



Strathaven and Glassford Community Council Minutes of the Council Meeting 29th January 2019

1. **Sederunt:** Aileen McMann (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan (Vice Chairperson)
Les Hoggan (Secretary); Sheila Tulloch (Treasurer); A Hendry (Minute Secretary)
Margot McDonald; Morag Arnot;; Douglas Scott; Steve Thompson;

Police; H Howie

Councillors: Campbell, Cooper and Dorman.

Visitors: S Thompson

2. **Apologies:** R Paterson; A Stewart; L Brown

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

These were proposed by Margot McDonald and seconded by Les Hoggan.

4. **Matters arising from Previous Minutes**

Traffic Management

Following a second meeting between SGCC members and South Lanarkshire Council to discuss options for improving the roads network within Strathaven and Glassford, the consensus of those present was that progress was being made on most issues. A further meeting is scheduled for February. Safety concerns raised about the rezoning of primary schools have been addressed by SLC.

Strathaven Castle

A further meeting was held earlier this month between SGCC members and SLC. Discussions are continuing between SLC and Historic Environment Scotland on prerequisites before structural remediation can begin. An update will be passed to SGCC by SLC when agreement is reached with HES

5. **Police Report**

PC H Howie stated that there had been 25 crimes reported this month of which two had been detected. These included nine of vandalism, a car theft and a hit and run incident where a child was struck by a car, reportedly a grey Audi. Police are appealing for witnesses to the incident that happened in the vicinity of the Commercial Rd/Louden St junction on Saturday 19th January at approximately 5.30pm.

Issues involving drinking and littering around the Town Mill were raised by SGCC members.

Currently there is a shortage of vehicles for patrolling officers

6. **An appreciation**

An appreciation of Alan Montgomery, SGCC Chairperson from 2010 -2012, who recently passed was given by Gordon McAllan.

7. **Commercial Rd/Hamilton Rd/Glassford Rd Junction changes**

Local resident, S. Martin, raised safety concerns of the dangers to cyclists and pedestrians/runners since the recent changes at the above junction. SGCC was asked to add its backing to his recent communication with SLC. It was later decided to raise the issue in a communication with Martin McGlynn at SLC.

8. **Banks Report**

Following last month's meeting it was reported by SGCC members attending that things have moved closer to a final agreement. Next meeting scheduled for 31/01/19

9. **Development of Community Action Plan**

Awaiting returns from Strathaven Academy. Further details at next SGCC meeting.

10. **SGCC involvement with Strathaven Town Group**

Steve Thompson will attend as a representative replacing recently retired Peter Mansell-Moullin.

11. **Secretary's Report.**

Rifleman Khan Statue

It was proposed by Gordon McAllan that SGCC send a letter supporting the appeal. Seconded by Douglas Scott. Les Hoggan to prepare letter.

Christmas Lights

A letter of support will be sought at a later date concerning Christmas lighting around the town.

12. **Treasurer's Report**

Accepted

*Margot McDonald put forward the proposal to migrate the SGCC website to Wordpress
This would involve an approximate cost of £tbc
Seconded by Gordon McAllan*

Mention was made of the possible use of notice boards to communicate SGCC work to the community. Les Hoggan to investigate costings and report back.

13. Reports from SGCC members

Hands on Project (HOP)

An update on the Avondale project was given by Morag Arnot

HOP has been operating for 5 years and the Befriending Service is now able to accept new befriendees from within Avondale. The Handyperson Service continues to deliver a range of small jobs about the home to keep the elderly safe.

SGCC members were asked to disseminate information on the project widely.

Minute Taker

John Graham will come along to the next meeting to get a flavour before deciding if he is to volunteer for the position – Margot McDonald

Flooding at Town Mill

Gordon McAllan reported the return of flooding on the A71 adjacent to the Town Mill. This is causing damage to the fabric of the building. Councillor Cooper will contact SLC Roads.

Planning and Licensing

Douglas Scott and Steve Thompson are to review Planning and Licensing matters on an on-going basis and will report monthly back to SGCC

CARS project

This project has currently stalled due to the non-availability of an SLC officer, who is partly funded by the CARS project. Councillor Cooper will investigate further. Concerns were raised regarding the poor uptake around the town especially in the Kirk St area. – Les Hoggan.

14. Reports from SLC Councillors

Councillor Cooper reported on SLC budget discussions flagging up an £8M shortfall. There is a £1.4M saving to be made in Leisure and Culture. The subject of Birthday discrimination regarding nursery provision for 3yr olds was also mentioned.

Councillor Campbell reported that there were further issues at Brae Farm.

15. A.O.C.B.

SGCC members have decided to support the Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust quiz at Strathaven Golf Club on Friday 22nd February. Entrance fees will be met by attending members from their own pockets.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday February 26th 2019 at 7pm in the Calder Room, Avondale Community Wing, Strathaven.

Members of the Public are most welcome to all our Meetings
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