

**STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**AGENDA**

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**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ 7.30pm being held at Stonehouse Lifestyles**

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1. MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
3. POLICE REPORT
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
  - 6.1 Roads-Pavements
  - 6.2 Planning Applications:
  - 6.3 Update on Kear School Replacement
  - 6.4 Any other SLC issues.
  - 6.5 South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture (SLLC) Issues
7. HEALTH MATTERS
  - 7.1 NHS
8. UTILITIES
  - 8.1 Water:
  - 8.2 Gas
  - 8.3 Electricity
9. TRANSPORT
10. REPORTS
  - 10.1 Elected Members
  - 10.2 Treasurer  
Balance & Expenditure
11. AOB

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**NOTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
 HELD ON Monday 21st August 2023**

Item		
<b>1</b>	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>	
	<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	R .Craig, R .Freel & N Wood,	S Montgomery, Y. Gardiner, K. Gallacher.
	12 members of the public were in attendance plus Councillor Kerr. Chair Robert Craig thanked everyone for coming. Meeting not quorate but would go ahead with providing information and matters requiring a decisions being taken to next meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The previous minutes were issued and no objections received and were duly accepted as being an accurate record of the meeting.	
<b>3</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Police were not in attendance however sent a report through Email. Copies were available to those in attendance. It read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were 156 incidents with 34 crime reports being upheld. A number of incidents/crimes that have been reported have been tackled jointly along with partner agencies including the Anti-Social Team.</li> <li>• The police will again pick up engagement with the local schools now they have returned from the summer break.</li> <li>• Since the previous initiative in June conducting speed checks within the Stonehouse area there has been a reduction in complaints from the residents in relation to speeding and drivers manor of driving in the area.</li> <li>• There has been no vandalisms recorded which is a marked improvement on previous months and coincides with a reduction in reports of youth disorder.</li> </ul> <p>Members of the meeting disagree quite strongly with the report stating that the speeding in the village has been reduced. People explained it is as bad as ever in New Street.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Any matters arising would be dealt with through the agenda items.	
<b>5</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scottish Water has invited everyone to a public meeting on the 29/08/2023 in the Novo Hotel, Edinburgh.</li> <li>• Udston Road has some temporary traffic lights due to a burst main.</li> <li>• Persimmons and SLC are continuing to look into the structure to retain landslide.</li> </ul>	

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- Local authority housing stock. A number of questions were asked via an FOI. It has been disclosed that the number of mainstream houses in SLC ownership were 337 and 30 sheltered housing houses.  
**The waiting time for these houses are:**
  - married couples 992 days,
  - couples with children 3,365 days,
  - Single parents 1,445 days.
  - 6 houses waiting to be let.
- Canderavon has now closed. We have written to the council to ask: when it closed? Who owns it? what are the plans for the building? Stonehouse Community Council will register an interest in the building. We are still awaiting feedback from this issue.
- As there is now no post office in the village the Drs Surgery is having trouble getting the post office to come and pick up the mail. CC has contacted our MP for some advice and assistance as this is a devolved item.
- There has been a planning application submitted for 49 new houses at Toftcombs. CC has lodged its comments on this. CC advised that there was previous planning for this area however they didn't follow through with the plan due to non-agreement between parties on the Section 75 agreement. Those present raised concern about the roundabout exit as there are another 4 houses where the old cottage is and this is proposed as main entrance.
- On the topic of vending machines and the cafe within the Lifestyles building, there are no plans for the cafe to reopen however they are still investigating vending machines.

A member of the public at the meeting asked if the hall is open if there is nothing on. If the hall is not booked the Lifestyles is closed. For hall bookings there also needs to be 1 weeks' notice in order that hall or room coverage can be arranged.

**6 SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

6.1

Roads

Members of the meeting explained that at the bottom of Newfield Road the trees have gotten terribly low. It was suggested that this might be on private property.  
Crow Road caravan is still causing disruption in the area, having been previously reported to police who advised no obstruction.  
A member of the meeting discussed the disabled parking within the village mostly outside the CO OP as one car was constantly using however If it displayed a badge it could sit all day.

6.2

Planning

Only one planning application this month and it's an extension to Avonhaugh

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6.3	<p>Nursing home. They have requested planning for 8 beds within this extension. No one present raised any objections to the application.</p> <p><u>Update on Kear campus</u> No further forward with this application. MP Cristina Mckelvie has been asked to establish if funding approval has been granted. Last correspondence advised end of June.</p>	
6.4	<p><u>Any other SLC Issues</u> No further discussions.</p>	
6.5	<p><u>SLLC Issues</u> Already spoken about.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>HEALTH MATTERS</b>	<b>Action</b>
7.1	<p><b><u>Hospital clinics</u></b> The Community Council have been in contact with Craig Cunningham from the NHS about establishing more information on the clinics being run from the hospital and where referrals are made from and this includes the blood clinics.</p>	
7.2	<p><b><u>Chemist Provision</u></b> Moving forward it is thought that our MP and MSP could assist us with the health care provision in the village including the push to have another chemist in the village. Secretary has corresponded with the persons who initially had shown an interest in opening a chemist in the village at the same time as Ashira Akhtar whose application had been rejected. It was thought that another meeting should take place with the health board about this additional chemist along with MP and MSP being present to provide support for the additional chemist.</p>	
7.3	<p><b><u>GP Practice</u></b> There was a meeting with the Drs in the Cander Centre on the 8th August, where a number of questions were asked about the service. This question and answer sheet was read out to the members of the meeting. We were reminded that we could use the pharmacist first if any illness is non urgent however this initiative is not being used properly as the public are telling the Drs that they have been sent for an appointment by the pharmacist just to get seen that day. A suggestion was made where a card could be given to the patient by the pharmacist to take to the surgery to get an appointment. A member of the meeting explained that he had been going to the arthritis department at Douglas street in Hamilton. He thought this service was really good and although they cannot heal, they can help manage the pain better. At Stonehouse Hospital there is a new brain injury rehabilitation unit with 10 beds proposed. Details of physio clinics were advised. Letters are beginning to be sent to people in the village to attend for their yearly flu and Covid 19 jags. The location of where these will be is still unknown. Summary of questions will be attached to the minutes when issued at meeting.</p>	

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<b>8</b>	<b>UTILITIES</b>	
	There will be a further 5-6 week disturbance for the village by Scottish water on King street / Queen street.	
<b>9</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	
	<p>Vice chair had been contacted regards an issue with Whitelaw's bus not going through gas scheme.</p> <p>Secretary had contacted Whitelaw's and was advised this was not the case although the scheduling of buses and there operation through he village had changed. Buses that waited at the lifestyles terminus were not always the bus that continued onto Hamilton. The subsidised part of the Strathaven service at night had been altered by SPT as it was not being used resulting in different timings. Sunday bus services now started at 8 as opposed to 10 on a Sunday</p> <p>There was more praise for the C3 bus to Glasgow.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>	
	<p><b>Elected Members:</b></p> <p>Cllr Kerr provided an overview of her activities in the month. She explained that she had been looking into why there was no ACE programme for the children in the village.</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <p>The Secretary read out a report advising that the balance is £3790. 47.</p> <p><b>Secretary Advised that</b></p> <p>Micro grant money should be with us very soon.</p> <p>There has been four applications</p> <p>St Ninians holiday club, Eastern Star Stonehouse Gala committee Canderside Accordion and fiddle club all of which were approved in principle but would be ratified at next quorate meeting.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	<p>Lisa Cameron visited the Stonehouse men shed</p> <p>Trust Jack foundation members present said thank you for the windfarm money they had gratefully received.</p> <p>Hearing Aid batteries are available from the Library in Lifestyles</p>	
	Meeting closed at 8.45 with the next meeting being held on the third Monday of Sept 2023 (18th)	