



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

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 31st May 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, Jo Bradshaw, Gordon McAllan, Paulo Quadros, Claire Taylor, Councillor Filshie, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Holman. .

Visitors: I Gow, Mr and Mrs Beveridge
PC John O'Brien and PC Lorraine Scobie

2. Apologies: Fraser Walker

3. a Community Police Report

PC O'Brien was invited to give the police report for 26th April to 31st May 2011
He reported 43 crimes in this period. 12 crimes were detected.

The breakdown was as follows:

20 Theft - 4 detections

12 Vandalism - No detections

6 Breach of the Peace - 5 detections

2 Common Assaults - 1 detection

2 Drugs - 2 detections

1 Communications - 0 detections

The North Street Car Park at the Health Centre has been an area for car thefts however thefts have been from unlocked vehicles. There also have been a number of incidents of thefts in the rural area.

3. b Mr and Mrs Beveridge were invited to present the issues at Thomson Street.

The building at 8-10 Thomson Street belongs to SLC. It had been used by the Model Railway Club but now lies unused. The ceilings are down and the roof is in a state of disrepair. Despite phone calls to SLC Mr and Mrs Beveridge are getting nowhere. They live next door to this house and they are concerned as to the impact on their home of a property in such a poor state. Councillor Filshie agreed to immediately look into this matter and said she would phone Mr and Mrs Beveridge the following day.

Following that, the CC would write to SLC backing the concerns and pointing out the requirements in this Conservation Area.

4. Minutes of the April Meeting

These were proposed by Peter Mansell-Moulin and seconded by Paulo Quadros.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

6. Correspondence and Secretary's Report.

This is attached.

E-On will host a meeting at the Strathaven Hotel on the 14th June 2011 at 7.30 p.m. The CC will be represented.

WG was thanked.

7. Treasurer's Report.

DG reported that the books had been successfully audited for the last financial year and the requisite information would be sent to Margaret Armstrong. The Admin Grant should now be forthcoming. DG was thanked.

The Bank Balance stands at £447.69 with £76 of uncleared cheques. The membership premium for the ASCC was now £54.

8. Windfarms generally.

DG outlined the following report.

- a. **Dungavel** - no change although they hope to clear trees by the end of the year. Information meeting with CC members arranged.
- b. **Bankend Rigg** - still working on the habitat protection. Development at least two years away. I & H Brown have sold the development and are now tendering for the construction work.
- c. **West Browncastle**- Section 73 agreement is at least 12 months away. DG met with Ruth Findlat. The A71 is the preferred route for delivery of the turbines.
- d. **Calder Water** - Now expect withdrawal of the NATS objection.
- e. **Kype Muir** - No update from Banks to date and planning application is expected.

PM-M, DG and GMcA attended a meeting with Sandford, Strathaven and Stonehouse CCs to discuss Banks's alleged offer to pay money into a Development Trust in return for supporting their planning application.

It was agreed that Strathaven CC's position is to consider the planning application on its own merits and then if it is successful to negotiate vigorously the sums of money being given to the community. Banks were asked to put their proposal in writing and to attend a meeting on the 13th June to explain the position and to answer questions. Our representatives will report back on that meeting.

It was noted that Broadlees have received planning permission to create a further 9 hole golf course, a Sports Hall and two turbines.

9. Report on Shaping Strathaven Event

PM-M reported that Fraser Walker had been very helpful to him at this event. The event had followed on from the Market Town Initiative and it is hoped it can become an annual event. 30 organisations took part and it is hoped to make it better next year. A directory of all organisations etc was discussed and WG has been most active in attempting to gather information for such. IG expressed the opinion that the Library should be the place where such a directory could exist however it is very difficult to ensure that all details are up to date. WG undertook to check with the Library to cross reference the directory. She was thanked for her excellent work.

G McA said the Balloon Festival was on schedule and that some publicity could be available at the event to encourage organisations to keep their information up to date.

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PM-M complimented the Round Table on their Classic Car event and it was felt that these one off events in the year are most important for Strathaven.

Transport- P M-M said that the transport plan will be an issue later in the year and that any changes/developments should be considered.

AM felt that SLC worked well on Kirk Street although one or two reservations were expressed.

AM sought an extension of time for the meeting.

10. Other Reports or Updates.

John Hastie Museum- A public meeting will take place on the 1st June 2011. Councillor Campbell will request information about the inventory. MMcD will e-mail him with relevant thoughts on this.

West Church - I Gow was welcomed to update the CC. He reported the feasibility study was complete and would now go to Hamilton Presbytery. The report included suggestions for a café, a sanctuary and a theatre. The end of June is the date for the closure of the building. IG was thanked.

Town Group Meeting - G McA said that the next meeting on the 15th June would include a presentation from a member of SLC on the raising of funds for communities.

Boots - no noticeable improvement to date.

11. Web Updates

WG asked what else should go on the web site.

12. A.O.C.B.

The retaining wall at the waterside is the responsibility of the owners of the restaurant. Brian Hampsay from SLC did say there would be work to the Powmillon Burn by 2012.

CT asked about the tarpaulined area in Waterside Street as it looked dangerous and had been like that for some time. This will be looked into.

A survey into the condition of the Crosshill Annexe will be private.

It was agreed that Minutes and Agendas would be displayed on the new noticeboard.

The vandalism of the Board was discussed and the matter of insurance will be investigated.

13 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CC will take place on Tuesday 28th June 2011 in the Ballgreen Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9.20.p.m.