



Strathaven and Glassford Community Council Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 26th January 2016

1. **Sederunt**

Donald McKillop, Chairperson; Les Hoggan, Secretary; Helen Mungall, Treasurer; Margot McDonald Minute Secretary (from 7.30); Peter Mansell-Moulin, Arlene Welsh. Councillors Graeme Campbell, Bill Holman, Isobel Dorman.

Visitors 4

2. **Apologies**

Morag Arnot, Aileen McMann, Gordon McAllan, Councillor Margaret Cooper.
(A Welsh agreed to minute the start of the meeting)

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Proposed by P Mansell-Moulin

Seconded by A Welsh

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

Query raised about the Aldi opening date.

Query about the extent of the garden at the old Museum.

Les and Helen said the fencing at the moment was for Health and Safety reasons.

5. **Police Report**

Police not present. There was an Amber/ Red Warning about the weather.

6. **Secretary's Report**

Les reported there was nothing of any interest. He has started to receive e-mails.

He raised the possibility of a drop box account or a private Facebook account or a combination of both.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

No change from November meeting.

£60 approved for Gala Programme advert.

The balance is £563.85

The Admin account is £283.46

The CC account is £280.39

8. **Planning**

Cala's plans for the Lethame Road site have been approved by the Council,

The East Overton site will be starting ground works as the weather progresses.

The Chairperson welcomed an enquiry from a member of the public.

A visitor raised the issue of the very poor Broadband service in the rural area beyond Strathaven.

It was affecting the operation of business in the area.

Councillor Campbell said there was a commitment to rural broadband by 2017 as far as possible. He did however ask the visitor to e-mail him and he would e-mail Digital Scotland on her behalf. She thanked him for this intervention.

9. **Reports from Community Council Members**

Peter had requested an update re the Banks Development. Aileen had sent an e-mail to Banks however it appears our main contact Siobahn Samson has left the company and Aileen awaits further information.

He also asked about the possible downgrading of Thomson Street as a main route. Councillor Campbell responded that this had not happened but the whole review of transport in Strathaven was proceeding and the issue of staggered parking on Thomson Street would be raised.

Les agreed to e-mail J Forbes about the maintenance of the Castle surrounds.

Les reported that the CARS project will proceed to public consultation in April 2016.

Margot indicated that the MuseumTrust is planning a further summer exhibition and they now have in their possession the Echoes archive.

Donald reported that all the former Sun Hotel flats are now sold which is welcome news. It is hoped that a proposed new paint job will ensue.

10. **Reports from Councillors**

Councillor Dorman reported she had been approached about speeding on the Hamilton Road. Councillor Campbell was not certain that speeding was an issue three.

Councillor Campbell is concerned about parking around the schools and is seeking Consultation with schools about this. Councillor Cooper also noted by email her concerns and enquiries about parking in Kirklandpark Avenue.

Councillor Campbell noted possible interesting and beneficial housing developments at the Kirk Street site next to the Church.

11. **A.O.C.B.**

Sheila Tulloch co opted to the Community Council. Proposed by Donald McKillop, seconded by Margot McDonald.

Linda Brown co opted to the Community Council. Proposed by Les Hoggan, seconded by Helen Mungall.

Donald formally welcomed our two new members.

12. **Next Meeting**

This will be on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 in the Ballgreen Hall Strathaven at 7p.m.