

**STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL****(www.community-council.org.uk/stonehousecommunitycouncil)**

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING****HELD ON MONDAY 17th October 2022**

Item		
<b>1</b>	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>	
	<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	G. Smith, R .Freel, R .Craig, N Wood, Y. Gardiner,	S Montgomery, K. Gallacher
	<p>31 members of the public were in attendance (25 of which had signed the attendance sheet) in addition Cllr S. Kerr, Inspector Gallacher &amp; Sgt S Mcdonald from Police Scotland were also present.</p> <p>Chair George Smith welcomed all in attendance stating that it was good to see a good turnout to our meeting. Previous agenda and various reports etc. were on seats. The agenda was a small agenda as most time had been allocated to a single item namely the Kear Campus school replacement which had been reported as being earmarked for Stonehouse. The first item would be a police report followed by the main agenda item.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The notes from previous meeting (Aug) were circulated and as no members of public attended the meeting the minutes were agreed by CC members present.	
<b>3</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Inspector Gallacher introduced himself and Sgt Macdonald and asked the Sgt to provide a report covering the last two months from 17<sup>th</sup> August to 17th October. 180 calls made. 33 crime reports. 2 crimes of which were isolated cases. 10 had been detected and the others were still under investigation or near completion. PC Mcdonald indicated that they are looking into three main issues within the village which are: Speeding, Anti-social behaviour and drugs. A drugs bust had taken place in Stonehouse recently and two people were charged. The bust was based on information being fed from the public. Anti-social behaviour by minors had resulted in parent visits to remind them of their responsibilities. Attendees were reminded to keep informing them with anything they see.</p> <p>A member of the public asked the police if they could have a look at the speeding through the village especially from the people with the noisy exhausts. They tend to be around the village at about 10pm. The police said they will try and look into this. Another member of the meeting showed his concern on a member of the public riding an electric scooter especially in Camnethan St, intimating that they would not have insurance and were illegal. The police said they will keep an eye on it and if anyone has any information they can let them know by email. Some discussion on the road surface at the toll and the number of accidents or near misses occurring as to whether it was speed or road surface. Chair stated that prior to the council election previous council Graeme Campbell had raised this with a view to having the road inspected. Chair will follow up on this. The Police reminded everyone to contribute to the policing plan which can be found online. Speed camera training for officers was ongoing and Local officers have the ability to call on other resources from other areas of expertise. Inspector Gallacher went on to update the community on his role and stated that he had met with elected members and had obtained their email details in order to disseminate information if required.</p>	<b>Chair</b>

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4	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	Action
	<p><b><u>Kear Campus SEBN Replacement School</u></b></p> <p>The chairman informed the meeting that the community council was notified by Cllr Cooper on the 21st September 2022 that Stonehouse was the favoured site for Kear Campus replacement site. This was just before the executive meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. The CC obtained the committee reports and from this compiled a list of questions that required answers. The education department had initially advised they would come to our meeting however the chair had received a call from the education department stating they were advised not to attend the CC meeting. All elected members were invited and Cllr Cooper and Frame intimated apologies with Cllr Kerr being in attendance tonight. Chair also reported on a social media post by Cllr Frame which intimated that no decision had been taken on this matter although the report to committee and the selection criteria clearly indicated that Stonehouse was the preferred location.</p> <p>It was also intimated that the following paperwork was issued with the agenda and had been loaded onto the CC website.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Questions to Education dept. on this matter along with answers received.</li><li>2) The CC was advised by Cllr Coper on the day that the report was going to committee 21-09-2022.</li><li>3) The CC immediately went on line to obtain a copy of the committee paperwork including report on kear campus. It was noted that the report was dated 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.</li><li>4) On circulating and reading the report the CC members circulated a number of questions and this was submitted to the education department. Details of this were included with the agenda.</li><li>5) Site search criteria.</li><li>6) Concept layout.</li><li>7) Desk study of the land</li><li>8) FOI on further questions rose.</li></ol> <p>There followed a discussion around the questions asked and answered received from the education department. Discussed were the questions that were asked to Tony McDade. It should also be born in mind that Stonehouse was not the only stakeholder being consulted, existing pupil parents, staff would also have to be consulted and that funding had not been secured as the funding application was being submitted at the end of October.</p> <p><b>Further questions that arose from the meeting were as follows:</b></p> <p>Q) What age range will the children be? A) 0-17</p> <p>Q) If the children are vandalising the current school, will they just do the same to the new one?</p>	CC.

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	<p>A) They will be changing the model so they will not get a chance to do this.</p> <p>Q) Are there any children from Stonehouse attending this school?</p> <p>A) There are some children from Stonehouse who attend Kear campus already so there will be.</p> <p>Q) Will any wind farm monies be used to fund this?</p> <p>A) No wind farm money will be used or given to this project.</p> <p>A statement was made by a member of the meeting who noticed when she had looked at the map that there is more room at the other places that were considered especially the campus in Blantyre and Chatelherault.</p> <p>The chair intimated that the CC had been asked to meet informally with representatives and that they would take this offer and ask other questions arising from tonight's meeting and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>A member of a local organisation intimated that not all kids attending the kear campus were bad and that they had youths in their organisation from Kear and they were really nice.</p> <p>The chairman highlighted that the community Council were not on Facebook or any type of social media and could not see any updates of this project. This was due to the amount of trolling that was given to the members of the Community Council and copies of this has been obtained and recorded of this trolling.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>	
	<p><b>a. Treasurer</b></p> <p>Whilst not present the treasurer had provided details that there is £8801.61 of a balance.</p> <p>There will be a zoom membership and a poppy wreath still to be deducted from this total amounting to £181.88.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	<p><b><u>Kypemuir Wind Farm Grants</u></b></p> <p>Chair provided a summary of grant awards since A number of community projects have secured grants to help them with their projects for the village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>£3600 Feed the village during covid</li><li>£3000 Hope Café mental health peer support</li><li>£5800 Men Shed for a cabin</li><li>£4000 Heritage group to further develop website</li><li>£6000 TABS for portable staging</li><li>£5000 Trust Jack</li><li>£1000 Bee Keepers</li><li>£4500 Stonehouse business Association for Elephants project</li><li>£5000 Clydesdale Rugby for training equipment</li><li>£4500 Male voice choir</li></ul>	

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	<p>CC is examining the possibility of obtaining electric bikes for the village and to hire these out. Some preliminary work still to be done on this.</p> <p><b>Micro grants</b> Have opened up again if you know of a community group who would like a grant of £500 then please ask them to get in touch or go onto the website to download a grant form, Only 10 grants available,</p> <p><b>Remembrance day</b> will be held on the 13th November 12.30pm at the cenotaph.</p> <p>Members of the meeting discussed the facilities at the Lifestyles. The Library is now only open on a Friday and all catering facilities seem to have been taken out of the building. Secretary to follow up with a letter to Mr Martin</p> <p><b>Scottish Water</b> Also discussed was the road closure on Townhead Street. A member of the meeting didn't think Scottish water would meet their deadline. Secretary will seek clarification,</p> <p><b>Hospital</b> Was highlighted that the hospital was not carrying out clinics at the moment. It was an idea for the Community Council to write to the NHS and ask when the clinics are going to resume.</p> <p><b>The meeting closed at 9.00pm</b> and those present were reminded that <b>the next meeting was 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> which would be an inaugural meeting following election of new CC.</p>	<p><b>Sect,</b></p> <p><b>Sect</b></p> <p><b>Sect</b></p>
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