

**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
 MONDAY 20 MAY 2019**

Item			
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance	Apologies	
	G Smith, R Craig, R Freel, N Wood, M Monie, J Robb, K Gallacher, Y Gardner	S Montgomery, S Irons Cllr G Campbell	
	Thirty three members of the public were in attendance including Cllr Dorman and PC Alan Weir from Police Scotland.		
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES		Action
	Those present agreed the Minutes were an accurate record.		
3	POLICE REPORT		Action
	<p>PC Weir provided the monthly report and intimated there had been 109 calls received since the last meeting. From the 109 calls there had been 20 crime reports of which 10 had been detected and enquiries were ongoing for the others. A breakdown of these was as follows: 5 road traffic offences, 5 breaches of the peace, 1 low level theft, and 1 common assault. There had also been 2 accounts of fake £50 notes in Hamilton and Larkhall and 2 in Stonehouse so businesses were asked to be aware of this.</p> <p>PC Weir also advised they had been having talks in the local Schools and unmarked cars were also targeting certain areas in the village.</p> <p>PC Weir also encouraged and advised the Public to contact the Police regarding any speeding cars in the village especially if they had a registration number, make of car, and possible times this was happening, as evidence. This also included any scrambler motor bikes operating in the area.</p> <p>PC Weir advised the meeting that the paedophile in the village had been sentenced to 18 months in Prison. However, neighbours were still worried about the CCTV cameras which were still in place at his house as they felt intimidated when walking past these. PC Weir will check out the guidelines for use of CCTV cameras and report back at the next meeting.</p>		Police Scotland
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		
	<p>Chair of the CC has still to contact Christina Mckelvie MSP re the problem of tackling loneliness which arose at the previous meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Campbell will be taking Mark Monie's Petition to the next level as it was felt that Mark's questions had been answered very negatively. The CC awaits details of this.</p>		
5	CORRESPONDENCE		
5	<p>A list of correspondence was attached to the Minutes and handed out at the start of the meeting. Any correspondence detailed on the list can be viewed if required. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery provision for Stonehouse Primary which has 33 full time places and Newfield Primary having 30 full time places. Both schools are registered for 3-5 year olds. • FOI response regarding road reports at the hospital site. • Response from MSP Margaret Mitchell regards Cats eyes and lining on motorway slip roads. • Candermill Road closure • CC Insurance, consultations by Scottish govt. 		

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6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	Roads It was intimated that Candermill Road would be closed on 10 June 2019 from 9-6.30pm as Scottish Water were doing manhole replacements.	
6.2	Planning Persimmon Site – It was reported that it was likely that SLC Roads Department are not recommending a roundabout to be built on Strathaven Road and CC Chair has a meeting arranged for June 12 with the Director of Planning regarding this. Originally there had to be two roundabouts on Strathaven Road due to the volume of traffic which would be using the A71 and Cllr Campbell named previous local housing developments where roundabouts had been put in. One of the main reasons cited by SLC in the planning approval for the inclusion of a roundabout at the Barrat site was health and safety	
6.3	Other SLC issues Micro Grants Secretary had received an email indicating that the CC had not applied for a micro grant however secretary has applied it could be that SLC had lost the paperwork regarding the micro grants and the CC have now re submitted this again. CC will inform the June meeting how to submit an application for the £500 grant. Applications are available on the CC website and can be prepared for the June meeting in advance.	
6.4	South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture No issues arising	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	A report on the meeting was prepared and read out by Nicola Wood and Yvonne Gardiner who attended the meeting with the Chairman. A written report is attached as an addendum to these minutes.	
8	UTILITIES	
	No issues arising	
9	TRANSPORT	
	No issues arising	
10	REPORTS	
10.1	Elected Members Cllr Dorman advised she had favourable reports regarding the recent litter pick in the village and thanks also go to Keith Gallagher and his company complete Weed control for carrying out this work.	
10.2	Treasurer Treasurer not in attendance therefore no Report available this month.	
11	FACEBOOK	
	FB Continues to be used.	

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12	AOCB	
12.1	<p>G Smith and R Freel attended a meeting with Banks and it was advised that 8 turbines had not, as yet, been commissioned due to the Servion, the turbine provider, going into self-administration two weeks before official handover. However, Banks hoped to have this completed shortly. Phase 2 is going through Planning for 16 turbines at the moment.</p> <p>Invoices had been raised for both the Renewable Energy Fund payment (£334,332.50) and the Kype Muir Wind Farm Fund payment (£151,969.50) which included inflationary index.</p> <p>Wilma Weir from Connect2Renewables Fund at SLC updated the members on the progress of the Middle Muir, so that members better understand how this would work for the communities around Kype Muir.</p> <p>Wilma has been asked to attend the June meeting regarding how the monies can be used in our area. There will be a launch in July regarding the formal application format on how to apply for any monies.</p> <p>It was also reported that work on the extension is progressing and the work involved will primarily take place on the site itself and will gain access using the existing access tracks that have been created for Kyle Muir.</p> <p>In terms of the site investigation work, the works that will be conducted are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ecological surveys• Topographical surveys• Ground investigation works• Forestry clearance <p>It was raised about the Dovesdale site run by David Hamilton's asking if dumping of waste was taking place and it was advised that this is being used as a transfer station. Waste is dropped off at the site and is then taken elsewhere.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding Canderavon and a new hub for Stonehouse/Larkhall area but Cllr Dorman advised that no proposal had been put forward as yet although various articles and a post on the council's site indicated otherwise. Cllr Dorman will check.</p> <p>A question was raised as to whether a mobile bank would be viable for the village and the CC will write to the Banks concerned to establish if we could have a mobile bank come to the village.</p>	
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 17 June at 7.30.</p>	

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ADDENDUM

MEETING BETWEEN:

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND STONEHOUSE CANDER MEDICAL CENTRE – 18 MAY 2019, CANDER MEDICAL CENTRE.

IN ATTENDANCE:

DR FAWCETT, SENIOR MEDICAL CENTRE PARTNER

DR HOWIE, MEDICAL CENTRE PARTNER

LORRAINE THOMSON, PRACTICE MANAGER

GEORGE SMITH, CHAIR, STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL,

NICOLA WOOD, COMMITTEE MEMBER,

YVONNE GARDINER, COMMITTEE MEMBER

The meeting as a whole was deemed very positive. George introduced Nicola Wood and Yvonne Gardiner as new members and they will eventually take over the meetings with the medical centre staff.

Dr Fawcett advised that the surgery will not be closing and that the building lease is due for review 2027. However, she did also advise that from 2024, NHS Lanarkshire will look after the lease.

Following the retirement of Drs Skeeane, Thompson and Campbell, new partners have been installed with the practice now having 6 partner GPs, 3 salaried GPs and 2 trainee GPs. The practice also has 5 Nurse practitioners – this is to look after 13,000 patients spread over Cander Medical Centre and Avon Medical Centre. The practice enjoys good recruitment as they are able to offer trainee doctors a position.

With regards to questions raised by the Community council, we report as follows:

Patients are referred to Larkhall for Phlebotomy – NHS Lanarkshire is responsible for all bloods and only use the medical centre rooms. Cander medical centre is constrained with only 5 rooms and these are used for GP consultations. Patients can go to Stonehouse Hospital however, the wait time could be longer as there is only a Wednesday clinic.

Practice manager, Lorraine Thomson, did advise that providing a patient had the correct paperwork, any Lanarkshire treatment room could be accessed for bloods. (This will be useful for patients that work away from Stonehouse)

Blood result wait time is generally a couple of days for routine and usually 7 days for other bloods.

Dr Howie did point out that if patients had bloods taken at the request of Hospitals, then the patient should make contact with consultant's secretary in the first instance.

The surgery is manned at all times however it will close from 1300 – 1400 hrs, the doors will not be closed but any patients attending seeking prescriptions or results will be asked to re-attend after 1400 hrs. Medical emergencies will always be dealt with. The closure is to allow practice staff time away from computer screens, telephones and allow catch up with administrative duties.

Appointment wait time is currently at 14 days – the surgery offers 15 morning emergency appointments and 12 afternoon appointments. Nurse practitioners have 26 apps.

There will be a new format on how house calls are requested – these must be requested before 11 am daily

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Gun licence medicals are carried out by Dr Kinnon. This is not part of the GPs NHS contract and deemed private work. The set fee is £100.

Power of attorney is not carried out at the surgery as they do not have the resources, again is not NHS contracted and again deemed private work. Dr Howie did advise there is an on line form that can be accessed and completed.

GPs were asked what plans were for the surgery where Dr Fawcett advises it was their intention to continue to build and improve methods of working and medical care for patients.

Dr Fawcett expressed concerns when new house builds were being planned that no consideration was given or advice sought from the surgery as to the impact it would have on the surgery. Dr Howie was concerned that more houses would dilute surgery services. George Smith advised that this would be relayed back to SLC.

George also asked about 'skyping' patients and if there were any plans to pilot this. Whilst Dr Fawcett acknowledge there are surgeries piloting this method of consultation, given the changes already happening within the surgery, they had no immediate plans to implement this form of consultation. Dr Howie did also acknowledge that skyping would not be suitable for all patients – George did advise that there are many 'silver surfers' who regularly use social media etc.

The meeting will be arranged for 6 months time.