



STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 30th January 2018

Sederunt: Aileen McMan, Chairperson, Gordon McAllan, Vice Chair, Les Hoggan, Secretary, Sheila Tulloch, Treasurer, Linda Brown, Minute Secretary, Peter Mansell-Moulin, Margot McDonald, Morag Arnot and Alister Hendry

Councillors: - Campbell and Dorman

Visitors: Aileen Stewart and Nan Black

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Cooper

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Sheila Tulloch proposed and Peter Mansell-Moulin seconded

3. **Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**

Strathaven Castle - Joanne of SLC., who continues to deal with this, will meet with a group from the C.C. on 8th February. A positive outcome is expected.

Letters of thanks to be sent by Secretary to former members of C.C. A letter congratulating Paulo on his appointment as Honorary Brazilian Consul has to be sent too.

Concern continues to be expressed about the chicane in Glassford Road. Cllr Campbell advised that it is being looked at but the widening of Berebriggs Road will be dealt with first. Cllr Dorman volunteered to look into Section 75, which must be adhered to, and planning for phase 2.

Police: There was no Police presence this month

4. **Secretary's Report:** Les advised that the main issue was the Post Office and its erratic opening hours. The C.C. felt that it had to intervene on behalf of the community of Strathaven and he had a productive telephone conversation with The Post Office Complaints Department who were passing on our concerns to a Branch Manager to deal with.

There is a Planning Application in for Brookfield which is quite similar to the previous one but it was agreed that it would be an improvement to its present derelict state.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Sheila reported that there were grant monies available for use. The Vice Chairman suggested that a projector and screen for the exclusive use of the C.C. would be advantageous. This was agreed to and GM will attend to this and present invoice to the Treasurer prior to the next meeting.

6. **Banks:** The Chairperson advised that at a meeting on 29\01\18, Gordon Thomson of Banks had offered funds to the C.C. for a public consultation and for a market research company to help with preparation of leaflets etc and assist with the analysis of the questionnaire. There will be two open days for the general public. The costings are still to be formalized. More details will be announced at the next meeting in February. Margot attended the joint meeting with other C.C. and reported that the Online Flow Chart is being amended at the request of others attending.

7. Reports from Community Council Members:

- 1) 1) Margot McDonald with visitor, Nan Black, complained bitterly about the calming measures on Colinhill Road. In particular two were placed in dangerous parts of the road - one at the bottom of Crosshill Road leading onto Colinhill Road and the other near the junction with Townhead Street. Recent heavy snow had made these very dangerous. Cllr Campbell agreed with this but he had met with residents who had requested calming measures be put in place because of speeding motorists. He had also met with the Roads Department who had advised that the bollards were positioned correctly. It was agreed that the C,C, would email Martin Muir and request a review of the traffic calming in Colinhill Road.
- 2) Peter brought up the subject of the Scottish Government 2017 Planning Bill and handed out a paper he had prepared with details of this. More discussions will take place regarding the Bill at future meetings.
- 3) Gordon drew attention to the question of small scale signage applications for shop premises and queried how this might be kept reasonably compatible in the town centre. This discussion will be brought up again in a future meeting.

8. Reports from Councillors:

Councillor Dorman advised that the annual council budget would come up for discussion on 1st February and details would be reported at future meetings.

Cllr Campbell reported that there were rumours going round Strathaven regarding catchment areas for the schools. He had tried via his own facebook page and the Strathaven page to put people's minds at rest that there is space for the children of new residents moving into the town and that if the children go to KP, Wester Overton, Chapelton, Glassford, and Sandford Schools, they will automatically go to Strathaven Academy. Children from Stonehouse, Larkhall, Blackwood etc will have to request a placement.

The opening date for St. Patrick's School and the new library etc will probably be sometime in May.

9. **A.O.C.B:** Aileen Stewart has asked to join the Community Council as a member. Linda will attend to the relevant and necessary paperwork for her to complete and sign.

The Chair is dealing with the renewal of the C.C. Insurance Policy

10. Next Meeting: Tuesday, 27th February 2018 in the Ballgreen Hall, Strathaven.

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY OF
THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S MEETINGS.**

A community council constituted under Section 52 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended
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