



## STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016

1. **Sederunt:** D. McKillop, Chairperson, Les Hoggan, Secretary, Aileen McMann, Linda Brown, Peter Mansell-Moulin, Morag Arnot, Gordon McAllan.

Councillors: - Holman

Visitors: None

2. **Apologies:** Helen Mungall, Robert Atkinson, Margot McDonald, Arlene Rowney, Councillors Cooper, Campbell and Dorman

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

A couple of spelling errors "Louden" instead of "Loudon" in Number 6 and "quod" instead of "quad" in Number 13 were noted and also in Number 12 The Pipe and Drum Festival in Strathaven Park is on "2<sup>nd</sup> July" instead of "2<sup>nd</sup> June" were noted and then approved by Peter Mansell-Moulin and Les Hoggan.

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

The restoration work carried out at the Boo Backit Bridge is more or less finished. A handrail has now been fixed. The scaffolding has been removed. Aileen brought back to the Council's attention that she had previously mentioned about a nice plaque being put on the bridge or even engraving on the keystone advising when the restoration work to the Bridge had been carried out. It was agreed that we should ask for permission to do so and Les will email the Property Management Department at SLC to ask if this would be something they would be agreeable to.

With regards to Aldi Les has written to James Hamilton regarding a monetary contribution and also regarding continued support towards the Town. Aldi have replied and the email was quite positive and they seem to be very keen to become involved in the Community. Peter re-raised the question again of a lump sum and was concerned if they had not given this anywhere else they may not give to Strathaven. Their intention is to open the store around 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and they already have staff for the Strathaven Shop training in other shops in the area. Les is going to give them some time to reply formally.

The Police Station was brought up but this will be discussed under Planning Issues.

It was brought to the CC's attention that some remedial work had been carried out to the front fascia of the Castle but the workers could only go up so far as they required further equipment etc to reach the top. However Donald has noticed that a large lump of stone has fallen down at the back. The CC has raised concerns regarding the state of the Castle.

The new wooden bridge for the Allison Green will be fitted in late August.

5. **Police:** No Police attendance

6. **Secretary's Report:** Les reported again about the Castle and Aldi. He updated everybody on the situation regarding CARS and about the Detailed Guide Leaflet being prepared for

not only the shopkeepers but also the homeowners but the latest version is to be changed slightly.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** No change - Les has suggested that he will arrange to have a meeting with Helen on his return from holiday regarding same. He will update us at the August meeting.
8. **Banks:** Aileen advised that there will be no further update till the meeting in October but she was hopeful that by the end of August she would have a full audit trail in position. With regards to distribution Aileen was very adamant of how this should work and everybody was in agreement.
9. **Planning:** Avon Park - There has been a Planning Application lodged but unfortunately the link is not available for us to see what changes are proposed. Police Station - there is a possibility this could be going on the market for sale. John Hastie Building (former Museum) waiting on confirmation of the up to date situation. The question of it being left in its present state for another winter was brought up and suggested that the Council be contacted regarding this.

#### 10. Reports from Community Council Members:

**Cars:** Les advised that the application process will begin in August. They require to make sure that the Council Planning Officers are notified about Cars. There will be a guide for everyone to see what can and can't be done with the buildings in Waterside Street, the Common Green, Green Street, Kirk Street. There will be a grant system available. All businesses and homeowners will be advised at a Consultation Meeting.

**Friends of Strathaven Park, the Balloon Festival and John Hastie Museum** have all obtained Charity Status.

A vote of thanks was given to Gordon McAllan regarding the Museum Exhibition which was a great success. The Exhibition is now only on at weekends due to shortage of volunteers and so far 500 visitors have been to see the exhibits. The schools supported the exhibition.

Strathaven Balloon Festival is on course and 15 balloons are booked to appear.

The SL Cycle Partnership. Councillor Simpson is still in the Chair. There is a new cycle route due to be published by SLC which will link cycle routes. However, there will not be a dedicated cycle path as was desired.

A vote of thanks was also given to Les Hoggan for all the hard work he put in on the design and getting the new Community Council Website live.

11. **Reports from Councillors:** Councillor Hollman reported that there was nothing of major importance to report.
12. **A.O.C.B:** An email has been received regarding all the Community Councils in the area having a meeting. This seems to be a good idea and some members will attend once a fixed date and venue are known.  
If anything arises during the July break it was agreed that a special meeting should be arranged for July, if required.
13. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in the Ballgreen Hall, Strathaven at 7pm. Members of the Public are welcome.