

**Strathaven and Glassford Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting 27th August 2019 (2nd Draft)**

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

Councillors:- G. Campbell and I. Dorman.

Minute Secretary:- J. Graham.

Visitors:- D. Baird and W. Weir (SLC).

2. **Apologies:-** R. Paterson (Due to illness).

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (25/06/19).**

Minutes were passed without change. Proposed:- A. Hendry. Seconded:- L. Brown.

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

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

(b) **Taal Restaurant** - The Chairperson asked for information regarding the windows being put into the extension being built and if they matched those on the original structure. L. Hoggan reported that the extension windows would be mainly glass and would be in keeping with the existing facia. He also said that CARS funding had been requested to replace the existing entrance.

(c) **Strathaven Cemetery** - Following investigation by SLC Councillor Dorman reported that it was found that the Glebe would not be a suitable site for a new cemetery due to the water course.

(d) **Wind Turbines** - The CC submitted a Letter expressing serious concerns over a proposed development to install 5 Wind Turbines at Back Hareshaw Farm. There are also concerns over a Planning Application for a Turbine at Mount Farm Drumclog and the Renewal of Planning Permission for a Wind Turbine at Stoneyhill Farm. The CC has been consistent over the years in objecting to unrestrained proliferation of industrial Wind Turbines. When future Wind Turbine Applications come in it was agreed that the CC would refer to the above mentioned Letter.

(e) **Local Development Plan** - The Plan has gone to the Scottish Government and three areas have been referred to the Reporter. These are:-

1. East Overton Extension.
2. Glasgow Road to Crags Road Plan.
3. Housing in Glassford to the west of the village.

**5. Police Report.**

There was no Police Report this month.

**6. Connect2Renewables Fund** - Presentation by W. Weir (SLC).

The funded programme, part of the Connect2Renewables Fund, is designed to benefit the unemployed who live within 10 kilometres of Middlemuir Banks Wind Farm. This covers part of the rural areas of South Lanarkshire. It helps individuals to find employment through assisting with re-training, helping those finding it hard to get to college, looking at transport challenges and giving advice and support. The Fund is a lender of last resort and will signpost individuals to other groups or agencies who can assist them. A scheme to introduce an Employer Incentive for employers to take someone on for the first year is being considered.

Expanding the programme to cover the Avondale Area is being discussed. The timescale for this is not known at present but a Report goes to Committee on 3rd September. The CC were asked to consider who might benefit from help in the area, where funding could be spent and how the Community could benefit. The Members of the CC agreed to consider these points and suggested that W. Weir attend a future CC meeting.

As W. Weir had said that she works with Douglas Universal Connections, the question as to whether having such a service in Strathaven would be beneficial to the Community was raised.

**7. Strathaven Cemetery** - Discussion deferred to next meeting.

**8. Strathaven Signage on A71** - The erection of the UK Standard Brown Signs advertising facilities and attractions would be beneficial to Strathaven. It was stated that Strathaven cannot be added to Signage from the Motorway as only the first and last places en route can be used by Law. Many of the current signs are obscured by trees or bushes and also require cleaning. This needs to be addressed. It was agreed to add the topic to the Agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

**9. Traffic Consultation** - Around two dozen responses have been received regarding the Consultation with 95% of these supporting the CC preferred option. Responses from Facebook will be collated for the next meeting.

**10. Kype Muir Community Fund** - Current understanding of proposed procedure:-

1. Expressions of Interest to James Eaglesham at the Fund holders.
2. He sends them to CC.
3. Members of CC consider them.
4. A Member of the CC gets back to the Applicants, seeking clarification and explaining what is possible.
5. Full Applications are submitted.
6. The Members of the CC approve the sum to be given.
7. The Kype Muir Group ratifies the Award.

Some issues have been identified. These are:-

- A. We have not yet explained the sum available this year.
- B. None of the Applicants, as far as is known, have spoken with a CC Member.
- C. Should a Sub-Group be formed to consider the Final Applications?
- D. Further communication of information via the Website may be needed.
- E. The Fund is £30,000 for the year to August 2020.
- F. Current requests for funding come to £35,000 from 3 Applicants:-
  1. Avondale Church.
  2. Round Strathaven Cycling.
  3. Strathaven Rugby Football Club.

After discussion the following was agreed or suggested:-

1. A Sub-Group be formed to look at the Applications and report back to a full CC meeting for a decision on ratification.
2. To go back to Applicants and ask that the CC can look at specific parts of the Bids.
3. It was suggested that Applications include justification for requested funding and that Bids should be realistic and include Phased Development with stated priorities.

**11. Community Council Micro Grants.**

1. Annual funding of £5,000 was received from SLC on 9th July 2019.
2. The Sub-Group held an initial meeting on Friday 19th July to review the Applications received and agree the Standard Letter to be issued in respect of the Grant. A follow up discussion was held to review two Applications which required clarification.
3. A total of 7 Grant Applications have been received to date and these have been reviewed to ensure compliance against the criteria/conditions set out by SLC.

4. Before proceeding with details of individual Applications Members with an interest in any of the Groups were asked to identify themselves in order that this could be recorded on the paperwork required by SLC.
5. Groups applying are:-
  - A. The Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust.
  - B. Strathaven Camera Club.
  - C. Strathaven Miniature Railway.
  - D. Strathaven in Bloom.
  - E. Strathaven Gymnastics Club.
  - F. Friends of Strathaven Park.
  - G. Glassford Community Group.

The Sub-Group proposed that funding be given to each of the 7 Groups. This recommendation was agreed by the CC.

It was proposed that a special event should take place to hand out the cheques to the successful Groups and that publicity photographs be taken. The event could also help to further promote the Grants. This was agreed.

12. **Town Centre Fund** - The Application has been submitted. It comprises a Bid from the Town Mill Culture and Heritage Trust and from the Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust.

Thanks were expressed to L. Hoggan, S. Thompson, G. McAllan and A. Hardy for their work in ensuring that the Strathaven Town Application was completed and submitted on time. Thanks was also expressed to M. Miller from SLC for his advice and assistance.

It was agreed that the CC consider encouraging the production of possible schemes which could be ready for submission should similar funding be available in the future.

13. **Secretary's Report** - Accepted.
14. **Treasurer's Report** - Accepted.
15. **Reports from Community Council Members.**
  - (a) The work currently being carried out on premises on Green Street under the CARS Scheme is almost complete. (L. Hoggan).
  - (b) More shop front projects under CARS should be made known soon. (L. Hoggan).

- (c) The Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust will be holding a Quiz Night on the 23rd February, 2020 in Strathaven Golf Club. (M. McDonald).
- (d) Maintenance work is required at Wester Overton Primary School as some of the lettering has fallen off. Councillor Campbell agreed to look into this. (M. McDonald).
- (e) Resurfacing work carried out on the Darvel Road has led to the problem of speeding motor bikes becoming prevalent once more. A. Higgins of Police Scotland to be asked to look into this. (A. Hendry).
- (f) The Strathaven Round 50 organisers were congratulated on running a successful event once more. (G. McAllan).

**16. Reports from SLC Councillors.**

**Councillor G. Campbell.**

- (a) SLC should purchase a site on Kirk Street in the near future with a view to building 20 Affordable Housing Flats.
- (b) Complaints have been received about the work being carried out by Scottish Water in Strathaven. This work is essential and every effort has been made to keep disruption to a minimum.
- (c) Kirklandpark Primary School will be in the catchment area for homes being built on the East Kilbride Road.
- (d) Planning Application for the Puppy Farm on the East Kilbride Road will go to Committee in September.
- (e) The Chief Executive of SLC retired this week and a new one will be appointed soon.

**Councillor I. Dorman.**

Reported that she had been extremely busy with Constituency work.

**17. AOCB.**

- (a) The organisers of the Balloon Festival were congratulated on the success of the event. The new barriers worked well as did the Park and Ride Scheme. Thanks were expressed to SLC staff and to all volunteers who assisted with clearing up each day. It is hoped that a Strathaven Balloon could be purchased for next year.
- (b) J. Graham asked if the Papers relating to the meetings could also be sent to him to make it easier for him to take more accurate Minutes.

**18. Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 24th September 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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