



STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 31ST October 2017

- Sederunt:** Aileen McMann, Chairperson, Gordon McAllan, Vice Chair, Morag Arnot, Peter Mansell-Moulin, Margot McDonald and Linda Brown,
Councillors: Campbell and Dorman
Visitors: Alister Hendry
Police: Constables Howie and Henry

- Apologies:** Les Hoggan, Sheila Tulloch, Arlene Rowney, Councillor Cooper

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Correction of Minutes "role" instead of "rule" in line 3 of first paragraph of Matter 4.

3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

None.

Minutes were proposed by Gordon McAllan and seconded by Aileen McMann.

- Police:** 38 crimes reported in the last month, mostly thefts and a few drugs problems detected. Some of the thefts have also been detected. Police apologised for their lateness attending meeting as they were actually attending a breakdown tonight. They ask that the public be very vigilant especially on the run up to Christmas. There have also been some van break-ins not just in Strathaven but Glassford and Chapelton also. If households have an alarm Police advised it should be used. Councillor Campbell will speak with the Police Liaison Officer and try to arrange a meeting.
- Secretary's Report:** Les sent in his Secretary's Report due to his absence which gave a list of names for the new community facility which had been promoted via Facebook and also Echoes Newspaper. These will be discussed at any other matters. Also an enquiry from someone wishing to join the Community Council and a couple of requests to attend in order to assist. With regard to Strathaven Castle advising SLC had been contacted again and advised that contact had been made with Historic Environment Scotland and a follow up meeting would be schedule. Gordon raised further concerns about the Castle as more masonry had fallen.

Some Planning Issues were raised and also road issues concerns which will be raised at another meeting.

- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Sheila also sent in her Report and re-iterated there was some monies to be used and we now have to discuss same as soon as possible about what cause(s) the money could be put to. The website was brought up and could monies be put to that as it requires to be updated fairly regularly. A Facebook page was brought up together with some ideas for spending the money with advertising the CC this will be brought up as a separate matter but we must all have ideas for spending the monies by the November meeting.
- 7. Banks:** Aileen and Margot attended a meeting on Tuesday. There was a new lady liaison person attending. She operated out of Durham. They had the meeting with George Smith as a result it came to light this lady had come to finalise the document. Everyone felt she was railroading them over certain parts of the document. However, the lady is away back to Durham to revise the document. An amended version is to still to be received.

Turbine development pictures were produced at the meeting. There will be an increase in capacity and we will get better remuneration. The turbines sizes are increasing but because the extension lies in a dip the size looks similar to the remainder of the turbines. Other Community Councils agree that the size of the turbines was fine and we agreed that we didn't see any point in disagreeing either. Views and concerns were raised and we all agreed with these but could not see where we could object. They expect to connect to the grid early next year and there is going to be a considerable amount upheaval. There will be three way traffic lights at the top of Townhead Street and letters put through all house doors regarding the disruption when the turbines comes through the town.

With regards to the public money being given we will have a separate meeting not at the same time as a CC meeting as there are many priorities for discussion.

8. Community Council - vacant position

It was agreed that Donald McKillop and Robert Atkinson should be given thank you letters for all their assistance in their time with the CC. Alister Hendry was brought on as a member. Linda proposed and Aileen seconded.

9. Planning Issues

The Secretary had already brought up some of these in his Report. However the one requiring the utmost of our time was going through all the names for the new Community Facility. We all sifted through the ones sent in and came up with:

The Main Hall "Avondale"

The 4 meeting rooms:- Calder, Kype, Powmillon and Goodsburn.

These will be put forward to Gerry.

- 10. Reports from Community Council Members:** Update from Friends of Strathaven Scouts regarding publicity accessed defibrillator. Alistair Ogilvie is hopeful than an agreement will be made with Scotmid in the near future. Morag will keep us up to date with this.
- 11. Reports from SLC Councillors:** Social Housing is being brought into Strathaven possibly at East Overton but this has yet to be discussed in full.
- 12. A.O.C.B:** The CC website was brought back into discussion. Websites need to be tended to regularly. It was discussed that the way forward was a Community Council Facebook page with updates put on it. A blog about what the CC actually do, Minutes can be posted on it also. Alister Hendry was nominated by Linda to do it and Aileen nominated Linda to help him. It was also agreed to speak with Les about putting in a link from the website which took anyone straight to the Facebook page. Graeme Campbell also advised he would also like to work with Alister and Linda in putting it all together

It is with sadness that Donald McKillop has resigned and also Robert Atkinson due to pressure of work. Both are thanked for all their hard work but as before letters will be sent to them thanking them for their hard work.

On Tuesday, 14th November 2017 at 7pm, a Finance and Consultation Meeting will be called and held at this time Banks will be discussed and we can also have a look at the Stonehouse website and their Facebook page. TO REMIND AILEEN OF THIS

Ask Les to book the Hall or he can give Linda a note of the contact and she can do it.

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, 28th November 2017 in the Ballgreen Hall, Strathaven.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S MEETINGS.