



STRATHAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(Incorporating Strathaven & Glassford)

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th. January 2011
In the Ballgreen Hall, Strathaven

Attending: Alan Montgomery (Chair) Wendy Gilmour (Secretary), Donald Grierson (Treasurer), Peter Mansell-Moulin, Morag Arnot, Douglas Buchanan, Claire Taylor (SBA), Paulo Quadros (KPPC), Lynn Filshie (Councillor)

Visitor: Fraser Walker (Strathaven Academy), John Gold (Rural Development Trust)

Apologies: Margot McDonald (Minute Secretary), Graeme Campbell (Councillor), Bill Holman (Councillor), Jo Bradshaw (NWR), Gordon McAllan (Balloon Festival)

1. Police were not in attendance

2. John Gold, Rural Development Trust

Mr Gold began by outlining the function of the Trust in terms of the Leader programme for 2007-2013 to help groups access funding. He has been working closely with the Town Mill redevelopment. He then outlined the aims and objectives of the Town Centre Study emphasising the 13 Action Themes: Heritage and Built Environment, Maintenance and Repair, Public Spaces and Streetscape, Signing and Wayfinding, Traffic and Parking, History and Culture, Making Things Happen, Marketing and Promotion, Activities for young people, Events and Activities, Greenspace and Environmental Action and finally Lighting. He emphasised that SLC was very much supporting this Study and the Steering Group was working closely with the Town Group. The only positive thing the Community Council could do is support supplementary planning guidance in the next Local Plan to help progress some of these aims. Members would be e-mailed with the link to the full Strathaven Town Centre Study and Wendy would ask if a link to this Study could go on the strathaven.org web site.

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These were taken as read, proposed Wendy Gilmour seconded Alan Montgomery

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Wendy reported that the new photograph of members was now on the web site. She had passed the Core Path Network Report to Margot. Also the strathaven.org web site is now linked to South Lanarkshire's web site. Finally there had been no response from Sainsbury's about the litter around their car park.

Lynn Filshie reported that SLC were looking at new larger "crow proof" bins. Fraser reported that the school were doing regular litter picking after lunch in Bowling Green Road but the bins were inadequate.

Peter asked about the Virador National Fund for larger grants and Wendy reported that the project had to be seen as of National (UK wide) importance and grants up to £90,000 were available for this.

5. Correspondence and Secretary's Report

Copy of correspondence received and sent had been circulated. There had been less than usual over the holiday period.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Bank balance stands at £849.33 but there were outstanding cheques. It was agreed to advertise in the Gala Programme to improve the profile of the Community Council and its work.

7. Notice Board

Alan reported that there were problems siting this adjacent to the Spar Supermarket as all the public services were located in the ground there. After discussion it was decided that the old vandalised notice board would have to be removed and replaced with the new one. Peter then asked for approval for the cycle rack to be placed there also, beyond the seat. This was approved.

8. Windfarms

Donald reported that there was no progress with E-on or Banks. The SNH report for West Browncastle had been completed and Calderwater had been told that the delivery route to the site was unsuitable. The plans for Kype Muir are due out in the Spring. There will be local consultation sessions in Strathaven in February.

9. Other Reports

STWG was scheduled to meeting in March with the aim of having projects "on the shelf" if funds become available. It was noted that the Station Road car park was being resurfaced for which the Community Council was very grateful.

10. Any Other Business

It was asked that all the recipients of Community Service Awards be mentioned on the rolling text of the web site with the Council's congratulations. Wendy would arrange this with Yvonne. Lynn said she would like to be informed of any future nominations and especially asked Fraser to promote the Young Scot award at the school.

As the police had been unable to attend, it was asked that the Secretary write to them about the car still badly and dangerously parked in Threestanes Road near the junction with Lethame Road. Additionally mention was made of similar parking problems in Commercial Road near the junction with Overton Road. Morag expressed concern at the apparent increase in crime (house breaking) over the Christmas period.

Some discussion took place regarding the proposals for the Scotgen incinerator which was apparently to be discussed at the SLC Planning Committee in the near future, but the position of the Community Council remained unchanged.

Lynn reported that the closure of the John Hastie Museum is scheduled to be confirmed at the SLC meeting the following day. Additional revenue streams had been investigated to keep it open, but without success. She confirmed that a condition of title specified that the building had to be for the use of the Community and could not be sold off. The Secretary was asked to write the Chief Executive to ensure that the Community Council is informed of any developments concerning this building.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

The next meeting will be held in the **Ballgreen Hall on Tuesday 22 February 2011 at 7.30 pm**