

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON Monday 18th September 2023**

Item						
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES					
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	17 members of the public were in attendance. Vice Chair George Smith thanked everyone for coming.					
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES	Action				
	The minutes were issued and no objections received and were duly accepted as being an accurate record of the meeting.					
3	POLICE REPORT	Action				
	Police were not in attendance however they had sent a report through Email. It read: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 62 Incidents were reported, which resulted in 15 crime reports.● Police will engage with the local schools now they have returned from the summer break.● Community officers were in Chatelherault park to pass on advice to the newly appointed Junior Road safety Officers from across South Lanarkshire schools.● Very few people have reported speeding in the area however they have had people contact them expressing their concerns with speeding cars in New Street. The police will continue to do speeding checks in this area● 1 case of vandalism has been recorded which is a continual improvement on previous months which coincides with the reduction of youth disorder.					
4	PRESENTATION ON BRAIN INJURY UNIT					
	Jane-Marie Stobie gave an informative presentation on the new 10 bedded brain injury unit to be located within Stonehouse hospital. The creation of this unit uses 10 Geriatric beds which are being reallocated back into the other three Lanarkshire hospitals. It is the 1st within NHS Scotland and is leading the way with state-of-the-art equipment which will be arriving in October. It will offer patients dedicated services in disciplines required for brain injury rehabilitation. The unit should be welcoming the first patients in November. It would be nice if there was a royal opening of the Unit early 2024. Jane is looking for suggestions for a name for the new unit. Suggestions to chair or vice chair					

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5	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	Action
	Any matters arising would be dealt with through the agenda items.	
6	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Community Council were appalled at the Council housing waiting times that were read out at previous meeting but not discussed due to not being quorate. Vice chair suggested that there is further discussion required along with the actual number of Stonehouse people on the waiting list. Cllr Frame will also look into this. An FOI has been submitted and responded to regarding the Canderavon building. No planning on its future use has been put in place and the cc will follow up on this matter as well as register an interest in the building. With the post office closing the Doctor Surgery may now be having to pay for a post office uplift for their franked mail. We have contacted MP and MSP on this matter and they are currently looking into this. Invitations for some events have been sent out to the Community Council members. Unfortunately, these events are throughout the day and some members have work commitments. The CC had written to SPT concerning the lack of bus timetables at stops for the revised Whitelaw's and Climate Action Strathaven 3C timetables. Response was timetables are being printed, however a member of public present stated these have now been put up at bus stops. 	<p>Vice chair and Cllr Frame</p> <p>CC</p> <p>MP/MSP</p>
7	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
7.1	<p><u>Roads</u> The following issues were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A discussion took place about restoring the roundabouts coming into the village and the roundabout at the bypass. Vice Chair will contact Banks to ask that the work to reinstate them be completed. At around number 2 Hill Road there is still a sunken manhole. This will be passed on to the water dept. On Udston Mill Road the road seems to be getting quite rough. There are trees covering the road signs in the village. On Manse Road, the cemetery and the path going into the park is extremely overgrown. There are a number of potholes on the bypass on both sides and roundabout is rutted 	<p>Vice Chair</p> <p>SECT.</p>

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6.2	<p><u>Planning.</u> Near the NHS Depot there is a pre-planning application for a Biogas plant. This is not in our area as a statutory consultee and SLC will consult with Larkhall Community Council. Stonehouse CC will assist and discuss further if the application gets to the planning stage. The company who has put in the application may want to discuss things further with the wider community as they have a meeting with the Larkhall Community Council tonight. There is lots of information online about this development. Refer to SLC planning portal.</p>	
6.3	<p><u>Update on Kear campus</u> No further forward with this application. Vice chair had written again to the Scottish Government for an update but no response had been received.</p>	
6.4	<p><u>Any other SLC Issues</u> No further discussions.</p>	
6.5	<p><u>SLLC Issues</u> It was discussed about the lack of children's services within the ACE programme in the village. The CC had previously raised this with SLLC and Cllr Frame and other elected members have also raised this. Cllr Frame is still pursuing this.</p> <p>Discussions took place about the great idea of a community cafe within the lifestyles. When CC has a meeting with SLC they will raise this matter again.</p>	CC
8	HEALTH MATTERS	Action
8	<p>It was discussed that the GP surgery is running more efficiently at the moment in comparison to some of the others in the area. Dr Howie has started a menopause group within the village. Did not show figures for appointments were high although unsure if this is the practice as a whole. The answers to questions asked at the recent meeting would be put up on the website.</p> <p>It was also highlighted by Cllr Frame that she has been working on the use of vapes and that they were sold widely in small shops across South Lanarkshire. It was felt that the advertising of these vapes in the village shops should be banned.</p>	
9	UTILITIES	
	Scottish water is making progress with their works in and around queen street.	
10	TRANSPORT	
	No matters arising.	

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11	REPORTS	
11.1	Elected Members: Cllr Frame provided an overview of her activities in the month which also covered those mentioned previously.	
11.2	Treasurer The Secretary read out a report advising that the balance is £3790. 47. The secretary also asked if he could spend money on paper, cartridges for the printer. He also reported that the laptop screen was now deteriorating and that the existing laptop which is around 8years old should be written off as it was unlikely that the screen could be fixed. This was approved.	
11	AOCB	
	<p>The meeting was reminded that there is still wind farm money available for projects within the village and that local organisations should be encouraged to come and talk to the community council. Trust Jack had recently been awarded a grant</p> <p>The E-bikes proposed to be installed at men’s shed will be in place by the end of the year. A launch date will be put in place in due course.</p> <p>A new 5 year village plan will be established by the CC and the village will be consulted on this. The CC have approached several companies to undertake the survey required and are waiting on responses.</p>	CC
	Meeting closed at 8.45 with the next meeting being held on the third Monday of October 2023 (16th)	