



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

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>TH</sup> September 2011 in the Ballgreen Hall,  
Strathaven**

**1. Sederunt:** Alan Montgomery (Chair), Wendy Gilmour (Secretary), Donald Grierson (Treasurer), Peter Mansell-Moulin, Morag Arnot, Gordon McAllan, Paulo Quadros, Claire Taylor,  
Visitors: Fraser Walker, PC Mark Mayberry

**2. Apologies:** Margot McDonald and Councillor Campbell

**3. Community Police Report**

PC Mayberry apologised for the police being unable to give a report but said he would answer any queries. Morag Arnot raised the issue of uncontrollable dogs which had been reported to the police, who could not help. However, someone was investigating how SLC might be able to deal with this and Morag would report back to the Police Office for their future information.

**4. Minutes of the October Meeting**

The minutes were proposed by Morag Arnot and seconded by Gordon McAllan.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

Peter noted that he had offered to give an overview of all the groups accessing funds but because of his recent problem with his sight, he had been unable to do this but would prepare something for the next meeting. He also commented that at long last the heating upstairs in the Ballgreen Hall had been repaired.

**6. Correspondence and Secretary's Report.**

Report attached

WG highlighted the e-mail concerning a further complaint about the service at Boots pharmacy. It was suggested that the Community Council should write to NHS Lanarkshire about this and also invite the Boots representatives back to our November meeting. This was agreed. Questions were asked about the progress of the application for a pharmacy in the Medical Centre. The secretary was to try to contact the applicant about any progress on this matter.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

The Balance of funds remained at £913.79. Donald raised the issue that as the ASCC would shortly no longer exist, this would affect our insurance. He agreed to approach Margaret Armstrong about how South Lanarkshire might help. The cost of advertisements for the forthcoming elections was discussed. Wendy confirmed that a notice had been posted on S1strathaven, our web site, the library and the Common Green notice board. It was suggested that an advert be placed in the next issue of Echoes though notice is now a little short. South Lanarkshire was to arrange advertising, but probably in the EK or Hamilton papers only.

### **8. Kype Muir Windfarm Application (Banks)**

Appreciation was expressed to Donald for his work in preparing the draft response to Banks Renewables application. This had been circulated for everyone to comment on and issues were fully discussed. It was agreed that Donald should prepared and circulate a final draft incorporating comments on noise and heritage issues. Members were asked to respond with agreement or minimum changes within the next 24 hours so that the document could be sent away before the deadline.

### **9. Windfarms in general.**

Four further applications for individual turbines in this week's planning list.

### **10. Town Group**

Gordon reported on the last meeting of the Group. He passed a **Potential Funding** document to the Secretary for reference. They had had a "walkabout" in the Town with Roads and Stuart Hodge. Mention was made of the poor drainage in Thomson Street. They had produced a Town Calendar of Events which they hoped to update and have displayed in town. The Steering Group meets monthly to identify and prioritise action plans. Research has failed to identify ownership of Craig Bridge, except to show that it is not owned by Craig Mill. Sainsbury's fund of £75,000 is open for bids with match funding for eligible projects. Gordon produced the Beautiful Scotland report on Strathaven in Bloom and all members wanted their congratulations and thanks on the hard work of this group Minuted. The Balloon Festival had balloons flying on Friday night and Saturday morning and the Night Glow on Saturday night. Again congratulations were extended to the work of this group as well.

### **11. Historic Buildings Update**

The John Hastie Museum group now have a web site [www.johnhastiemuseum.co.uk](http://www.johnhastiemuseum.co.uk) and have put in a bid for the building. This will be reviewed in November by SLC Officers and they will issue their result in early 2012. They believe there is only one other bid from the Dynamos.

There has been no change or any information about the other buildings. The secretary was asked to contact Danny Maxwell again about Crosshill Annexe

### **12. CC Elections**

All current members were asked to complete their nomination forms and ensure they were with Margaret Armstrong by 11 October if they planned to stand for election again.

### **13. Web Update**

It was agreed to place a link to Dr Jardine's Covenanters Site. Wendy would contact Yvonne about the normal updates.

### **14. Any Other Business**

Peter drew attention to the Clyde & Avendale Landscape Partnership whose meeting he recently attended. Though Strathaven is barely in their area there was some suggestion of a Salmon Ladder in the Avon to permit Salmon to come higher up the river.

The Secretary was asked to contact RS McColl again about their building and mention was also made of the state of the Police Station. The secretary would find out about ownership/up keep of that building

### **15. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the AGM at 7.30 pm after announcement of the new membership of the Community Council on Tuesday 25 October at 7.00 pm.