

**Strathaven and Glassford Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting 25th June 2019 (2nd Draft)**

1. **Sederunt:-** Aileen McMann (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan (Vice Chair); Morag Arnot; Linda Brown; Alister Hendry; Linda McCorrison; Margot McDonald; Douglas Scott and Aileen Stewart.

Police:- H. Howie.

Councillors:- I. Dorman.

Minute Secretary:- J. Graham.

Visitor:- D. Baird.

2. **Apologies:-** S. Tulloch (Treasurer); G. Campbell; M. Cooper; R. Paterson and S. Thompson.

(L. Hoggan did not attend the Meeting as he was representing the Community Council at another event).

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (28/05/19).**

Minutes were passed without change. Proposed:- M. McDonald. Seconded:- G. McAllan.

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

(a) **Todshill/Castle Tavern Site** - A third bench to be installed on the site.

(b) **Planning Update** - Permission for an illuminated sign on the former Dragon Court building is still under consideration.

5. **Police Report.**

(a) There were 23 recorded crimes in the last month, 11 of which were detected.

(b) H. Howie was asked if there was any news on the planter boxes set on fire in the Park. She reported no further information regarding this incident.

(c) Policing during the day on Gala Day was successful but there were problems with groups congregating in the Common Green in the evening.

(d) A Police Van with CCTV capability will be in Strathaven at weekends.

6. **Strathaven Cemetery.**

(a) Discussion on this was deferred until the August Meeting but R. Paterson will continue to compile a photographic record highlighting areas of concern.

(b) Councillor Dorman reported that, following a suggestion from the May Community Council Meeting, she had spoken to SLC about the possibility of The Glebe as a site for a new cemetery. This is being investigated by the Council.

**7. Signage on the A71.**

A suggestion had been raised as to the possibility of Signage, highlighting facilities available in Strathaven and directions to the Town Centre, being erected on the outskirts of the town. It was believed that this emanated from the Business Association and L. Hoggan to be asked if he could raise this with them to ascertain what exactly was being suggested.

**8. Strathaven Traffic Consultation.**

(a) A Draft Consultation Form concerning the proposals to change traffic priorities in the Common Green at Bridge Street and Wellbrae was shown to those present. The Form contained three options to be presented to the Community during the Consultation process. Options were as follows:-

- (1) Bridge Street changed to One Way out of the Common Green to Castle Street. Traffic changed to One Way on Wellbrae entering the Common Green from Kirk Street.
- (2) Bridge Street changed to One Way into the Common Green from Castle Street. Wellbrae changed to One Way leaving the Common Green to Kirk Street.
- (3) Traffic priorities remain as present with Two-Way traffic on Wellbrae and Bridge Street.

The Traffic Consultation Form was agreed as presented.

L. Hoggan to be asked to give the Community Council costings for printing copies of the Form and, once costings were agreed, to have the Forms printed and circulated to suitable sites in the town (e.g. Churches, Library etc.) where they can be picked up by members of the Community. He is also to be asked to let the Community know via 'Echoes', Community Council Website and Facebook when Consultation Forms are available. Costs will be met from Community Council Funds.

- (b) The Community Council agreed to recommend support for Option One on the Form.
- (c) Following discussion regarding pedestrian safety following on from any changes to the status quo it was thought that SLC would have to take some steps to make Wellbrae safer. (e.g. Pedestrian Crossing, Pavements installed etc.).
- (d) Councillor Dorman informed the Community Council that Waiting and Loading Restriction times at Thomson Street/Kirk Street were going to be extended from the current 8.00am - 6.00pm to all day.

**9. Kype Muir Community Fund.**

A meeting where this Fund will be launched by all local Community Councils to be held on Wednesday 26th June. The money is now in the Fund and two Applications for funding have been redirected from Banks Renewables to the Community Council. There may have to be mutual discussions with the local Community Councils where there is an overlap between areas in a Funding Bid.

**10. Community Council Micro Grants.**

Nothing to be done until the money is in the Fund.

**11. Secretary's Report.**

Accepted.

**12. Treasurer's Report.**

(a) It was agreed to accept the format of the Report and its contents.

(b) Retrospective approval was requested for the payment of £150 made to 'Strathaven Echoes' in respect of the BANKS flyer enclosed in the 17th May edition. This relates to the overall Open Day costs on 18th May 2019. Approval was agreed. Proposed:- G. McAllan. Seconded:- D. Scott.

**13. Reports from Community Council Members.**

(a) There is a problem with overhanging tree branches at the bridge on Green Street making it difficult for pedestrians walking along the pavement. SLC to be asked if the branches can be trimmed back. Councillor Dorman agreed to take up the matter. (L. Brown).

(b) South Lanarkshire Cycling Partnership have carried out Active Travel Studies for East Kilbride, Hamilton and Rutherglen. It would be beneficial if more could be done to encourage cycling in the Avondale area. (G. McAllan).

(c) An Application has been received for a Licence to hold a Fun Fair on 17th - 21st July in the Car Park at the George Allan Park. It will be open from 1.00pm until 8.00pm. on the above dates. Assurances have been received from the organisers and residents in the surrounding area of the site have informed the Licensing Board by letter that they have no objections to the Licence being granted. L. Hoggan to be asked to place an Article in 'Echoes' about the event. (D. Scott).

(d) J. Graham was asked if he would send the Minutes separately to D. Baird after they had been agreed in Draft form by the Community Council. (L. McCorrison).

(e) In some parts of the town hedges are encroaching on to the pavements forcing pedestrians to go on to the road when passing the obstruction. It was asked if something could be done about this. (L. McCorrison).

(f) The Mobile Men's Shed will be in the Car Park in the Common Green on 4th and 5th July between 10.00am and 2.30pm. (J. Graham).

**14. Reports from SLC Councillors.**

**Councillor I. Dorman.**

A Booklet 'Walking and Cycling in Strathclyde Park' has been produced. A copy was passed round to those at the Meeting.

**15. South Lanarkshire Town Centre Fund 2019 - 2020.**

(a) A copy of the Guidelines was given to all present. This is a new time limited Fund of £2.5 million and Applications are welcome from eligible organisations to apply for Grants of over £50,000 to help improve town centres. Applications

have to be submitted by 31st July but representation has been made to the Scottish Government for an extension to this date. Only one Application per town is allowed. The Town Centre Boundary as designated in the Town Plan is the geographical area to be used but Applications can be accepted from outside this boundary. Full criteria for the Fund can be found by clicking on the link :- Scottish Government Town Centre Action Plan.

- (b) A Draft Application for a Project from the Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust was circulated. G. McAllan spoke briefly giving more detail on the Plan. Although the Plan falls outside the designated Town Centre area the Community Council agreed in principle to consider the Plan over the next few weeks.
- (c) The Town Mill is also situated outside the designated area and the Town Mill Trust are to be informed that they can submit an Application for funding should they have a Project in mind. Councillor Dorman agreed to inform Alec Hardy of this and to give him a copy of the Guidelines.
- (d) Applicants for funding will be asked to give a Presentation on their Projects to the Community Council and a decision will be made as to which Project goes forward to SLC. Applicants cannot vote on the proposals.
- (e) L. Hoggan to be asked to advertise the Town Centre Fund on the Community Council Website with links to the Strathaven Town Page and Facebook, stressing that Applications have to come from a Constituted Group. Applications should be submitted to the Community Council by 19th July.
- (f) L. Hoggan to book a Room in the Avondale Community Wing for 7.00pm on Tuesday 23rd July. This is for an Extraordinary Sub Group Meeting to discuss possible Applications for Funding from the Town Centre Fund. The Sub Group will report back to the full Community Council.

**16. AOCB.**

- (a) Lisa Cameron MP has been contacted by a constituent about creating a Community Garden in Strathaven. The person to be asked to submit the suggestion, via E-Mail, to the Community Council and to be informed that they would be welcome to attend a future Community Council Meeting to discuss any proposal. (D. Baird).
- (b) A question has been raised through the office of Lisa Cameron MP regarding having a Community Noticeboard in the town. In response it was said that replacing of the current Noticeboard was under consideration by the Community Council. (D. Baird).

**17. Dates of Next Meetings.**

- (a) An Extraordinary Sub Group Meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd July at 7.00pm in the Calder Room, The Avondale Community Wing, Strathaven.
- (b) The next full Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27th August at 7.00pm in the Calder Room, the Avondale Community Wing, Strathaven.

**Members of the Public are most welcome to all our Meetings.  
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