



STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 26th September 2017

1. **Sederunt:** Aileen Mc Mann, Chairperson, Gordon McAllan, Vice Chair, Les Hoggan, Secretary, Sheila Tulloch, Treasurer, Peter Mansell-Moulin, Morag Arnot, Linda Brown,

Councillors: - Cooper. Dorman

Visitors: Alister Hendry; Fiona Renfrew, South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture
And Judith Gibb, South Lanarkshire Council

Police: Helen Howie

2. **Apologies:** Margot McDonald, Donald McKillop, Councillor Campbell, Robert Atkinson

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Correction for minutes 6pm start for Town Group Meeting.

Minutes were proposed by Gordon McAllan and seconded by Les Hoggan.

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

Hands on would be better placed bringing up the proposals in the town group as it is well established. Leap parent body celebrates its 25th anniversary and after more than 3 years in Strathaven HOP continues to play a useful role with both its handy person and befriending services within the town and surrounding areas.

Regarding the Castle waiting on Joanne getting back regarding Historic Scotland funding bid re the Castle. The Castle can't be wholly funded by South Lanarkshire Council. The work requiring done to make the Castle safe requires to be assessed. It was suggested it done in a stage process. Councillor Cooper will do some investigative work and come back to us at the October meeting.

With regards to the Community Council and the Town Group Aileen will go back in November.

5. **Community Facility**

Fiona and Judith attended the meeting. The question for people of Strathaven is to name the facility. Gerry Campbell says we can go ahead with naming the facility and the 4 halls within the facility. We have to get back to Gerry by November. Les has already put an article in the last Echoes regarding naming of the building etc and there will be a follow up

article in this edition of the Echoes. So far he has received 10/11 entries. We will have a meeting at the end of October regarding the facility name.

After Easter the Council will require one month to do everything to have it up and running.

6. **Police:** Since the last meeting 30 crimes reported and there were quite a few thefts, fuel, shoplifting, and vans driving about and people's doors being tried. The perpetrators have been seen on CCTV but they are still to be identified. Even the old Police Station has been the subject of theft. With regard to the robbery at the Post office CID are dealing with it. Drugs and drink still seem to be the main problem. Gordon gave Constable Howie a description of two cars driving erratically in the Common Green up to the car park. Constable Howie noted same. Constable Howie was thanked for coming along to the meeting even though her shift had ended one hour previously.
7. **Secretary's Report:** Les advised there was nothing to report.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Sheila reported £15.59 to pay to Les for the Domain name. We still have the grant monies of £445.00 to use. We will leave the discussion of same to the next meeting but all members of the CC to think of a good use to put the money to.
9. **Banks:** Aileen advised that there will be no further updates at present. However Councillor Cooper brought up the subject of a meeting she had with the Executive Committee of the Council and spoke about a neighbourhood plan. The key priorities of which regard the inhabitants of the area. There is no neighbourhood plan for the rural area. The Group is called a Task and Finish Group and they look at a constructive plan for rural areas which help the people in need. Councillor Cooper thought that may be some of the Banks funds could be used to help the needy in Strathaven. There are a lot of areas in Strathaven where drugs and drink are prevalent and Donald Childs could use some of the money to give these people somewhere to go and talk to the relevant people who could help.

Aileen advised that the Banks money is extra money for the people of Strathaven and Glassford and has nothing to do with the Council. A consultation process with the Town on how the money should be spent in Strathaven and Glassford. It was agreed that the Council does not have enough money to help the most vulnerable but Aileen reiterated that she was sure that it should go to a consultation. Councillor Dorman advised that George of Stonehouse Community Council had put flyers through all doors asking people to give their opinion on how the money should be spent. Councillor Cooper again said rather than giving the money to update the East Church spire (as an example) that the money should be given to the most vulnerable in Strathaven and Glassford.

Isobel was asked to get some more information from Stonehouse C C regarding same. Aileen will speak to where the money has to go at the Meeting in October to be scheduled to deal with Banks money. There will be a more detailed discussion then. Linda jokingly said we should put the money to opening the Toilets.

10. Reports from Community Council Members

Les will be promoting Strathaven via a Visit Strathaven Brochure at the meeting with the Business Association. Strathaven is to be promoted as a Tourist destination. The prefects are willing to take part in the Community Council.

Gordon McAllan brought up the subject of the weeds letter to the Council regarding their position with same. Awaiting a response.

Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust AGM is on 2nd October at the East Church.

Sunday, 8th October at the Strathaven Hotel McTeers the Auctioneers will be holding an antique show and proceeds will be going towards the John Hastie Museum Trust.

Town Group meeting - the hedge at Lethame Road has been fixed.

- 11. Reports from Councillors:** Councillor Dorman advised that the Signage for the Park was going to permission. She also advised that the pools of water outside McColls had been rectified since last meeting. Alister Hendry advised that there was still some water there and Linda Brown confirmed same. Councillor Dorman will look into this.

Councillor Cooper advised that she is in talks with Gordon McKay regarding the Traffic Management plan and he will come back to her hopefully by the next meeting,

Regarding the drainage and flooding on Stonehouse Road there have been further works but still ongoing. It was advised that some of the problem could be the sewerage pipe.

East Overton has purchased 2 metal thistles and these will be put in the roundabout at the East Overton. They will be dedicated to Captain John Brown. Councillor Cooper advised that there will be a ceremony to mark same.

- 12. A.O.C.B:** It was advised that the East Church is ceasing to be a Church. Reverend Bill Stewart is retiring. We should write to Hamilton Presbetry to ask if we can be kept in the loop regarding the proposals for it.

It is also with sadness that Donald McKillop has resigned and also Robert Atkinson due to pressure of work. Both are thanked for all their hard work.

Les is to put an article in the Echoes advising that the CC require new members and hopefully this will have the desired effect. Linda put forward that Alister Hendry be made a member but he will go through the same channels as everyone else.

Aileen will also go to the Town Group Meeting in November. Again Prefects from School were mentioned about coming to the CC.

With regards to the proposals for building at the Golf Club this will be brought up at the next meeting.

Cars: two nearly completed Applications received and 14 more properties still to have Surveyor attend at. The two done are to show the town what can be done in the Common Green to make it look better. There will be a design guide and it will be a 5 year plan.

Peter brought an email he has produced regarding the Community Growth Areas. The two main ones are at Glassford Road, Strathaven down onto the A71 taking into account the Berebriggs Road which is to be made a two lane road. This will have to be looked at sooner rather than later and needs to be done before Phase 2 of the Development starts.

Margaret Cooper will be contacted regarding the traffic as the contracts for planning are due by end of April. Les will speak to Laura regarding Berebriggs.

Aileen received notification of the CC Insurance Policy which will be in place in 2017 by Highlands Council. However, this will in 2018 no longer be operated by Zurich. END OF JANUARY 2018 we must speak about renewal of the Insurance Policy.

- 13. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 31st October 2017 in the Ballgreen Hall, Strathaven. **It is also the Community Council AGM so the meeting will begin at 6.30 instead of 7pm. Margo is to note this.**

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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