

Strathaven and Glassford Community Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting 24th September 2019 (2nd Draft)

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

Councillors:- M. Cooper and I. Dorman.

Minute Secretary:- J. Graham.

Visitor:- D. Baird.

- 2. Apologies:-** Aileen McMann (Chairperson); Councillor Graeme Campbell; Linda McCorrison; Russell Paterson and Stephen Thompson.

- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (27/08/19).**

The Minutes were passed with the following change:-

Section 16(a) - 'SLC should purchase a site on Kirk Street...' changed to 'SLC has proposed purchasing a site on Kirk Street...'

Proposed:- M. Arnot. Seconded:- S. Tulloch.

- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.**

(a) Planning Update - Permission granted for the change of a window to a door on the former Dragon Court building.

(b) Taal Restaurant - Planning Application has been made to reinstate the entrance.

(c) Local Development Plan - Catriona Rice has been appointed from the 1st October as Reporter to review the Local Development Plan. The CC have held a meeting to prepare for this and a Report is being prepared to cover all three areas of concern.

(d) Town Centre Fund Application - A confirmation Letter has been received from SLC concerning the outcome of the Application. Both groups involved, the Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust and the Town Mill Culture and Heritage Trust, have been informed of the outcome. The SJHMT will receive funding for the production of a Digital Heritage Trail App as part of a joint Heritage Application involving three other towns. A sum of £150,000 has been awarded to the joint Bid. A meeting will be held with the SJHMT once details are known. The Town Mill application has been placed on the Reserve List.

5. Police Report.

No Officers were present but the CC Members were informed that the Police in the area now have their own Speed Gun.

6. Strathaven Cemetery.

(a) The situation regarding the condition of the Cemetery has improved. How to use the £55,000 funding provided by J. Paterson is being discussed. A decision will be made as to what maintenance will be carried out once costings have been received.

(b) No new lairs are available within the Cemetery and the community would like either an extension to the current site or a new Cemetery on a new site. The CC Members were informed that SLC had two potential sites under consideration for a possible new Cemetery. (One at Lesmahagow Road and one off the Hamilton Road). It would be at least one year at the earliest before a new Cemetery could be in place.

7. Transport and Roads.

(a) Commercial Road, Overton Road, North Street Junction - The sight lines at this Junction are bad and a new configuration at the site should be considered. (Overgrown bushes on island are severely obstructing sight of traffic turning into North Street from Commercial Road for cars waiting at Junction beside Maple Court.

(b) Traffic Consultation - Over 300 responses have been received regarding the proposed changes at Bridge Street and Wellbrae. About 95% of the responses support the CC's recommended option for the changes to the traffic flow on both streets.

(c) Hamilton Road/Glassford Road - Red signs are now in place on the road but sight lines are still poor. There is also a problem with traffic cutting the corner coming from Hamilton Road.

(d) Traffic Lights - Consideration should be given to changing the sequence of the lights at Lethame Road/Common Green as traffic can often be gridlocked in the Common Green.

(e) Cycle Stand - Consideration is being given to siting a Cycle Stand outside Cafe Q in the Common Green.

(f) Traffic Signs - Foliage around many signs needs to be cut back and all signs require cleaning. Councillors agreed to raise this with SLC.

(g) SLC Safe Routes - The designated Safe Route for pupils to walk from Dovecastle to school takes them through the path at the Castle to cross Kirk Street below the Pedestrian Crossing. M. McDonald agreed to raise this with the Education Department on behalf of the CC.

(h) Councillor Cooper reported that SLC were going to Pilot a scheme used by Lothians Council regarding school exclusion zones. Kirklandpark Primary and Strathaven Academy will be included in Phase

Two of the Pilot.

- (i) Calming measures on Lethame Road have still to be completed and there have been some complaints regarding the layout. It is possible that some changes may be needed.

8. CARS.

- (a) Work on the Hoo Wah on Green Street is almost complete.
- (b) Two further Applications on Green Street have been received and work on the Taal, Gebbie & Wilson, The Weavers and two properties on Lethame Road may also take place.
- (c) Planning Permission for installing double glazed windows on Flats on Kirk Street has been granted.
- (d) **Strathaven Academy** - Funding for a Workshop on Conservation at South Lanarkshire College, which will be trade based, for pupils at the Academy is being considered, as is a Photography Course for pupils.
- (e) Work on exterior of the former Dragon Court building on Kirk Street/ Wellbrae would improve its appearance and M. Arnot asked if there was any possibility of this being carried out under CARS. In reply, it was stated that this was unlikely as it would not be financially viable for the owner.

9. Kype Muir Fund.

- (a) A. McMann and M. McDonald met with the Kypemuir Community Partnership to discuss the Fund.
- (b) The CC Sub-Group has met with those bidding for funding and given them advice regarding their Bids.
- (c) L. Hoggan to promote the Fund to smaller groups through the press.

10. Micro Grants.

- (a) Awards given to date amount to £2,740.
- (b) There has been one new Application from the RVS Darby and Joan Club. A Grant of £400 recommended in the current year as a £10 per head contribution towards Christmas Dinner at the Strathaven Hotel on 9th December 2019. A Declaration of Interest Form was handed out for signing. Awarding of the Grant was agreed.
- (c) Grant money distributed will be £3,140 with £1,860 remaining in the current year.
- (d) L. Hoggan has arranged to undertake a promotion of the Micro Grants over the next month following a photo shoot of the Gymnastics Club receiving their Award.

11. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary had nothing to add to comments which he had made earlier.

12. Treasurer's Report.

- (a)** The Accounts were accepted by the Members.
- (b)** Following agreement at the CC Meeting on 27th August, cheques and paperwork relating to the 7 successful Micro Grants Applications were issued on Wednesday 28th August.
- (c)** As the CC is now in the second half of the Financial Year consideration must be given to any required spend on the Annual Grant of £515 from SLC. It was agreed that the cost of the Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Day be taken from this money.

13. Reports from Community Council Members.

- (a)** Members were asked if it would be possible to book a room for some Group Meetings rather than using the Bar/Restaurant in the Strathaven Hotel to ensure greater privacy. It was agreed to consider this. (M. Arnot).
- (b)** The question was raised at whether the Brae Farm Development should fall under the remit of Chapelton CC. It was believed that this was the case. (M. Arnot).
- (c)** With housing development being considered behind 'The Drumclog Inn' and the new SLC development on Kirk Street, it was commented that the residents of these houses would benefit from improved pavements on Wellbrae to allow safer access to the Common Green. There would be more space for these if and when Wellbrae becomes a one-way street. (M. Arnot).
- (d)** Mr. Scott Bennett refused retrospective Planning Consent for erection of buildings used for Dog Kennel business. (D. Scott).
- (e)** Various Wind Turbine constructions have been proposed and the CC will continue to oppose such projects for reasons detailed in a Letter dated April, 2019 regarding Back Hareshaw Farm. (D. Scott).
- (f)** S. Thompson and D. Scott are to meet with a retired Planning Officer to prepare a concise Report on the 3 areas mentioned in the Local Development Plan. (D. Scott).

14. Reports from SLC Councillors.

Councillor M. Cooper.

- (a) Golf Club** - Outline Planning Permission given for housing on a site at the Course.
- (b)** Permission has been granted for the building of a house behind 'The Drumclog Inn'.
- (c)** Consideration is being given by SLC for the building of Affordable or Sheltered Housing behind 'The Drumclog Inn' and off Station Road.

- (d) Planning Permission has been given for 7 houses next to The Glebe.
- (e) SLC has appointed a New Chief Executive.

Councillor I. Dorman.

It has been suggested that there is an over provision of liquor Licences in Strathaven and the CC were asked for comments on this matter. D. Scott agreed to check how many Licences are in place in towns of a similar size to Strathaven and report back to the CC.

15. AOCB.

- (a) D. Baird asked for clarification as to when he should receive the Draft Minutes following a CC Meeting. Following discussion it was decided that the Draft Minutes be sent directly to Lisa Cameron MP and Aileen Campbell MSP within 14 days of the Meeting.
- (b) A. Hendry reported that there had been a diesel spillage on certain roads around the Strathaven area that day and that the incident had not been dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

16. Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 29th October 2019 at 7.00pm in the Calder Room, the Avondale Community Wing, Strathaven.

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