

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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NOTE OF ZOOM MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS HELD ON 218-03-2022

1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES	
	IN ATTENDANCE	APOLOGIES
	G Smith, R Freel, R Craig, K Gallacher Y Gardiner	Apology from N Wood, not feeling good possibly Covid. Late apology from S Montgomery
	Chair George Smith welcomed all to the zoom virtual meeting.	
2	MICRO GRANTS	ACTION
	<p>Grant application forms received from the following organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunshine Mother & Toddlers (for replacement of toys following covid) • Stonehouse Gala Group (for costs associated with Gala) • Friends of Stonehouse Park (to go towards cos of AED in park) • Scout and Guide hall committee (towards outdoor cooking equipment) <p>K Gallacher advised his wife and youngest attend Sunshine Mother and Toddlers. Following discussion it was agreed to award £500 to all of the above local groups. Secretary to organise payment and obtain cheques.</p>	Sect
3	KYPEMUIR COMMUNITY FUND	ACTION
	Chair advised that they had a meeting with Mr Kenny Lean who advised they used an interactive map to flag wind farms that could supply the grant applicant. Banks Renewables was not the only wind farm that could supply to groups in Stonehouse around six others could be identified. A process was agreed that applications coming in to SLC relating to each of the Kypemuir trust members would be fed to Banks in the first instance and it would be turned round in 7 days. Brighter Village had still to amend their application and submit for a final amount.	
4	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	ACTION
	<p>Viridor had written to the CC to advise that they would not be pursuing their pre planning application: wording was as follows.</p> <p><i>“As you will be aware, in January last year Viridor submitted a Proposal of Application Notice to South Lanarkshire Council for the development of an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) on land at the Dovesdale Complex near Stonehouse. I am writing to inform you that Viridor has taken the decision to end our interest in the development following an extensive review of the project in line with Viridor’s ongoing investment strategy. This is part of the continuous process wherein we evaluate our sites to ensure that they meet the needs of the Scottish and UK-wide waste markets. Viridor is a committed participant in the Scottish resources sector having invested over £0.5bn in key recycling and reprocessing infrastructure. Our Scottish facilities will play a major role in delivering our ambitions to become a net zero business by 2040 and climate positive by 2045, removing more CO2 from the environment than the fossil emissions we generate each year. We are continuing to actively explore how our existing and future facilities can help to deliver Scotland’s climate, environmental and circular economy goals.”</i></p> <p>Agreed by all that this was good news for the village but we still have to bear in mind that planning permission still exists for an energy recovery plant at Dovesdale.</p> <p>Planning application Strathaven Road (field next to Lifestyles) Secretary intimated that the plans had now been submitted following the pre planning consultation. Agreed that as the site had outline planning permission the CC would make observations to SLC planning. Observations to cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement or walking area to Sandford road end • Wheel wash and road cleaning 	Sect

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factoring • Pedestrian controlled crossing to be moved west. • Section 75 • Setting up a liaison group. 	
5	ROADS ISSUES	ACTION
	No issues reported to CC.	
6	GP PRACTICE	ACTION
	Nothing discussed	Chair
7	NHS	ACTION
	No update	Chair
8	CONSULTATIONS	ACTION
	No consultations received	Sect.
9	HOUSING	ACTION
	Chair to report back	Chair
10	TRESURERS REPORT	ACTION
	Girls Brigade cheque for £500 has still to be presented as does the Stationery order for £62.11 and the Gala group advert for £65. Tonight's micro grant cheques will also have to be to come off. The Web hosting invoice for £78.00 had also been received. Agreed that this should be paid. Accounts for year-end will also have to be made up along with the Micro grant review.	Sect/Treas.
11	VILLAGE PLAN	ACTION
	No update, Chair has still to contact Mr Ramsay.	Chair
12	COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND SCHEME	ACTION
	Confirmed that election is due this year.	Sect
13	FOI REQUESTS	ACTION
	No requests made, however speculation in the village indicated that Strathaven Academy was not taking any pupils from Stonehouse. Agreed to write to education department to establish capacity at Strathaven and Larkhall.	Sect.
14	AOCB	
	<p>Secretary reported on a site visit and walk he had with Graeme Anderson of paths for all. It would appear that the railway line from Sidehead road is listed as a core path to Spittal road bridge. SLC is not responsible for maintaining although guidelines indicate they should be in a reasonable state. Feasibility required to establish cost in creating a proper country walk with option to link Blackwood from Watstone farm right of way. Agreed that feasibility could be funded from Banks Kypemuir as could some works. Community payback could also be contacted.</p> <p>Request for husting meeting received from Friend of Earth (FOE) and secretary had written following a circulated email to advise that Covid was still prevalent and the CC did not think it wise to hold one. Response received to indicate FOE candidate had caught covid and respected our position.</p> <p>Discussion on the forthcoming election and candidates took place, along with the rejection of Stonehouse being a community growth area being added to local plan when two of the current elected members did not support a proposal at the planning meeting to finalise local plan.</p>	Sect
	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS	
	Next meeting would be Easter weekend however will now be 3 rd Monday in May. (16-05-2022)	