



Strathaven and Glassford Community Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting 26th February 2019

1. **Sederunt:** Aileen McMann (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan (Vice Chairperson)
Les Hoggan (Secretary); A Hendry (Minute Secretary) Margot McDonald; Douglas
Scott; Steve Thompson; Russell Paterson; Aileen Stewart; Linda Brown

Police; H Howie

Councillors: G. Campbell and I. Dorman.

Visitors: R. Gow; J Graham

2. **Apologies:** M. Arnot; S. Tulloch; M. Cooper

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

These were proposed by Linda Brown and seconded by Les Hoggan.

4. **Matters arising from Previous Minutes**

a) Driving within Strathaven

Councillor Campbell outlined on his meeting with Police Scotland and was able to report that a bid for covert traffic patrols within the Strathaven area has been submitted. This was based on historic evidence of speeding taking place on Lethame Road and Commercial Road. There is a hope that a change/return to "Twenty's Plenty" may feature in future Scottish government policy.

G. McAllan will investigate options of safe driving courses available from RoSPA Scotland and IoAM

b) Use of Administrative Grant prior to end of financial year

Confirmation of costing to migrate SGCC website to Wordpress as £84.00 (L. Hoggan will get invoice for payment)

The current balance of the grant stands at £289.23

c) Commercial Rd. junction changes

There have been a number of accidents reported at this junction since the last meeting. SLC have redesigned the road marking to address some of the issues mentioned in 4a)

d) Planning updates

There wasn't much of great note this month. The development of the land behind the Drumclog Inn was largely welcomed as an improvement. The erection of equine units adjacent to the Breckonridge Highway opposite the North Fieldhead Farm road end raised some concerns worthy of further observation.

e) Minute taker: John Graham

John came along to get a feel for the meetings and will return again next month before making a decision on taking up the position or not.

5. Police Report

PC H Howie stated that there had been 29 crimes reported this month of which 12 had been detected. Issues involving youths and alcohol featured again this month.

There has been some improvement in the availability of vehicles for patrolling officers

6. Banks Update

*The Kype Muir Fund is currently awaiting signature. Further meeting to follow (date tba)
On-line applications can be made to the County Durham Banks Fund. There will be £25,000 available although there are ongoing discussions with Sandford CC re pooling resources on projects where both CC areas will benefit.*

7. Development of the Community Action Plan

*Action plan to be completed by end of March. SGCC website will be updated with links on how to apply. An Open Day is to be arranged around the end of April / beginning of May;
Action: G. McAllan will price options of caravan hire/gazebo and display boards for the display as well as a portable PA system for SGCC public meetings. Over 100 consultation questionnaires from Strathaven Academy pupils has been returned (05/03/19) and will be collated along with other returns from the community. Next meeting of the sub-committee- 21/03/19*

8. Secretary's Report

a) Active Travel Workshop

This will take place on 6th March; South Lanarkshire Cycling Partnership and consultants will examine existing paths and roadways around the area with the intention of providing safe cycle access separate from vehicles.

b)SGCC Website updated

Migration to Wordpress complete: Cost £84.00

c) Future Agenda Submissions

The Secretary, Les Hoggan, will accept any items, apologies and updates for inclusion in future agenda. Please try to give as much notice as possible.

9. Treasurer's Report

Accepted

10. Reports from SGCC members

CARS project

Councillor Cooper raised the issue of cooperation between SLC officers and the CARS partnership with Michael McGlynn of SLC. Positives responses from SLC and SLC officers since, promises greater local input to the project. – Les Hoggan

Waterside Street

There is a problem with waste bins from commercial and domestic origin on Waterside St., to the extent that it is causing traffic passage difficulties. A suggestion was made that bin stores could be built on land adjacent to the street. (possible adoption by SLC?)- Margot McDonald

11. Reports from SLC Councillors

Councillor Dorman stated that the next meeting of the Town Group will be on the 14th of March

Councillor Campbell reported that there had been an application for a Funfair to be held at George Allan Park but that it had been withdrawn due to anomalies within the application. Tweaks to the Hamilton Rd/Commercial Rd junction are to be monitored. SLC budget to go through this week (probably)

15. A.O.C.B.

Chairperson Aileen McMann looked for members to assume certain roles within SGCC

Castle – Gordon McAllan, Les Hoggan

Police Liaison – Russell Paterson

Banks Liaison - Margot McDonald, Aileen McMann,

CARS – Les Hoggan

Cemeteries – Linda Brown, Aileen McMann, Russell Paterson

Planning and Licencing - Douglas Scott, Steve Thompson

Fund raising – tba

Congratulations were extended to the SGCC Team that supported the Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust quiz at Strathaven Golf Club on Friday 22nd February. The team recorded a very creditable 50 points, only two short of the winning score of 52

Concerns were mooted regarding the fate of the stained glass windows in the former East Church. Members from Planning and Licencing have already enquired but are not optimistic.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday March 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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