

Strathaven and Glassford Community Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting 26th November 2019 (1st Draft)

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

Police:- Ross Park and Terry Reilly.

Councillors:- G. Campbell and I. Dorman.

Minute Secretary:- J. Graham.

Visitors:- S. Bousfield; Y. Fleming; L. Frew and K. Grinnart.

2. **Apologies:-** Linda Brown; Russell Paterson; Douglas Scott and Stephen Thompson.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (29/10/2019).**

The Minutes were passed without change.

Proposed:- L. Hoggan. Seconded:- A. Hendry.

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

(a) Kirk Street - The Flats being built on Kirk Street are scheduled to be ready by the end of March, 2020.

(b) Planning Update - The two Documents relating to Wind Turbine Plans have been lodged with SLC.

(c) Westfield Development - The CC have been asked if they know about the risk to the Standing Stone close to the Development. The CC met with the Planning Department on this issue and work behind the site has been temporarily stopped to allow the situation to be assessed. The West of Scotland Archaeological Group and SEPA have also been consulted.

5. **Police Report.**

(a) Youth Disorder - This is still continuing and is being investigated.

(b) Town Centre - Patrols are being increased in the Town Centre and the Police are investigating what can be done to assist Businesses at lunch time when the school is out.

(c) CCTV - No further news concerning the possible installation of CCTV at the Medical Centre. A date for a visit by the Police has to be announced and it was suggested that at least one Member of the CC accompany the Officer to the Centre.

- (d) Glassford** - L. Hoggan asked if the Police had received reports of car doors being tried in Glassford. They were not aware of this and said that it was possible that any reports had been received at the Hamilton Office.
- (e) Speeding** - Police will use the Speed Gun in the area in the near future. Reporting of incidents and obtaining a Crime Number would give the local Police a greater argument when requesting use of the Speed Gun.
- (f) Car Parking** - The problem of badly parked vehicles on Overton Road and around Wester Overton Primary School was raised. The Police said that they would ensure a presence in the area from time to time.
- (g) Fly Tipping** - SLC have been contacted by the Police and have said that they will attend to it.
- (h) Crime Figures** - After the Police representatives had left the Meeting it was noted that no Crime Figures had been reported for a few months. Members were informed that the Police were not duty bound to provide such figures by Councillor Campbell. He suggested that if the CC wished the figures contact be made with Inspector Higgins requesting their inclusion.

6. Wester Overton School Safe Route.

The visitors to the Meeting raised the question as to whether or not the Safe Route designated by SLC for children from the Kype View area to walk to Wester Overton Primary School was in fact safe. Local Councillors have been very helpful but SLC have deemed that the Route is safe. A Petition containing 100 signatures has been compiled and is currently with Dr. Cameron MP. After lengthy discussion, the following points were put forward:-

- (a)** The Petition to be given to the Local Councillors for submission to the Petitions Committee of SLC.
- (b)** The CC agreed to have the Transport Sub-Group look at the issue. Members could take photographic evidence and road measurements which could be used in conjunction with the Petition.
- (c)** Representatives from the visitors to meet with some CC Members to walk the Route and assess the scale of the problem.
- (d)** L. Hoggan to put an article in 'The Echoes' highlighting the issue.

7. Town Centre Fund.

SLC are going to manage the Heritage App Project on behalf of the Scottish Government. The Projects for all four towns involved have been linked into one Project. SLC do not have App Designers and have been in touch with some specialists. Should the Procurement Procedure have to be carried out this will cause a delay and make it difficult for the SJHMT to meet the timescale.

8. Strathaven Castle.

A Flyer containing some incorrect information about the Castle has been circulating in the town. L. Hoggan will put an article in 'The Echoes' giving the facts about the situation regarding the Castle. The Castle Sub-Group could consider meeting with SLC in early 2020 to get an update on the situation.

9. CARS.

(a) Good progress is being made with the Cars Scheme. Work on the Hoo Wah is complete and many other properties have agreed to have some renovation work done. L. Hoggan was asked to compile a summary of the Scheme to date for the CC.

(b) There will be a Heritage Week in March, 2020 and groups involved in Heritage and Arts will be taking part.

(c) The CC were informed that the Community Council Notice Board was safe and would be replaced as part of the CARS Scheme.

10. Traffic Consultation.

L. Hoggan reported that he had the collated material from the Consultation and would circulate the results. This to be discussed at the January 2020 Meeting.

11. Kype Muir Community Fund.

The following decisions were confirmed at the Meeting:-

(1) Strathaven Rugby Football Club - £7,500.

(2) Glassford Community Group - £5,000.

(3) Restart a Heart - £2,000 (if final Form submitted by 27/11/2019).

The above decisions were agreed unanimously by the CC Members.

L. Hoggan declared an interest in the Glassford Community Group and did not vote on that Bid.

12. Micro Grants.

(a) Following the CC Meeting in October the agreed Award to the Wester Overton After School Care Club was made on 27th October to the sum of £360.00. This brings the total money allocated currently to £3,500.00 with a remaining Balance of £1,500.00.

(b) Only one new Grant Application has been received since last month.

Review of New Application.

2019/20 - 010 East Kilbride Sports Council.

A request for £500.00 was made by the Sports Council for sponsorship towards their Award Ceremony in April 2020 being held in the Village Theatre, East Kilbride.

The Application was vague in its content on the relevance to Strathaven and Glassford CC. Contact with SLC confirmed that the Sports Council already receive an Annual Grant of £7,500.00. Following discussion with the Sub-Group a clarification was issued, however the Applicant has failed to respond at this time.

Given the nature of the Application it is recommended that we decline this Application on the basis that it does not fully meet the Micro Grant criteria in relation to benefitting the local community.

The recommendation was agreed unanimously by the CC.

- (c) Requests have now been made to grantees for the expenditure receipts of the early projects. To date the Miniature Railway Grant has been completed in full with all paperwork received.

13. Secretary's Report.

An E-Mail has been received informing the CC that Boots the Chemist on Green Street will be closing at 1.00pm on Saturdays from 23rd November.

14. Treasurer's Report.

- (a) Following agreement at the Meeting on 29th October, 2019 the cheque and paperwork relating to the Strathaven After School Club Micro Grant Application was issued on Wednesday 30th October, 2019.
- (b) As agreed at the September Meeting a cheque for £32.95 was issued on the 7th November in respect of the Remembrance Wreath for the current year.
- (c) Renewal of the Website and the Domain Name to be paid in January, 2020. This could come from the £382.00 remaining in the Council Grant.
- (d) Some suggestions were made as to how to spend the remaining Council Grant. It was agreed to get prices firmed up for the January Meeting.
- (e) The Report was accepted by the Members.

15. Reports from Community Council Members.

- (a) The town Christmas Lights will be going up next week. (L. Hoggan).
- (b) Reindeer Day will start later this year to allow the lights to be on. (L. Hoggan).
- (c) Due to an existing Contract the new Christmas Tree lights will not be used this year. (L. Hoggan).
- (d) Funding is being sought for the purchase of a Hot Air Balloon which will promote Strathaven and will also be used at events out with the area. (L. Hoggan).
- (e) M. McDonald thanked all who have helped the CC get to where they are with the Kype Muir Fund.

16. Reports from SLC Councillors.
Councillor I. Dorman.

The problem with water running down Hole Burn Road has been fixed.

Councillor G. Campbell.

- (a) A Fibre Optic Line has been applied for and will be installed at L. S. Smellie at the Rural Centre.
- (b) A French Company will be installing Fibre Optics in the area. Stonehouse will be done in Phase One and Strathaven in Phase Two of the Project.
- (c) The Planning Application for the Puppy Farm has been appealed.

17. AOCB.

- (a) The Chairperson asked that, if Members had comments to make on an Agenda item, they could do Bullet Points prior to the Meeting to save time on the night.
- (b) The CC Members need to be open in their dealings with local Groups and it was agreed that, in future discussions with such Groups, two CC Members would be involved.
- (c) Membership of the Sub-Groups to be included on the Agenda for the January Meeting.

18. Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 28th January, 2020, 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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