



**STRATHAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
(Incorporating Strathaven and Glassford)**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
In the Ballgreen Hall, Strathaven**

**1. Sederunt:** Margot McDonald (Vice Chair), Wendy Gilmour (Secretary), Donald Grierson (Treasurer), Peter Mansell-Moulin, Morag Arnot, Gordon McAllan, Claire Taylor, Jo Bradshaw, Paulo Quadros, Fraser Walker, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Holman, Michel Toshner and Stuart McBean from Boots, 3 local residents and Louis Miller.

**2. Apologies:** Alan Montgomery.

**3. Community Police Report**

There were no representatives from the Police attending

**4. Representatives from Boots Chemists**

The Chairperson outlined the background to complaints that had been received concerning the two Boots stores in the town, especially in relation to the pharmacy. In response Michel admitted that she had only been Area Manager since February and Stuart had taken up his position a couple of weeks' ago. However, they had now recruited a regular pharmacist, Gaynor, for the Common Green store as well as having a regular locum to cover holidays in the Strathaven stores. She accepted that there had been stock issues with their suppliers but this was being dealt with. Michel confirmed that it is a legal requirement for a pharmacist to be on the premises when prescriptions are being handed out. It was suggested that a notice to this effect be placed in each store. Michel also confirmed that the two shops would stagger the lunch hours for the pharmacists so that in an emergency there would always be one shop able to prescribe in such circumstances.

Both representatives expressed their concern at what appeared to be the quality of service and said every effort was being made to improve the situation. They requested being invited back at either August or September meeting for an update on the situation.

After they left the meeting, The Chairperson asked Louis Miller what his plans were. He explained that he was hoping to apply to open a pharmacy in the medical centre. Since the pharmacy licences were issued in 1991 the population of Strathaven had increased to a level he thought would justify a third pharmacy. He confirmed that there was an area in the medical centre that would be suitable for this. However in the short term he had to get support from the general population in order to start a process of applying for a licence.

**5. Minutes of the March Meeting 2011**

Peter asked that the following passage be inserted under item 9e "The Community Council asked Ian Gow to inform the Feasibility Committee dealing with the West Kirk, that the Council would be willing to find a representative to join their committee if this would be of any assistance."

After this amendment, the minutes were approved, proposed by Peter Mansell-Moullin and seconded by Paulo Quadros

### **6 Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

Since no response had been received from our letter of 17 March concerning the condition of the building at Crosshill Annexe, the secretary was asked to write again.

As the police were not present, it was asked if anyone had seen any change at Kirk Street where there was no longer a Lollypop attendant, but no information was available.

### **7. Correspondence and Secretary's Report.**

Report attached. Wendy briefly outlined all the correspondence for the month which was more than usual.

a) It was suggested a further letter be written to Sainsbury's concerning the state of the trees and banking on the old scrap yard site. It was felt that their response was unsatisfactory and Sainsbury's would be asked to contact the Contractor, who they say is responsible, and ask them to repair the fence and carry out general maintenance on the site.

WG outlined some of her communications.

b) The Secretary was asked to write again regarding a pro-active approach to the contents of the Museum on loan. There should be an effort to contact owners rather than wait for a request for items to be returned. The Community Council would be willing to try to identify family members connected to bequests.

Councillor Campbell confirmed he was chasing more information concerning costs etc relating to the John Hastie Museum.

### **.8. Treasurer's Report**

Donald reported that he had passed all the necessary paperwork to the Auditor. He then handed out a copy of the unaudited accounts and asked the Secretary for details of equipment owned by the Community Council.

### **9. Windfarms Generally**

DG commented on the response from Banks Developments confirming they will give us a copy of the full planning application, which is due out end of May. Claire raised the issue of ensuring any turbine would be 2 Kilometres from the nearest house. This would be looked at when the full plans are available and would be fully supported by the Community Council.

Peter was hoping to have a meeting to discuss money from Whitelees and Dungavel. At present only Capital projects with match funding are supported. He wanted to discuss geographical limitations, revenue expenditure and was going to push for £3 per megawatt.

### **10. Reports – Town Group**

The event from Shaping Strathaven's Future was to be held in the Scout & Guide Hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May and was an opportunity for local groups to have an input into the future of Strathaven. Peter hoped to have a stand and asked for support, unfortunately members were either away or helping other groups in the Town. Fraser offered to come along and would try to upload the web site onto a laptop. Wendy would try to produce hard copies from the web as well as copies for past Minutes and Peter would be on the stand for some of the time.

### **11. Web Up-dates**

Change the date of the next CC meeting, mention the Shaping Strathaven event and add a comment "Boots promise to improve their service"

### **12. A.O.C.B.**

Margot thanked Fraser for his attendance and she asked if he could promote the Community Council in the school and try to get someone to attend in August. It was suggested that the Secretary write to Mrs Banks about this.

Gordon reported on his progress with logging use of Public Halls in the town and as expected there were long periods of non-use and pressure on other periods.

Wendy raised a number of issues still unresolved with the Ballgreen Hall, namely - the Ladies Toilets upstairs have been out of use for 5 weeks, the main hall has 4 large fluorescent lights that need replacing, the outside car park light is not working and the central heating is still not fully operational after 2 years. It was agreed that a further letter should be written to Norrie Anderson.

### **13. Date of Next meeting**

The next meeting of the CC will take place on the 31 May 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Ballgreen Hall.  
The meeting adjourned at 9.15 p.m