



**Strathaven and Glassford Community Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting on
31st May 2016**

1. **Sederunt:** D McKillop Chairperson, Les Hoggan, Secretary, Arlene Rowney, Aileen McMann, Linda Brown, Peter Mansell-Moulin, Morag Arnot, Margot McDonald, Gordon McAllan
Councillors Cooper, Campbell and Dorman.
Visitors: 8
2. **Apologies:** Helen Mungall, Robert Atkinson, Sheila Tulloch, Councillor Holman
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
These were approved by Aileen McMann, and seconded by Les Hoggan.
4. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
The response of SLC re the Boo Backit Bridge had been circulated. This indicated that the repair would proceed as at present. It indicated that there had been no requirement for Consultation.
It was reported that the issue of troublesome cars had been dealt with by the Police. Councillor Cooper had asked for the re- i statement of the shuttle bus during the disruption in Glassford.
5. **Police Report**
No Police present.
6. **Presentation by Aldi**
The gentlemen from Aldi were welcomed to the Community Council.
Andy Doyle outlined the progress of the new store. In early December, the strip out of the old store began and building warrants were acquired in mid March. Care is being taken with the listed part of the building and that part of the store will be the location of a welfare facility for staff. The store will present a modern, comprehensive store for the people of Strathaven displaying experiential growth. It is scheduled to open by the end of October 2016.
Graham Kelly, the Transport Manager will take care of servicing arrangements. He outlined the route of the service vehicles into the store area via the existing entrance to the Car Park in Barn Street and exiting into Loudon Street. This is a one way system, obviating the need to reverse into Loudon Street.
Two visitors and neighbours of the new store raised issues relating to the proposed double yellow lines for Loudon Street and the possible impact on resident parking, and the possible parking issues in the Ward. A representative of Aldi will meet with these residents on the site and hopefully will address any concerns.
Councillor Campbell felt a TRO for the lines would not be finalised by Oct and Councillor Cooper asked about liaison with the SLC Roads Officer.
Frames were not being put in the Beaming Society's Wall. The Planning Department were involved with this.
Peter raised the issue of a Community contribution along the lines of the Sainsbury's money. It was suggested that an e Mail on the subject be sent to James Hamilton.

Les will send an e mail seeking provision in this area.

Gordon extended an invitation to the opening of the John Hastie Exhibition.

Aileen asked if people from the town would be employed in the store. It was explained that the recruitment procedures would be in line with requirements of equal access.

It was not possible to discriminate in favour of local townspeople.

The gentlemen were thanked for their contribution and they were welcomed into the town.

7. **Secretary's Report**

Planning items on Dropbox. Little else reported.

8. **Treasurer's Report**

The amount remains the same as last month.

There was no advert in the Gala Programme and some money had remained unspent in the financial year.

Les will speak with Helen and the financial situation will be resolved. The audit will be undertaken by SLC.

9. **Banks Update.**

Aileen had attended the most recent meeting with Banks and she had circulated a report of that meeting to all members.

A new member of the Banks Team was Lewis Sykes and she reported on a fairly positive meeting.

There were no changes proposed to the Guidelines.

Currently it was proposed to have no Councillors on the group. SEPA would be asked to report when circumstances demanded it.

The next meeting would be the 10th October 2016. Aileen noted that Note 5 referred to the impacted Community Councils and that an area such as Blackwood may make representation to the proposed fund.

Peter asked for clarification that the REF fund and the Training Fund were not part these considerations. They are not.

Aileen asked for approval of the arrangements. These were agreed unanimously.

10. **Planning**

Donald vacated the Chair and Gordon took over for the East Overton discussion.

Gordon provided a quick summary of the situation here so far. There are four main stages. David Wilson Homes are building the first stage which is currently in progress.

In the next stages any company can produce outline plans however the proposed Boulevard in the original plans will proceed. section 75 is written in stone and elements of This agreement cannot be changed. Although Wimpey have proposals, at present the land is owned by David Wilson Homes. The issue of social housing was raised however it does not form part of the agreement.

The proposal was put to the members that there would be no objection to EKO 77.

Proposed by Peter Mansell- Moulin, Seconded by Linda Brown. This was agreed.

Our thanks again were given to Jardine Paterson for ensuring the protection of elements in the original plan.

Donald returned to chair the meeting.

Glassford. - the situation there appears to be resolving itself.

11. **Reports from Community Council Members**

CARS- Les reported that this is proceeding to publication of the Design Guide. A Public Consultation will ensue at the end of August.

Community Council Noticeboard- Margot reported that she had finally managed to clean and tidy it up.

She asked for someone to take over the organisation of the Board on behalf of the Community Council and Linda kindly agreed to do this.

John Hastie Museum Exhibition- Gordon noted that this would start on the 4th June in the Granary Building of the Town Mill.

Balloon Festival- Gordon reported that this had gained Charity Status and there would be 15 balloons in the park in August.

12. Reports from Councillors

Councillor Cooper reported:

The Town group had a presentation about the proposed Rotary Garden

The Whiteshawgate pitch is moving towards it's target and should start this year.

Martin McManus is now fronting the Leader Project.

The bus stop in Miller Street in Glassford has been moved to Jackson Street.

The Glassford play park is underway and the clock is repaired.

The Pipe Drum Festival in Strathaven Park on the 2nd June will feature members of the Scots Guards.

Councillor Dorman:

Featured the closure of the one stop shop Autistic Centre.

Councillor Campbell:

Referred to Thomson Street- after a comprehensive review- no change at present.

13. A.O.C.B.

Morag raised the issue of the break ins in Townhead Street and the subsequent demand for the reinstatement of the Police Station. This will not happen.

More Quod bikes have been stolen in the rural areas.

The Castle environment appears dangerous and a further contact would be made with SLC about their responsibilities in this area.

New fibre optic cables have been installed in the Newton Road area.

14. Next Meeting

On Tuesday 28th June 2016 in the Ballgreen Hall Strathaven at 7 p.m.

Members of the Public are welcome.

