

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

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MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**HELD ON Monday 16th October 2023**

Item		
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES	
	In attendance	Apologies
	R. Craig; G.Smith; R .Freel,	S Montgomery, Y. Gardiner & N. Wood, Cllr E Frame- Aberdeen Conference
	<p>Vice chair advised that as a committee we not quorate due to school holiday commitments and a member having to leave the meeting however the meeting would continue but no decisions could be taken until we have a quorate committee.</p> <p>There were 18 members of the public in attendance. Along with three members from Central Biogas Ltd. Chair Robert Craig thanked everyone for coming.</p>	
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES	Action
	The previous minutes were issued and no objections received and were duly accepted as being an accurate record of the meeting.	
3	POLICE REPORT	Action
	<p>Police were not in attendance however they had sent a report through Email. It read:</p> <p>From 16.09.2023-16.10.2023</p> <p>57 Incidents (which can cover all incidents including crimes, traffic issues, lost property, missing persons) no incidents of note.</p> <p>12 Crime Reports with large cannabis cultivation discovered within the village. This being intelligence led from local members of the public</p> <p>Response/Initiatives</p> <p>National Speeding Campaign: Stonehouse Primary checks on 12th October to encourage safe driving/parking Planned Unipar checks on 17th of October 2023 for New Street, Lockhart Street Area. Looking to launch Police surgery on a fortnightly/monthly basis in the Stonehouse area to provide more accessibility.</p>	
4	PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED BIOMETHANE PLANT AT CANDERSIDE	
	<p>Jim Shanks from Central Biogas, accompanied by two other colleagues, gave an informative presentation on the proposed Plant at Canderside. He explained that he was a farmer from the Borders and had a smaller version of the Biomethane Plant on his farm. He was also Scotland's largest tomato grower. He explained that he had been asked by large Distilleries to provide a plant for the receipt of large quantities of Draff which is the residue of the barley used for distilling whisky. He had travelled all over Scotland looking for a site and the one at Canderside was ideal due to transport links at the M74 and there was a link to the Gas Gride 800 metres away. They are at the pre-planning stage and are holding meetings with interested parties such as the Community Councils.</p>	

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	<p>The plant receives Draff and Pot ale which is put directly in to a large shed. This is then fed into the plant and the products produced are: Methane – which is sent to the Gas Grid; CO2 – which will be sold back to the drinks industry or other industries. Slurry – which is used to fertilise the land for future barley growth. There were several questions from the audience to the representatives from Biogas which featured on: Water purity; flood risk assessment; coal mines; methane flare offs during maintenance; number of jobs and employing local people. He offered to welcome anyone to visit his farm to see a smaller but similar plant in operation and left several business cards with contact details.</p>	
5	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	Action
	<p>Any matters arising would be dealt with through the agenda items.</p>	
6	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p>Various correspondence sent and received was read out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Scottish water advised of issues arising from previous meeting and would investigate via contractor.ii) Thank you letter regards micro grant.iii) Micro grants still not paid to account and SLC contactediv) Response from SLC Roads department on pot holes, signage and lighting issues raised at previous meeting was advised to those in attendance.v) Roundabout reinstatement was being investigated.vi) Letter from bank regards problem with a cheque.vii) A further follow up question on housing has been requested via FOI <p>All correspondence was available to view</p>	
7	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
7.1	<p><u>Roads</u> The following issues were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leaves on the road blocking drains – could these be cleared before the onset of winter?• Lack of lights at the entrance to Mainsacre drive as the lights on the main road don't throw sufficient light.• Pavements at Trongate outside the old Post Office require to be repaired.	
7.2	<p><u>Planning.</u> Nothing in planning to discuss</p>	
7.3	<p><u>Update on Kear campus</u> Vice chair read out the contents of a letter received from the Scottish government basically saying they had not money to progress with the application currently. He will contact other politicians to raise the matter in the Scottish Parliament</p>	

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7.4	<u>Any other SLC Issues</u> No further discussions.	
7.5	<u>SLLC Issues</u> No issues.	
8	HEALTH MATTERS	Action
	The chair read out the number of 'no shows' from the month of August at the GP practice. GP – 30; Nurse – 72; ANP – 15. These are all wasted appointments that others could have.	
9	UTILITIES	
	Scottish water is making progress with their works in and around Queen street.	
10	TRANSPORT	
	No matters arising.	
11	REPORTS	
	Elected Members: No Elected members were present Treasurer report Bank statement at 30 th June £3790.47 Cheques 10305, 10308 a total of £573.12 presented leaving balance £3217.35, however three micro grant cheques £1500, zoom cheque £143.88 and stationery £32.62 still to clear which would leave a balance of £1540.85. The Bank has had a problem with one micro grant cheques and this has been re-issued to the local organisation.	
11	AOCB	
	Remembrance Sunday is on 12 November, Rev Stewart Cutler will be conducting the service at 12.30 at the Cenotaph and all organisations are welcome to come along and lay their wreaths. The Politicians will be contacted and invited to attend.	CC
	Meeting closed at 8.45 with the next meeting being held on the third Monday of November 2023 (20th)	