

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 16th September 2024**

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2	PREVIOUS MINUTES Action						
	No previous minutes were available due to the length of time since the last meeting.						
3	POLICE REPORT Action						
	<p>Sgt. Stuart McDonald was in attendance and gave his report. In the month of August there was 67 incidents reported which included a variety of incidents. There has been an increase in serious assaults and people have been arrested for these however the enquires are still ongoing and seems isolated. The inconsiderate driver who has been driving through the village has been spoken to and it seems to have been sorted as they have been no reports of late of dangerous/inconsiderate driving. There has been a number of neighbour disputes in the area and these have been sorted.</p> <p>A member if the meeting asked how many community police officers actually police Stonehouse? Sgt McDonald said that there were 2 community police officers for this area. The Response team look after the area 24/7 however the community police officers are on duty doing the shifts of day shift and back shift. There hours are as follows: Monday – Day off Thursday – Hub meeting Friday and Saturday – Target known offenders.</p> <p>They have been putting on surgeries in the village both AM and PM which were poorly attended.</p> <p>When then the Community Council had a meeting with the Inspector Morrison and Sgt McDonald, the inspector was very keen to have a police representation at the Monday CC meetings and will his best for this to happen.</p> <p>The police have been to the local high schools to engage with the kids to break down the barriers and encourage a good rapport.</p>						

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	<p>There will be messages on social media with regards to different events or initiatives people were asked to look out for these.</p> <p>A member of the meeting suggested that people maybe didn't come to the surgeries as this might have them being accused of "grassing" and that Monday would be an ideal time for them to have a surgery as this eradicates this label. The Vice Chairman said that the police have been coming to the CC meetings for over 20 years and its great to have these links and hope they will continue. Mr McDonald also explained that if anyone had something to report they can also contact crime stoppers which is completely anonymous.</p> <p>A member of the meeting commented on the fly tipping in the area and what the police could do about this. He said that Emma from environmental services could deal with this. Cameras could be installed, along with reporting these incidents to the council and if anyone sees any fly tipping in the area then try and get the registration number. With having the new appointment system at the refuge centre then this might increase the fly tipping in the area.</p> <p>Sgt McDonald was thanked for is contribution and hopefully will have another police presence at the next meeting.</p>	
4	PRESENTATION ON PLACE PLAN	
	<p>Kate Sarti from Community Enterprise delivered her presentation on the Place Plan for the village. They have been working on the plan since early summer and have run a survey as well meeting with various local groups. They have visited the local primary schools and Larkhall Academy to talk to the children.</p> <p>After the presentation Kate asked for thoughts on what she had discussed. It was said that it was a great tool for getting things done formally into the local plan.</p> <p>This presentation commences the 28-day consultation and a copy of the document will be placed on line in the Community Council Facebook with a link to Community Enterprise. It was highlighted by a member of the meeting that not everyone is online and it was suggested that paper copies will be given out to local groups. The Vice Chair undertook to get paper copies for the Senior Citizens' groups.</p> <p>It was said that the plan is great and was well presented.</p>	
5	AOCB	
	<p>The Chairman has asked the public if they could give the Community Council some time and patience with getting things on line etc due to the death of their</p>	

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dear friend and colleague Robert Freel. He was an amazing man with a wealth of knowledge and work ethic. He will be sadly missed.

The bank mandate has now been changed to include George, Robert Craig and Nicola and with this change there is no financial report this month. There is also no Emails being answered at the moment while the community council are going through this transition stage.

GP practice- The community council are trying to obtain a meeting with the GP practice however they are in the middle of a software update and hopefully will get one soon.

Robert and George met with our new MP Joani Reid. She is going to be opening the 2nd phase of the windfarm. This 2nd phase will bring more money for projects for the area.

A meeting has been organised with the leader of South Lanarkshire Council in the coming weeks.

A meeting which was due to take place with Colin Park, Head of Roads, Transportation and Fleet Services was unfortunately cancelled at the last minute and has been rearranged to discuss roads, pot holes and an incident that occurred at the cots castle housing estate road. The meeting will be rescheduled. A member of the meeting highlighted that the roads are in disrepair at Glenburn, Violet Crescent and Udston Mill Road.

Another member had discussed that the parking at Newfield Primary is becoming an issue. It is thought the police could pick this up.

A member of the meeting thanked the Community Council for all they are doing for the community.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm with the next meeting being held on the third Monday of October (21st).