

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2019**

Item			
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance	Apologies	
	G Smith, K Gallacher, M Monie, R Freel, Y Gardner N Wood, J Robb	R Craig, S Irons, S Montgomery	
	Twenty eight (28) members of the public were in attendance including Cllrs Dorman, Campbell and PC Alan Weir from Police Scotland. Chairman G Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES		Action
	Those present agreed the Minutes issued were an accurate record.		
3	POLICE REPORT		Action
	<p>PC Alan Weir intimated there had been 58 calls received since the last meeting. These generated 8 crime reports of which 3 were detected which included fraud, road traffic offences and theft of a motor car and motor bike.</p> <p>PC Weir advised everyone to be vigilant and keep doors and sheds locked and also not to defrost cars whilst leaving car keys in the car.</p> <p>Enquiries are still ongoing regarding the undetected crimes. PC Weir advised that a number of the calls were non crime related.</p> <p>PC Weir was alerted to the fact that Angle Street/Union Street was to be closed due to resurfacing from Monday 25 February till Friday 1 March which would add to the problems drivers were already experiencing in the village.</p> <p>CC asked if PC Weir could alert the Sergeant at Larkhall to feed this back to the Traffic Wardens and CC would also seek assistance.</p> <p>Speeding on the by-pass was also raised to Police as was the potential of using a mobile camera. PC Weir would investigate.</p> <p>The problem of emergency services was also raised with the road diversions being in place but it was reiterated that the emergency services have the right of way at all times.</p>		
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		
	<p>Cllr Dorman – Section 75 – Reported that Lesley Campbell had advised that she had previously indicated to Chairman reason why the contribution of £400-£500 in relation to house units could not be adjusted. Cllr Dorman advised that she had said that New Street resurfacing will be done as soon as possible in the new financial year. The problem with Rats in certain areas of the village had been reported and dealt with treatments having been carried out. Environmental felt that the problem could be local residents putting down bird feed and not the embankment as previously thought. Beth Grant also advised that rats had been spotted in Murray Drive.</p> <p>Regarding the facilities in Lifestyles Cllr Dorman advised the hot menu had started, and the vending machine was being looked into. Cllr Dorman also advised the Jem Carpets sign at the garage was to be removed.</p> <p>Mark Monie's Petition regards traffic Calming was being dealt with by Cllr Campbell.</p>		

5	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p>A list of correspondence was attached to the Minutes and handed out at start of the meeting. Any piece of correspondence can be viewed if required. Some of the correspondence would be discussed during the meeting.</p> <p>A public meeting of Scottish Water would take place at Hamilton and CC members would attend.</p> <p>Chair reported that SLC were running an information seminar on micro grants on 14th March and members would attend. No other information was available on this item</p>	
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>Union Street closure was discussed as per police report.</p> <p>New Street road Closure</p> <p>Brian Biggar who owns the building in question advised the meeting that discussions were stalemate at the moment and the Insurer's had come back advising they will not be paying for the upkeep of the gable end as it is not their liability.</p> <p>Cllr Campbell advised that SLC were taking Legal Action to move this situation forward and SLC may have to refer to Edinburgh for a Judgement before the 19 July 2019 if not resolved. Cllr Campbell will update on the above as soon as possible.</p> <p>It was also raised that the local Businesses were suffering due to the road closure and all locals should be encouraged to shop in the Village and support local businesses. It was suggested that the cc could possibly look at a mini bus or Larkhall and District Volunteer bus to ferry residents down into the village. Chair to talk to Sandra Whitelaw to enquire if anything could be done on a temporary basis. Any mini bus could not charge as it would be classed as a PSV.</p>	r
6.2	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>It had been reported that the Low Lanrigg Planning Application for an earth bank slurry lagoon with fencing has already commenced before Planning application was complete. Cllr Dorman advised nothing could be done about the start and that it was at the applicants own risk Six objections have been raised and this will now go to the next East Kilbride Area Committee for adjudication on 27 March 2019. If any work has been carried out and Planning is subsequently refused, the farmer can be asked to take the building down.</p> <p>Section 75 – Persimmon Homes application – Lesley Campbell, Area Head of Planning has agreed to a meeting with the CC and Cllr Campbell. No date has been arranged as yet.</p> <p>Secretary advised that he had been in contact with Planning Aid Scotland and they advised that the existing agreement was heavy biased towards the developer and that a sit was attached the land there was very little the CC could do .</p> <p>However the CC could also indicate that it was felt that SLC planning could have</p>	

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	<p>adopted a due diligence approach and looked to review this in light of other applications. As the developer would have known this agreement was in place they would have budgeted for this and should have anticipated building a roundabout and dealing with the TPO. Trees. Therefore consideration to remove these was giving the developer additional profit.</p> <p>6.3 Other SLC Issues No issues raised</p> <p>6.4 SLLC Refer to minute point 4update by Cllr Dorman in Business arising from previous Minutes.</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	<p>A six monthly meeting is due to be held with the CC and GP's on Thursday 21 March at 4 pm. Questions will include the number of Triage Nurses, Clinics and if there is a certain amount of GP's per capita. Mark Monie enquired why there was a £100 charge for shotgun licence which differed from other doctor's surgeries in the area. A standard fee for administration should be charged.</p>	CC
8	UTILITIES	
	<p>Cllr Dorman advised Utilities were working on Strathaven Road / Caledonian Avenue due to a reported gas leak and it was after this the traffic lights were erected.</p>	
9	TRANSPORT	
	<p>CC to speak to Sandra Whitelaw regarding temporary transport in the village and also to Larkhall and District Volunteer Group.</p>	Chair
10	REPORTS	
10.1	<p>Elected Members No further reports from Councillors. Chair advised Councillors there was a Focus Box in Lifestyles for a week which was collecting views on budget cuts, and that it would have been good if we had been advised. Cllrs were not aware of this. This was obviously going to be used to determine budget cuts. before the Budget meeting. CC were not informed of this.</p>	
10.2	<p>Treasurer No report available this month as treasurer was not present.</p>	
11	FACEBOOK	
	<p>FB Continues to be used.</p>	
12	AOCB	

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12.1	It was brought to the attention of the meeting about the amount of rubbish lying at the side of Indian Times Restaurant and Cllr Dorman will report this to Environmental Health.	Cllr Dorman
12.2	It was raised about “Happy Birthday” signs being an eyesore in the village, however, no permission was required for these but they should be removed as soon as possible.	
12.3	It was reported by a member of the public that the Men’s Shed has been successful in securing first option on obtaining a lease for the toilet block in the village with the disabled toilet remaining open. The road from Manse Road to the Graveyard was highlighted as being in a bad state due to the amount of building in the area and the amount of dirt at the sides could be cleared to give at least another foot of road space.	
12.4	The Chair advised on the Opening Day for the Trust Jack Foundation and that it was well attended and had been a great success and was being well supported in the village. MP Lisa Cameron spoke at the event.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 18 March at 7.30.	