



**Strathaven and Glassford Community Council  
Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 24th October 2015**

1. **Sederunt:** D McKillop (Chairperson); Wendy Gilmour (Communications Secy); M McDonald (Minute Secretary); G McAllan (Vice Chair) L Hoggan (Treasurer) P Mansell- Moullin; M Arnot; R Gillies, A McMann, P Quadros  
Councillors: G Campbell; M Cooper; I Dorman; G Campbell.  
Visitors: 4
2. **Apologies:** H Mungall
3. **Minutes of the September Meeting**  
Proposed by W Gilmour seconded by P Mansell-Moullin.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.**  
There was a question about the toilets however they are now up for sale.  
The visitors present wanted to speak about the closure of Avonpark Care Home and this was deemed to be relevant under this agenda heading.  
The residents of the cottages were concerned on several counts. The security of a vacant large site with which they share a driveway and the future use of the property/land.  
Margot undertook to contact the Police Inspector in East Kilbride to alert him to the potential problems and to request the area is part of routine patrols. She will also suggest that the Police have the contact details for Embrace who will continue to own the property until it is sold.  
The issue of future use cannot be immediately resolved and whoever buys it will have to apply under the normal rules for planning permission in the event of a change of use.  
The visitors were asked to contact the CC if they receive any further information and the CC will do likewise.
5. **Police Report**  
There were no police in attendance.
6. **Secretary's Report.**  
Wendy had issued the relevant documents.  
She reported a fairly quiet month.
7. **Treasurer's Report**  
Les reported a bank balance of £906.65  
Admin account was £307.46  
CC account was £309.19  
Web design grant £300  
Two cheques for £24 and £8 were sanctioned.
8. **Consultation Policy**  
This item has been carried forward to our next meeting.
10. **Planning Issues**  
The plan for St Patrick's Primary and those for the new Community facility are welcomed.

Councillor Campbell indicated that 1 million pounds will be spent on Strathaven and District's roads.

He also noted that the Cala plans will go to planning in November. He believes there is a recommendation for an extension of the footpath on Lethame Road and pinch points at the lower end into Lethame Road from Threestanes Road were highlighted.

Councillor Holman will take this issue forward. Margot to forward details to him.

11. **Reports from CC Members.**

Peter raised the issue of the ownership of Strathaven Castle and the responsibility thereof for safety issues. It was said that Donna Brooks of the Civic Society is pursuing the ownership issue.

Wendy read out an e-mail she had received from Yvonne McKague.

Yvonne kindly offered to maintain the CC website until the end of the year free of charge.

She is concerned about the fact she feels there has been some criticism of her work.

The move towards the new website in no way results from any concerns about her work over many years. It is simply the case that a holistic view is being taken of websites representing groups in the town and a standard format is being applied.

Members of the CC all agreed that Yvonne has conscientiously and accurately carried out all work required of her by the CC. We thank her for her work on our behalf.

Les reported that the website will have the same domain name as at present.

He will compose a statement which will go on the existing website to alert users to the forthcoming changes.

12. **Reports from SLC Councillors**

Councillor Cooper indicated that there is a potential site identified for the new Cemetery.

She spoke about the group formed in Glassford to take forward plans for the play park and the development of the village. The group has been very active in raising funds to take forward the play park.

She outline the plan for Festivals in the park in Strathaven next summer.

One will build upon this year's very successful Festival of Sport, another will be a Pipe Band Festival. A one day folk festival is also planned. There will be a fundraiser in February to raise funds for the festivals and the Beekeepers.

She is working with Les on the development of the Town website.

She indicated that the Rotary is planning a Garden of Remembrance.

Councillor Campbell noted Brookfield had been sold. He also said there would be 4G in Strathaven in the near future. Also there appears to be some issues at the Colinhill development.

13. **A.O.C.B.**

No issues.

14. **Next Meeting**

This will be on Tues 24th November 2015 in the Ballgreen Hall, at 7 p.m.

