

**STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2023**

<b>1</b>	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>	
	<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	R .Craig, G. Smith, R .Freel, Y. Gardiner & N Wood,	S Montgomery & K. Gallacher.
	7 members of the public were in attendance. Chair Robert Craig thanked everyone for turning out on such a cold night.	
<b>2</b>	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The 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>
	No report given as police not in attendance. <b>Note:</b> Secretary advised following the meeting that an apology had been received from Police Scotland by email.	
<b>4</b>	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
	Any matters arising would be dealt with through the agenda items	
<b>5</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning for the 5 houses at Manse Road next to the old cemetery has been rejected.</li><li>• Kear School: Community Council are still awaiting updates on this project. Christina Mckelvie has been contacted to see if she has any updates that she can give us.</li><li>• Trees at the hospital: The trees and overgrown bushes are being looked into at the hospital grounds.</li><li>• FOI response had been received regards hospital clinics and would be dealt with under health matters.</li><li>• Thank you: The three organisations that we awarded micro grants have been in touch to give their thanks.</li><li>• Wind farm at Hawkwood.</li><li>• Response from roads department regards Canderside Toll was circulated as it was a lengthy letter.</li></ul> <p>The matter about the CCTV at McLean Gardens raised at the previous has been passed to our elected members.</p>	<b>Cllrs</b>

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6	<b>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p><b><u>Roads</u></b> The spreadsheet has been started about the potholes in the village. Everyone is encouraged at the end of the meeting to highlight on this form where the potholes are situated and these will be passed on to the roads dept. for them to investigate and fix where required. Members of public still encouraged to fill in online fault form however only one fault can be recorded at a time. A member of the meeting highlighted that the Crow Road caravan is still parked there making it an obstruction and hard to pass.</p> <p><b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> No applications apart from minor house alterations and rejection of houses at Manse road</p> <p><b><u>Update on Kear Campus SEBN Replacement School Update</u></b> As per correspondence. Awaiting information from our MSP and education dept.</p> <p><b><u>Any other other SLC Issues</u></b> The Community Council received a letter from Joe Fagan, highlighting the funding cuts that the central government is making the CC aware that certain funding is ring fenced and cannot be transferred. It was likely that the majority of cuts could affect leisure and culture which include swimming, halls and libraries. Copy of letter added to website.</p> <p><b><u>SLLC Issues</u></b> A discussion took place about Lifestyles and library opening hours. From previous correspondence Mr Benny Martin had indicated that they would look at reinstating the coffee machine. Secretary will follow up on this along with the access issues to the booths. Core hours of lifestyles and booking the rooms was also discussed</p>	<p><b>Sect</b></p> <p><b>Sect.</b></p>
7	<b>HEALTH MATTERS</b>	
	<p>At the last meeting a member of the public at the meeting asked why the Drs surgery had the heating on 24hrs a day. Within three days of this being mentioned she had noticed that someone had been there fixing the issue and the heating is no longer on 24/7.</p> <p>Discussion took place about the clinics at Stonehouse hospital. The secretary had some correspondence from the questions that were asked about what clinics were available at the hospital pre covid and post covid. Some of the clinics that had been stopped were: ENT, liver, addictions, blood/ECG, treatment room nurse and diabetic podiatry. A letter will be sent to ask why these clinics are no longer available.</p> <p>The vice chair urged people if they need blood taken on a Monday then ask to be sent to Stonehouse hospital as this clinic is available here.</p>	

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<b>8</b>	<b>UTILITIES</b>	
	No issues	
<b>9</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	
	No Issues	
<b>10</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>	
	<b>Elected Members:</b> No Report <b>Treasurer</b> The Secretary read out a report from Treasurer advising that the balance is £6083. It was discussed that an advert be taken out in the Male Voice Choir programme (£50.00) as well as the Gala day programme (£65) promoting the community council. Secretary had spent the £3.98 petty cash on some small envelopes. Secretary also sought approval to purchase paper and other stationery. All agreed to these expenditures and amounts will be recorded at next meeting.	
<b>11</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<b><u>Micro Grants</u></b> Three applications had been received and these were all agreed: 1st Stonehouse Girls Brigade Newfield Nursery Hope Cafe This completes the spend of the micro grant.  <b><u>New Windfarms</u></b> A new 11 turbine wind farm is to be established between Strathaven and Darvel. It should be completed in 2027 with connection to the grid by 2030. As Stonehouse falls within the area we qualify for more funding. A meeting will take place with Strathaven and Sandford community council to discuss the funding available. The Vice chair reminded the meeting that we have a substantial amount of funding for the village. He asked that we think of a project that would be beneficial to the village and start to put it in place.	
<b>12</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	A member of the meeting asked if we could have another defibrillator at the top of the village. It was stated that one was available in Lifestyles but only available during opening hours. A member of the meeting praised the work of the Community Council and added that people think we don't do anything. It was explained that the committee all have a part to play and we do it for the village.	
	Meeting closed at 8.35 with next meeting being third Monday of March (20 <sup>th</sup> ). Chair once again thanked everyone for attending.	