraud, assaults and the others were minor crimes.</p> <p>It was reported that there had been people going around the doors asking for sponsor money. PC Weir explained that they were given the job on the Tuesday and by the Thursday they had interviewed a female. He went on to explain that 30-40 people have given this lady money. PC Weir has taken some statements from people and was still in the process of gathering statements from anyone who may have been affected. He however has urged people who have been affected by this and given money to come forward to give a statement. The investigation would be on-going and a fraud would have to be determined prior to any prosecution. He asked that people should keep their doors locked and no money should be given to anyone who comes to their door.</p> <p>It was reported that a group of people have been drinking in St Ninians church grounds and that some evidence of illegal substances had been found in the area. The police have been to the grounds on numerous occasions however they it was suggested by members of the public present that they were going at the wrong times and should try later. It was suggested by another member of the meeting that the church could put up some CCTV to help combat this problem</p> <p>Cllr Cooper commented on the speeding cars that raced from the petrol station to the school. The chair gave PC Weir a vehicle registration that he had found to be speeding through the village. Cllr Cooper intimated that it was not always easy to obtain registration numbers. She called for a higher police presence in the village as well as the possible use of mounted police for patrolling in the village.</p>		

	<p>PC Weir explained that it is very difficult to catch speeding cars as when they have access to speed guns they have to wear hi-visibility clothing and motorists soon know that they are in the village. He finds that they catch the first few cars then everyone is aware that they are there and the cars slow down.</p> <p>Cllr Cooper informed the meeting that she and the other councillors used to have regular meetings with the police superintendents however these have stopped. The chair asked the secretary to write to chief superintendent to request that regular meeting with the councillors be re started.</p> <p>No other items were raised.</p>	Sect
4	WILMA WEIR CONNECT 2 RENEWABLES (SLC)	
	Wilma was not in attendance and chair intimated that he would speak to Banks Renewables to try and re-schedule.	
5	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	No matters arising, as items would be dealt via agenda	
6	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p>A list of correspondence received and issued was attached to the minutes and agenda issued at the start of the meeting.</p> <p>Mobile banking: Along with this list issued there was a copy of the correspondence from Bank of Scotland responding to a request for mobile branch banking in Stonehouse. Unfortunately, they have decided not to put this in place. The reasons that were given were very disappointing. RBOS had been in contact and had been provided with contact details of potential local groups to contact and provide information on alternative banking details.</p> <p>E-bike: A trial has been enquired about and forms have to be completed and returned to establish if we will be successful.</p> <p>An update email from Cllr Dorman on the roads issues reported after the previous month's meeting was also attached to the correspondence list.</p> <p>Planning application for Dovesdale as noted and would be discussed under section 7.2 planning</p>	
7	South Lanarkshire Council	
7.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>Pavements It was advised that the pavements on Strathaven Road and Caledonian Ave are in a mess and uneven and require attention</p> <p>Vicars Road A member of the meeting asked when the road at Vicars Road is going to be fixed. He was told that this would be done this financial year.</p> <p>Glebe Cemetery It was reported that there is a collapse drain. Also, the cemetery is overgrown. It was also noticed that the road to the Glebe could be widened as there is about a foot of dirt from the wall on the road and the hedge could be taken out or cut back, Cllr Dorman had previously reported but had been told that it was alright the way it was.</p>	Cllrs

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7.2	<p>Grass Verges were discussed and Cllr Cooper indicated that the number of cuts being carried out was reduced due to the lack of funding and no grass was being lifted. It was stated that the grass appears to be lifted in East Kilbride embankments.</p> <p>PLANNING</p> <p>Dovesdale site has submitted an application to change the land use of the house and outbuildings and erect two large sheds. Secretary had sought a synopsis of the application and this was attached to the correspondence list chair asked those present if they wished the community council to lodge and objections. No objections rose from the members of the public at the meeting.</p> <p>OTHER SLC ISSUES</p> <p>Newfield nursery</p> <p>A member of the meeting discussed how disappointed she was in the nursery’s lack of communication with the families of the new term intake. There were no settling sessions before the children were due to start compared to the 3 sessions that the children from Stonehouse Primary nursery had. The member of the meeting was advised by the Cllrs to contact Tony McDade director of education. Cllr advised there was no standard model template on how the schools should communicate on this matter.</p> <p>Strathaven Academy</p> <p>A member of the meeting asked about the cap on Strathaven academy for the Stonehouse children. Cllr Campbell said that there is no cap at the minute for this.</p> <p>Micro Grants</p> <p>The community council had received 11 applications for micro grants and the heritage group withdrew its application to allow the full amount of £500 to be awarded to each organisations. It is proposed that the cheques will be given out to the successful organisations on Monday 26th August 2019 @ 7.30pm in the lifestyles.</p> <p>The 10 successful groups were as follows:</p> <p>Stonehouse male voice choir, purchase of music and towards blazers</p> <p>Girl Guides, erection of trefoil and community event</p> <p>Friends of Stonehouse Park purchase of a large gazebo for events in the park</p> <p>Brighter Village , purchase of poly tunnels to work with Trust Jack foundation</p> <p>Girls Brigade, towards costs of girls entering duke of Edinburgh awards</p> <p>Gala Group towards running costs of the Gala</p> <p>Friends of Scouting, towards repairs and improvements at area to the rear of Scout hall.</p> <p>Stonehouse Agriculture Association, towards the purchase of a marquee</p> <p>Stonehouse business Association printing costs of a buy local scheme</p> <p>Stonehouse Men Shed Planning application and admin costs (will receive theirs after 4th September when SLC take a decision on lease of public toilets)</p>	
8	HEALTH MATTERS	
8.1	<p>Boots</p> <p>As of the 30/9/19 Boots the chemist will be charging £5 per person for delivering their prescription. This will affect 17 people in the village who use this service. Discussion took place on this matter with it being voiced that Boots should be boycotted</p>	

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8.2	Canderavon Vice chair Robert Craig informed the meeting that Canderavon had a care inspectorate inspection. The inspection went well, and they were told they were and excellent service and over all first class. The staff recently had a meeting and they were assured that Canderavon would still be there for the next 3-5 years.	
8.3	New Monklands Vice chair Robert Craig informed the meeting that following a review of the procedure more involvement and consultation was required and is currently on gong. Hospital parking was also being looked at in relation to car parks being used by non-visitors and that number plate recognition could be used. It was stated that Hairmyres PPI included that no parking charges can be made.	
	UTILITIES	
	No matters arising	
10	TRANSPORT	
	No matters arising.	
11	ELECTED MEMBERS	
11.1	Cllr Dorman and Cllr Campbell have been involved in the catchment review. Cllr Campbell urged everyone to take part in the public consultation when it starts. Cllr Cooper stated that she had been helping the Canderside fiddle group with funding. She also reminded those present that housing enquires are not handled by councillors and that applications are handled by the housing department. There is a strict point's structure operating on a priority system.	
11.2	TREASURER Treasurer was not present but had provided the following details. The accounts had still to be returned from SLC. The current bank balance was £7847.07 which had been boosted by the payment of the £5000 micro grant monies. No other payments were made however secretary to submit his expenses for outlays.	
12	FACEBOOK	
	FB continues to be used.	
13	AOCB	
13.1	Park A member of the meeting discussed the park. He went into detail about the park and the way it looks at the minute. He said that he watches the council workers and they are not emptying the bins properly. The railings are bent, and with no toilets he feels embarrassed for mums taking their children to bushes to do the toilet. Another member commented on the lack of toddler swings in the park.	
13.2	Online abuse Cllr Cooper raised concerns about on line abuse when she is trying to inform the community. Some discussion on the merits and disadvantages took place.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held in at Lifestyles on Monday 9 th September 2019. Note this meeting has been moved as a number of community councillors cannot attend the meeting scheduled for the 16th.	