



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

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25 October 2011 in the Ballgreen Hall,
Strathaven**

1. Sederunt: Margot McDonald (Chair), Wendy Gilmour (Secretary), Alan Montgomery, Peter Mansell-Moulin, Morag Arnot, Gordon McAllan, Paulo Quadros, Councillor Filshie and Councillor Holman

Visitors: Fraser Walker, PC David Fleming and PC Jamie Elder

2. Apologies: Donald Grierson (Treasurer, John Innes, Claire Taylor,

3. Community Police Report

PC Fleming reported 30 offences in the period. Road traffic offences included use of mobile phones and non use of seat belt. There had been some “fire raising” at the Golf Club and a small amount of drugs passing hands in George Allan car park. There were 2 breach of the peace, 2 domestics and 2 police assaults. Theft had included, cycles, house breaking, farm break-ins, phones and fuel from Sainsbury’s. There had also been vandalism. The unit had been targeting “white van” collecting items for scrap, and following up on scams targeting older people. He asked members to contact the police if they saw anything suspicious.

Margot raised the issue of people parking at Kirkland Park Primary entrance on Lethame Road where there are no zigzag markings but obstructions are caused. The whole issue of policing school was discussed.

Margot thanked the police and they left the meeting.

4. Minutes of the October Meeting

Peter asked the words “whose meeting he recently attended” to be deleted from item 14 and it was suggested the word “web” be inserted in item 13 between Covenanters and Site. After the amendments, the minutes were approved, proposed by Alan Montgomery and seconded by Peter Mansell-Moulin.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

None.

6. Correspondence and Secretary’s Report.

Report attached

WG highlighted the letter from Planning about their plan to fence of the site left after the demolition of the Castle Tavern. It was proposed that a follow up letter be written to planning mentioning retrospective planning permission for the demolition in a conservation area and a request for temporary landscaping of the site. This was agreed.

It was proposed that a copy of the Scottish Water letter be given to the Town Mill.

7. Treasurer's Report

Donald left the following report - the Bank balance as at 14 October stood at £889.29. There will be an account due for the update of the web and a payment for the services of the Returning Officer.

8. East Overton

Peter asked if as many members as possible of the Community Council could attend the Public Exhibition in the Barrie Shelter on 3 and 4 November from 12.00 noon till 8 pm and make any relevant comments. He also suggested that there should be a special meeting to discuss this in November before our normal meeting, as we do not meet in December. This was agreed and the Secretary was asked to contact Jardine Paterson and proposed Tuesday 15 or 22 November and report back to members and book accommodation. Meanwhile Margot took the copies of the plans.

9. Castle Tavern

Dealt with under correspondence

10. Windfarms in general.

Donald left the following report – SLC are still awaiting responses from their specialist advisers regarding the Kype Muir application. It is anticipated that Bankend Rig will be the first project to start work on the site as they are pressing ahead with proposals to meet all the planning conditions. There have been no further developments in the past month. I understand that SLC are actively considering their policy (or rules they will apply) in adjudicating the prolific number of applications for one or two turbines on farms around Strathaven. It appears that they are aware of the cumulative impact of large numbers of approvals..

11. Historic Buildings Update

John Hastie Museum - JHM Trust formed and submitted business plan. Support from the public in terms of money, artefacts etc has been good. Expect a response from SLC by Christmas. The Trust has charitable status and is limited by guarantee.

West Kirk – the pews were in the processing of being taken out, but there was no further progress on use of the site. Suggested the Secretary should write to the Session Clerk Jim Spense concerning the general external appearance and upkeep meanwhile. This was agreed.

Crosshill Annex – No further response since last e-mail from Danny Maxwell. Councillor Filshie agreed to meet Gerry Campbell to follow up on this.

12. Web Update

A photograph will be taken at the next meeting of the members of the newly constituted Community Council. Meanwhile the running text will mention Bonfire Night, Reindeer Day and changes in businesses will be made.

14. Any Other Business

Margot thanked Peter for his paper on the role of the Community Council and the Voluntary Sector, which she felt we should discuss at the next meeting. She also reported that she was pleased that the wall at the bottom of Lethame Road was now being “faced” to improve its appearance. Peter noted that there had been no response from RS McColl but there seemed little the Community Council could do about this. Fraser asked if a further approach could be made to the school to get a representative. The Secretary agreed to do that. The Secretary then read out a letter that had been handed in that night from a resident in Waterside Street, still concerned about the traffic. The Secretary was asked to reply mentioning the new 20 mph limit on the road.

15. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 29 November at 7.30 pm in the Ballgreen Hall Room 1