



STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 28th March 2017

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

Councillors: - Holman, Dorman

Visitors: Mairi Tulbure (invited by Bill Holman and Isobel Dorman)

Police: Q488 and Q261 (names very hard to read)

2. **Apologies:** Margot McDonald, Donald McKillop, Councillors Cooper, Campbell.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

A couple of errors Treasurers Report "Sheila reported the Admin fund" it wasn't "admin" it was "CC fund". Round Table donated not the Rotary. These were noted and then approved by Morag and seconded by Les Hoggan.

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

The Epicentre has been booked for 31st May. Les spoke with Cala what their plans were where transport routes were etc and he had a positive discussion with them. No vehicles will be on Lethame Road and again reiterated that Lethame Road would not be used by heavy vehicles going to the site. Les was advised they would adhere to it. The first houses should be started by September. Les invited them to attend at one of the Community Council meetings and they were willing to do so. There will be 54/55 houses being built. The build will take 3 years and they do intend to be involved in the community and Les advised them about the events that take place in Strathaven and they were quite willing to become involved.

Gordon then advised he had heard many complaints about the road from Over Lethame down towards the site where passing places had been put in by Cala. They have not taken into account the drainage and the passing places are very large, verges too and there are huge ruts, gravel etc on the road and seemingly the residents have been talking to Councillor Campbell regarding this. The Community Council were quite happy to leave Councillor Campbell to deal with this but Councillor Dorman will also speak with Graham Doig regarding same.

Gillian Scott has passed her exam and will be leaving to take on another post within Scottish Police but Gerry McSweeney (Aileen wasn't quite sure of the name) is taking over her position.

The Police Station has also been sold.

5. **Police:** They were told not to give specifics about Strathaven but we advised that this had been done in January. No serious crimes just the usual kids up the park but with the better

weather started and lighter nights this was to be expected. Rural crime mentioned but it has been fine so far but again due to light nights it could rise. However, Plain Clothes Police will be making a presence in Strathaven and as from 9th May Local Problem Solving Teams go live. We should have two Police persons in Strathaven. They did advise they will be doing their best to look after the rural areas of Strathaven etc. They were given a note of Les's email address and will email him the specifics.

6. **Secretary's Report:** Les advised there was nothing much to report and that he was in discussions regarding meeting on 12th May .
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Sheila reported £63.51 not allocated. We missed the deadline for putting an advert in the Gala Programme. We will use the £60 to print flyers to hand out regarding the open evening as there are many groups who use the Ballgreen Hall who should be in attendance to find out what the new "Lifestyles" will offer. Aileen had spoken with Liz the Hall Keeper regarding same. There are a great number of clubs etc use the halls.
8. **Banks:** Aileen advised that there will be no further update till the meeting in May.
9. **Open Evening Organisation:** Les with liaise with Gerry Black and it will be on the Agenda for the April meeting. List of Organisations etc need to be found out as per Aileen's suggestion under Treasurer's Report.

10. Reports from Community Council Members:

Rotary Contemplative Garden: Morag advised that at the Town Group Meeting it was brought up but doesn't look like the Allison Green will be used as the garden is 28 square metres and this would take up too much of the Allison Green. They have other sites to look at Les spoke with Ralph McLeod about it and he will keep Les advised. Also the Town Group are having costings made for brochures/leaflets and getting funding from Renewable Energy so these can be handed to Bus Companies and the new developers to hopefully encourage people to visit Strathaven. The Heritage Trails are working with Strathaven Academy.

The Balloon Festival will have 18 balloons this year and they are at present building performances etc.

John Hastie Trust will be playing host to history Groups.

The Town Mill have brought up anxiety concerns regarding the flooding issues. Gordon had photographs of the flooding on the Stonehouse Road and also the damage caused inside the Town Mill building itself. The ladies toilets which were being refurbished have now been ruined. Their bookings are rising and they want the facility to be used but the drainage is not good and they think the remedy of the drainage may be in front of Jardine's building. The need to find a conduit to get water away from Stonehouse Road. Mike Burgess has been speaking with The Council who say that its Scottish Water's problem. Graeme Doig will come out and look at it at some point the last time he was there was 25th November 2014. The Town Mill would like help regarding the flash flooding etc.

11. Reports from Councillors: Councillor Hollman reported that there was nothing of major importance to report but that this would be his last meeting. Councillor Dorman advised all about the official opening of the Rugby Club and it was brought to the Council's attention that the soil which makes up the banking will be sold off to whoever wishes to purchase it.

12. A.O.C.B: Linda was very happy that a barrier had now been put up in the back entrance to Aldi's carpark.

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, 25th April 2017 in the Ballgreen Hall, Strathaven at 7pm. Members of the Public are welcome.

The Audit List and other items must be brought up at this meeting.

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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