



STRATHAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL (Incorporating Strathaven and Glassford)

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th August 2011 in the Ballgreen Hall, Strathaven

1. Sederunt: Alan Montgomery (Chair), Wendy Gilmour (Secretary), Donald Grierson (Treasurer), Margot McDonald (Vice-Chair & Minute Secretary), Peter Mansell-Moulin, Morag Arnot, Gordon McAllan, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Holman. .

Visitors: Fraser Walker and PC Ieropoulos

2. Apologies: D Buchanan, P Quadros, C Taylor, Councillor Malloy.

3. Community Police Report

PC Ieropoulos was invited to give the police report for 1st August to 30th August 2011

He reported 44 crimes in this period.

The breakdown was as follows:

18 Theft- these included 1 theft of a motor vehicle, 13 common theft e.g. shoplifting, theft from a cash machine, and 4 thefts from houses from housebreaking/sheds and other buildings.

4 Vandalism- 1 report.

4 Breach of the Peace-4 reported

6 Common Assaults-6 reported

1 Possession of drugs-1 reported

1 Racial Incident-2 reported

1 Fire raising

3 Road Traffic Offences -3 reported

3 Other crime-3 reported

No further information is reported on the destruction of flower beds at the Bowling Green.

Councillor Holman reported a very positive report from the Police Superintendent for East Kilbride however this appears to be a little at variance with statistics for Avondale and Stonehouse.

PM-M suggested that we look at the area profile in more detail next month.

PC Ieropoulos was asked about the area outside the back of the Ballgreen Hall and will take this to the daily briefing register to mark the area as a hot spot.

WG will drop off minutes of the CCmeeting at the police station.

PC Ieropoulos explained there were 5 shifts operating in Strathaven and that Sergeant McCluckie had been transferred to Blantyre. Inspector Ross Aitken in East Kilbride is our contact for Strathaven matters.

4. Minutes of the June Meeting

MMcD to be added to the apologies.

These were proposed by PM-M, and seconded by MA..

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

J McKay cannot act as the Returning Officer for the 2011 elections but George Smart has agreed to act in this capacity.

No answer has been received to date from RS McColl regarding the letter sent about the condition of the frontage of the shop.

Thanks given to Donna for ensuring the repairs to the Notice board in the Common Green.

6. Correspondence and Secretary's Report.

This is attached.

Since the attached, there has been an e-mail from Donald Maxwell regarding the Crosshill Annexe. They are awaiting an asbestos report on the building.

A reply had been received from roads concerning the recent transportation survey.

This prompted a discussion about the role of the CC and other groups in the Town. It was said that if a problem is not resolved through the Community Council then the local Councillors should be approached.

The complexity of groups within Strathaven and their own agendas do appear to hold back the development of a cohesive whole town plan. MMcD suggested that the CC should have an overview of all these differing groups who may be accessing funds and PM-M agreed to bring further information to the next CC meeting.

WG was thanked for her report.

7. Treasurer's Report.

DG reported that the Bank Balance stands at £913.79. DG was thanked.

8. Windfarms generally.

The Kypemuir Windfarm submission was made to the Scottish Government at the start of August.

The date for comments was the 16th September and Donald requested an extension which has been given, till the end of September.

DG reported that to date he had only read about half the submission but so far they were still planning on using the A71 for transporting turbines through Strathaven, and no mention of the issue of Brown's Bridge. The study will deal with the risks of peat slides and they appear to suggest there will be a replacement of peat. The number of turbines at this site is now 26. A query was raised about the proximity of the turbines to dwellings as the proposal appears to break the SLC supplementary guidelines, however the application is being made to the Scottish Government.

DG will make a response to the Scottish Government by the 28th September, sending a copy of that response to SLC. Councillor Campbell requested a copy of the submission. Banks requested a meeting with the CC however WG will send a letter to them indicating the time factor does not allow this but they will have a copy of the submission from the CC.

9. Transportation Survey

This was covered under Correspondence.

10. Windfarms Generally

There is a proliferation of proposals for Intermediate turbines in the area. WG will send a letter to Michael McGlynn expressing our concern about the cumulative impact of these and it is felt there should be a coherent strategy with regards to submissions for those turbines under 50 metres.

11. Buildings Update;

John Hastie Museum- a limited company has been formed and a bid will be submitted to SLC. Two members of the steering group met with Joanne Forbes at SLC and had a fruitful meeting.

West Kirk- there is no further news from the Presbytery.

Crosshill Annexe-SLC is awaiting the asbestos survey.

Castle Tavern- a letter was written to SLC and a reply is awaited.

PM-M raised concerns about the house at the top of Main Street however no current legislation allows for these concerns to be taken further.

12. SLC Local Plan Review.

There is a meeting on Monday 5th September and AM will attend this. And report. There is an open meeting on the 6th October 2011.

13. Community Council Elections.

These are due to be held this year in October. WH clarified the running order for the October meeting.

14. Web Updates

WG reported work necessitated by changes to the town's businesses. It was agreed to have the forthcoming CC elections highlighted on the rolling information.

15. A.O.C.B.

DG asked if there were any proposals for the old Victoria Wine building. No information exists on that to date.

It is felt that we have no response to make to the folding of the CC Association.

It was proposed that we have the re-visit from Boots at the start of the next year.

Balloon Festival-all involved were complimented on a job extremely well done. Thanks go specifically to businesses in the town, to the farming community, to the organisers in Strathaven and to the crews who indicated their pleasure in the warmth of their reception in Strathaven from the people of Strathaven and area.

16 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CC will take place on Tuesday 27th September 2011 in the Ballgreen Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9.20.p.m.