

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;

MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G Smith	R Craig	S Montgomery	S Irons
	R Freel	N Wood	K Gallacher	Y Gardner
	M Monie	J Robb	T Feeney	W Anderson
	Forty two members of the public were in attendance including Cllrs Dorman, Campbell and PC Lowrie from Police Scotland. Chairman G Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	Those present agreed the Minutes were accurate account of previous meeting.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	<p>PC Lowrie intimated there had been 73 calls in total between 20.12.18 to 20.1.19, most of which were road traffic and noise complaints. This generated 13 crime reports of which 7 were detected and 6 not detected but enquires were on-going.</p> <p>3 “drive-offs” from the Petrol Station, 1 complaint about a trail bike in Murray Drive, couple calls regarding fly tipping in Marlage and Millheugh areas, 1 theft of a van with tools in Toftcombs area which the Police are investigating and 1 assault detected.</p> <p>PC Lowrie advised members of the public to be aware and keep doors locked and car keys out of sight. It was brought to the Police attention that a higher Police presence was required in the village due to indiscriminate parking issues due to the road closure in Camnethan Street and Kirk Street. Constable Lowrie advised he would feed this back to Sgt. McLeish and asked that the CC also write to the sergeant. Due to the road closure people were driving in Boghall Street the wrong way. It was also raised that parking in Union Street parking was causing a problem for any horseboxes and farm vehicles especially tractors coming through to the cross area.</p> <p>It was also raised that the road closure signs were being removed by persons unknown and thrown aside.</p> <p>CC will also write and seek support to ensure that we can obtain parking wardens in the village during the road closure.</p> <p>PC Lowrie advised that the use of resources was dependent on the other events happening in the area and can be affected by the use of the local team to provide intelligence in support of special exercises.</p>			

4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	Would be discussed as part of the agenda.	
4a	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FORUM	
	<p>Vice Chair Robert Craig introduced Margaret Moncrieff, Chair of Health and Social Care Forum Lanarkshire.</p> <p>Margaret gave an in depth talk on the forum and how the Communities Voice on Health and Social Care issues were required to feed into the NHS community planning to ensure that the NHS took account of issues. Margaret gave a background as to how the organisation was formed and how they use the data they receive. The group fed into care repair, home care, and mental health services. Communities are encouraged to become involved as are individuals. Leaflets were available to be distributed at the end of the meeting and members of the public were encouraged to get involved.</p> <p>Vice chair thanked Margaret for providing the presentation.</p>	
5	CORRESPONDENCE	
	A list of the correspondence was attached to the Minutes and any of the correspondence could be viewed if required. Some of the correspondence would be discussed during the meeting.	
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	<p>Roads</p> <p>Cllr Campbell gave an update on the road closure in New Street and details could be found on his FB page. A further extension to the 19 July 2019 has now been put in place, however, Cllr Campbell is hopeful that the work required will be carried out and completed before this date.</p> <p>Cllr Campbell is liaising with Kenny Finlayson from SLC Building Standards, who in turn was corresponding with the Loss Adjustor and Contractors on a daily basis to try and ensure the works are completed as soon as possible. Planning is also involved regarding rendering to the side of the building due to it being in a Conservation Area. However the specification for the render was not agreed although parties had indicated last week that this would be issued however the owner of the café intimated that by 5.00 tonight the specification had not reached the contractors.</p> <p>Sandra Whitelaw of Whitelaw’s buses gave her views also on the length of time it has taken for SLC to decide on a further road closure with still no clear indication of when the work is expected to commence. She also highlighted that Whitelaw’s are doing all they can to minimise inconvenience to passengers due to the disruption. She had also been onto the council roads and planning as well as the MP and MSP intimating that she will also contact the transport minister. It was her view that the council were not doing enough to minimise the disruption. The school buses were also having to pick up larger numbers of children who were having to walk to different stops to enable them to catch their school bus thus increasing the risk to school children.</p> <p>Whitelaw’s bus yard was also being used by lorries who had not seen the road closure signs and by other buses also increasing the traffic through the yard.</p> <p>Mr Brian Biggar, who owns the building, advised the meeting of what the issues had been with the building up till the present time indicating that his structural engineer had intimated that if works up to the first floor level could be completed the full road closure could move to a partial road closure with traffic lights.</p>	

	<p>A member of the public asked when the rubbish would be cleared from the site next to the building and Mr Williamson who owns the ground advised he would start getting some of the debris removed in the next few days.</p> <p>A Health and Safety issue was raised regarding Camnethan Street area as there were more school children and traffic using this road. Whitelaw's have done all they can to mitigate the aforesaid issues including the disruption with the children's school transport and they are delivering the best service they can under the circumstances. Sandra Whitelaw advised that the buses don't have the same turning circle as the HGV'S and could not therefore drive some of the roads or make turns</p> <p>The Sgt at Larkhall Police station is to be made aware of the above.</p> <p>Zig Zag Lines at the school (Sidehead road) Cllr Dorman advised that she had been told that the road did not warrant zig zag lines and that they would be inappropriate for the area and that the school would have a travel plan issued to parents. Secretary asked what reasons had the roads department given for not putting zig zags in place. Some further discussions took place with members of public.</p> <p>PLANNING</p> <p>6.2.1 A Planning application 18/1522 has been submitted for an earth bank slurry lagoon with fencing at Low Lanrigg Farm. The lagoon is being built at the edge of a field near the farm bordering a single track road. CC will gather further information on this and will submit comments on the application so far. Members of the public asked about the type of slurry and queried if the farm itself generated slurry. This would be further discussed at the February meeting.</p> <p>6.2.2 Section 75 Planning Agreements As a follow on from the previous CC meeting the secretary had requested details of various section 75 agreements for developments in Strathaven. One of the agreement's he was advised he would have to purchase from Registers of Scotland and this was done so. On the others he had to write and advise that the council were out with the time period for responding and that these had been provide on Friday prior to the meeting. Secretary queried why he had to purchase one but was provided others as part of the FOI request. Chair provided an overview of the agreements and how the contribution values were between £7k and £8k and that this did not compare favourably to the hospital ground section75 which was £400-500 per unit. Councillor Dorman was asked if she would speak to head of planning to establish a reason as to why this agreement would not be amended especially since parts of it will require to be amended in light of developer names and removal of certain elements. It was suggested that the CC should seek an independent legal view on this.</p>	<p>Sect.</p> <p>Sect.</p> <p>Cllr Dorman</p> <p>Sect,</p>
6.3	<p>OTHER SLC ISSUES No issues raised, although chair was asked about Treasurers position. Chair reported that he had spoken with Gordon Bow at SLC and it was being looked at.</p>	

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6.4	SLLC It was noted there was still no Hot Menu in the Lifestyles Café although it had been promised for the start of the year. Cllr Dorman was asked to chase this matter up including a Vending and Coffee Machine.	Cllr Dorman
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	Robert Craig advised if anyone wished to find out more about the Health and Social Care Forum to speak to him after the Meeting. Regarding the issue of Dr's Receptionists asking to diagnose patients prior to making an appointment with the Doctor or Nurse , the CC felt this was not appropriate and Chairman would write to the GP's requesting this practice was not carried out in Stonehouse.	Chair
8	UTILITIES	
	No matters arising	
9	TRANSPORT	
	No matters arising	
10	REPORTS	
10.1	Elected Members Cllr Dorman advised she had enquired into zig-zag lines on Sidehead Road from the junction of Townhead Street and was advised it was inappropriate for that area. Cllr Campbell was asked what had happened to the petition sent in by Mark Monie	
10.2	Treasurer No report available this month.	
11	FACEBOOK	
	FB page Continues to be used.	
12	AOCB	

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12.1	Chair advised CC had a meeting arranged with Banks next week regarding the wind farm.	
12.2	The issue of the repair of the lifts and boiler was raised as it had been stated at a meeting that a member of the public attended that these would not be repaired. Cllr Campbell indicated that this was not the case. And stated that the – the site for Blantyre is to be at St Joseph’s School and should be developed in the summer. Clydesdale Area to get two Hubs and areas have still to be identified. Another member of the public advised that the information that she had received a meeting was that it was closing. It would appear that mis -information was being put out at meetings. Vice Chair indicated that he was advised that no closure date was set but that would be dependent on the decision of the new hubs	
12.2	The Trust Jack Foundation are holding an Open Day on Sunday 3 February from 2 pm. And everyone is welcome to attend. Helen Mitchell spoke on how well Jack’s Hub was coming along and was being well supported.	
12.3	It was brought to the attention of the meeting that rats had been seen at Violet Crescent and the Forecourt of the Garage. Cllrs Dorman-Campbell to investigate and report on this matter. This area had previously been reported and as far as CC were aware treatments had been put down	Cllrs
12.4	The signage for Jem Carpets was raised as being a distraction at the roundabout. Cllr Campbell advised this was a temporary sign and no planning permission was required	Cllrs
12.5	Fly tipping of rubbish being dumped in Union Street was raised and elected members will raise with environmental department.	Cllrs
12.6	New Street resurfacing was again raised and as the road was closed this would make an idea time to carry out the resurfacing work however Cllr Dorman advised it would be carried at the start of the financial year.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 18 February at 7.30.	