



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

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd February 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, Douglas Buchanan, Gordon McAllan, Claire Taylor, Jo Bradshaw, Paulo Quatro, Fraser Walker, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Filshie, PC Mayberry.

2. Apologies: Councillor Holman and Councillor Malloy.

3. Community Police Report

PC Mayberry was invited to give the police report for 25th January to 22nd February 2011.
The crimes are outlined below.

Crime	Number
Road Traffic	6
Assault	2
Anti-Social Behaviour	2
Drugs	1
Breach of the Peace	5
Vandalism	4
Theft	1
Housebreaking	3
Others	8

PC Mayberry responded to two other issues. The situation of a car blocking the pavement on Threestanes Road has been resolved. That of a car on the bend at Commercial Road is still ongoing as the Police are trying to ascertain the owner of the car.

The police asked for help from the community in identifying any suspect vehicles or people around the neighbourhood. The CID in East Kilbride and Strathaven has an Action Plan relating to housebreaking. Residents are encouraged to get in touch if they see anything suspicious.

PM-M asked for clarification of what actually happens when a Fixed Penalty Notice is given. It is noted that all such notices are recorded by the police and that the payment rate of such notices is high.

4. Minutes of the Meeting on 26th January 2011

The minutes were proposed by Donald Grierson and seconded by Alan Montgomery..

5 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

No matters arising.

6. Correspondence and Secretary's Report.

Report attached

WG outlined some of her communications.

Some comment was made on the Common Good Fund although it is believed that no such fund exists in Strathaven.

WG and DG will attend the meeting in Lanark re a planning workshop.

S1 Strathaven is conducting a pothole report with all submissions due by the 11th March. It was felt that the plans for the CC to look at the roads issues could now be left as this survey was taking place.

WG noted some interesting planning requests.

It was felt that the plans for car washing and valeting at Sainsburys did not seem appropriate in terms of the chemicals, drainage, noise pollution and the dangers in icy weather in that area. An objection will be submitted. Concern was expressed in addition to this about the effect on businesses already operating although this is not part of the planning objection.

7. Treasurer's Report

DG reported that the bank balance stands at £543. He noted that £150 is available if there are items which are required. Any such requests should be given to DG or WG. PQ agreed with the suggestion from PM-M that the profile of the CC could be raised and some money could be spent on this.

8. ASCC –consultations and event on 26th March.

WG indicated the consultations although it was felt that we could not respond to all of them.

9. Planning-Wind Turbines

DG said that the applications which have been approved have still to meet conditions laid down. Some concern from the police about the route via Brown's Brig. There is the possibility of an alternative route being identified.

The plans for Kypemuir site should be on the planning agenda next month. DG was asked by PM-M to look at how the Banks proposal sits with the supplementary planning guidance. DG agreed to do this. Colin Anderson MD for Banks would attend the next Community Council meeting.

The request for three turbines on farming property was discussed. There was general agreement that these are not domestic turbines and the CC is opposed to the proliferation of turbines in the area. DG will write objecting to the proposal on behalf of the CC.

10. Windfarms in general.

GMcA indicated that he felt the jury was still out on the subject of Windfarms. He raised the issue of "flicker", or sound interference and of the undetermined effect there could be from underground cabling in terms of radiation.

11. Agenda for the Special Meeting on 15th March 2011

The aim of this meeting is to ascertain the feeling in the Community about the buildings in question and to discuss any issues raised.

The buildings to be discussed were the John Hastie Museum, the Crosshill school Annexe and the West Church.

WG indicated that Ian Gow would attend and speak about the work of the group looking at plans for the West Church. PQ has been involved with proposals for this.

MA made the suggestion that the meeting should start with a brief outline of each building and its current status.

This was accepted and AM agreed to do this.

The meeting would then focus on the buildings in turn. It is hoped there will be a good turnout from the Community.

Councillor Filshie agreed to make the floor plans of the John Hastie Museum available for the meeting.

She was also asked to invite Kenny Lean from SLC Regeneration to the meeting.

12. Other Reports

PM-M said the Strathaven Transport Working Group will meet in the middle of March. This will look at the roads strategy.

WG reminded the CC about the Viridor grants.

13. Web Updates.

There is now an excellent link to the angling club and the events calendar has been updated.

It was suggested that the police request for help about any suspicious circumstances could be placed on the web.

14. A.O.C.B.

PM-M raised the issue of the Building Repairs (Scotland) Bill Consultation. It was felt that the principles were admirable but the detail was more controversial. AM would draft a response for the Secretary to send with copies to MSPs

No change noted yet in Strait Close although crow proof bins have been sourced. G McA will be in touch with Brian Hampsey on this matter.

13. Date of Next meeting

AM thanked members for attending and reminded them again of the meeting on the 15th March 2011.

The next meeting of the CC will take place on the 29th March 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Ballgreen Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9.20p.m