

Strathaven and Glassford Community Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting 28th May 2019 (2nd Draft)

1. **Sederunt:-** Aileen Mc Mann (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan (Vice Chair); Les Hoggan (Secretary); Sheila Tulloch (Treasurer); Morag Arnot; Alister Hendry; Linda McCorrison; Margot McDonald; Russell Paterson; Douglas Scott; Aileen Stewart and Steve Thompson.

Police:- H. Howie and R. Park.

Councillors:- M. Cooper and I. Dorman.

Minute Secretary:- J. Graham.

Visitors:- M. Campbell and L. McEwan.

2. **Apologies:-** L. Brown and G. Campbell.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

Minutes passed without change. Proposed:- M. Arnot. Seconded:- D. Scott.

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.**

(a) **One-way System Wellbrae and Bridge Street** - L. Hoggan reported that seven comments had been received on this Proposal. He recommended that the public be encouraged to send comments to SLC via letter or E-Mail.

(b) **Reporting of Incidents to Police** - L. Hoggan to highlight this issue in Echoes.

(c) **Todshill/Castle Tavern Site** - Community Council complimented all involved in helping tidy up the site, including work done on the wall and railings on Todshill Street and the Castle. Councillor Cooper stated that materials would be delivered this week which would allow volunteers to complete work on the site prior to Gala Week. She expressed thanks to the businesses who had given generously of their time and donations of material.

(d) **Planning Update** - Planning permission is being sought to erect an illuminated sign on the former Dragon Court building on Kirk Street.

(e) **Grants Open Day** - The Event was held to launch the Community Action Plan and to give information on two new funding streams available - Kype Muir Community Fund and the Community Council Micro Grants scheme. A. Mc Mann thanked all who helped on the day and said that the public showed great interest in the information available. Applications from eligible people and groups are welcome. Forms and Guidance are available on the Website and an article will appear in Echoes.

5. **Police Report.**

There were 28 recorded crimes last month, 8 of which were detected. Crimes involved:- Road Traffic Offences and Theft, related to break ins to steal tools.

Problems remain concerning dangerous driving and speeding and Police will continue to monitor this.

There are concerns about youth disturbances and the use of alcohol in certain areas around Avondale and there will be a Police presence on Gala Day to help minimise any disturbances.

6. Strathaven Cemetery.

Concerns were raised by M. Campbell and L. McEwan regarding the lack of burial plots available and the need for a site to be found for a new cemetery in Strathaven. They had contacted SLC and Bereavement Services had responded by saying that there has been no progress in finding a site to date but they remained hopeful that a solution can be found.

Councillor Cooper said that SLC had been trying to find a suitable site for four years but they were being met with a reluctance on the part of landowners to sell their land. Councillors said that they would keep the issue on the agenda and the Community Council agreed that it was desirable to find a site for a new cemetery. L. Hoggan agreed to highlight the issue in Echoes.

7. Defibrillator Provision in Strathaven.

There are now two publicly accessible Defibrillators in Strathaven. One at Ann Davidson Butchers in Green Street and one being installed at Strathaven Trinity Church. Strathaven Evangelical Church have initiated a Project to add more Defibrillators and a public meeting will be held in the Church at 7.30pm. on 25th June to consult with the Community as to where others should be located. A map, showing current locations of Defibrillators will appear in Echoes.

8. Kype Muir Community Fund.

(a) The Fund is set up but money is not yet in place. Applications to the Fund can be made now and the Scheme will be launched by all Local Community Councils on 26th June.

(b) Kype Muir Trust still don't have representation on SLC Renewable Energy Fund. As there has been no change to the way the Grant is administered this would require a Committee Paper from SLC to allow this to happen.

(c) Connect have asked to attend the August meeting of the Community Council. It was agreed that they could attend.

9. Community Council Micro Grants.

Following discussion at the April meeting an Application has been made to SLC for a Grant of £5,000 as part of the REF Micro Grant Scheme. We have been advised that the money will be paid in but the timescale has not yet been agreed. Applications for Funding can be accepted now and these will be dealt with in date order when the money becomes available. The Scheme will be closed when the total fund has been allocated and people will be notified when this occurs.

A. McMann, S. Tulloch and R. Paterson to form a Sub-Group to deal with Micro Grants.

10. Secretary's Report.

Accepted.

11. Treasurer's Report.

- (a) The 2018 - 2019 year end paperwork was submitted to SLC at the beginning of May. Once an Audit has been completed it is expected that the current year Grant will be paid to the Community Council during the summer period.
- (b) As part of the Open Day to publicise the Kype Muir and Micro Grant Fund printing costs of £658.80 were incurred with 360 Graphics. Refreshments to the value of £16.10 were incurred with Roasted on the Open Day. Retrospective approval for this spend from the Banks Fund was agreed.
- (c) Expenditure of £480.00 was incurred with Les Hoggan Photography for the design and development of the Community Action Plan. S. Tulloch incurred expenditure of £300.00 for the analysis of the Young Persons Questionnaires and an ex gratia payment was due to her. Approval was given for both payments from the Banks Fund.

12. Reports from Community Council Members.

- (a) Strathaven Business Association are in discussions about obtaining new Christmas lights for the town. Two Schemes will be put forward for public consultation. (L. Hoggan).
- (b) Work on the Hoo Wah, under the CARS Scheme, will begin in June. Progress is being made with other businesses and four have signed up to have work done under CARS. (L. Hoggan).
- (c) A temporary measure will be put in place for the Community Council Noticeboard in the Common Green until the Rifleman Khan Statue is installed. A new Board will be considered after this. (L. Hoggan).
- (d) Balloon Festival programme will be ready soon. Park and Ride Scheme details will be included in the Programme. Four sites have been confirmed and two have still to be agreed. Details about restrictions in the town to be finalised with SLC. (G. McAllan).
- (e) Hangerfest will take place on Saturday 1st June over seven venues in the town. (G. McAllan).
- (f) R. Paterson is going to compile a photographic record to highlight areas/sites of concern within the cemetery in need of repair and attention.

13. Reports from SLC Councillors.

Councillor M. Cooper.

- (a) The Balloon Festival will have 200 barriers and 2 gazebos for use over the weekend.
- (b) She reported that she had been working on Funding Bids with some local groups:-
 - Disabled Toilet in Avondale Church.
 - Improvements to the Locker Room and other work at Strathaven Bowling Club.



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- (c) Strathaven Golf Club to sell a piece of land to allow for the building of a new shed.
- (d) The Discover Strathaven Brochure is at the Draft stage and the launch is planned for September 22nd at the Strathaven Hotel.

Councillor I. Dorman.

- (a) She intimated that notices would be sent to households informing them of changes to Bin Collection days. Monday Collection would be Tuesday and Wednesday Collection would be Thursday. This is scheduled to start on week beginning 3rd June.
- (b) She has been asked to discuss the number of Drink Licences in the area with the Community Council. The Community Council agreed to consider the matter.

14. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday June 25th at 7.00pm in the Calder Room, The Avondale Community Wing, Strathaven.

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