

Strathaven and Glassford Community Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting 28th January 2020 (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.

Police:- Helen Howie.

Councillors:- G. Campbell; M. Cooper and I. Dorman.

Minute Secretary:- J. Graham.

Visitors:- Paul Davidson and Sinclair McLaren.

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

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (26/11/2019).**

The Minutes were passed without change.

Proposed:- L. Hoggan. Seconded:- S. Tulloch.

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

(a) Wester Overton School Safe Route - Members of the Community Council and representatives from the visitors have still to meet to walk the route and assess the scale of the problem. An article highlighting the issue has still to go into 'The Echoes' newspaper.

(b) Traffic Consultation - The figures from the Consultation have still to be collated and circulated to Members. 'The Echoes' work accepted as a Consultation.

(c) Traffic Group - The next meeting of the Group with SLC will be arranged by Councillor Campbell soon.

(d) Micro Grants - East Kilbride Sports Council replied with more information but their Application for Funding still did not meet the criteria.

(e) Planning Update - Letters have been sent from the Community Council objecting to three proposed Wind Farm Developments (West Dykes Farm; East Brown Castle Farm and on land North East of Rigmuir Landfill). Consideration to be given to amending the wording of the Standard Objection Letter. A discussion followed as to how the Wind Turbines can be economically replaced at the end of their lifespan.

(f) East Overton Development - The Community Council supports this Development. This site should be completed before any other proposed development within Strathaven and Glassford is considered. Further

development of the mix of 4, 5 and 6 bedroom homes should be opposed because, if additional developments are allowed, the infrastructure will be compounded. (i.e. Roads, Sewage, Public Transport, Parking, Schools and Medical Provision). A Report has gone to the Reporter and some queries have been received from her. There will be a Public Meeting in Hamilton on 27th February, 2020 and nominations for attendance to be submitted by 3rd February.

(g) Cemetery - Councillor Cooper reported that a piece of ground had been identified as a possible site for a new Cemetery.

(h) Community Council Budget 2019 - 2020 - A decision on what to spend the remaining funds must be made before the February meeting. Three ideas were put forward - Digital Camera, Storage for the Community Council Assets and a Gazebo. Any further suggestions to be sent to S. Tulloch.

5. Police Report.

(a) An increase in thefts from white vans and a spate of house breaking was reported. There has been no progress in solving these crimes to date. The break ins appear to be opportunistic.

(b) The Speed Gun has been used on a couple of occasions at Lesmahagow Road and at Commercial Road/North Street junction.

(c) The problem of Fly Tipping in the area was raised once again and that it seemed as if anyone brought before the Courts was treated leniently. The Police said that they had no control over Court decisions and they continue to report any incidents to SLC as they are responsible for removing the rubbish. They encouraged the public to continue reporting incidents of Fly Tipping.

(d) The police were notified of the upcoming Gin Festival taking place in Glassford on 28th March, 2020.

6. Golf Club Development - The two residents from Golf View expressed concerns regarding the proposed plan to build 3 three storey houses, comprising 18 flats on land to the rear of Strathaven Golf Club. They said that they were out of character with existing properties, that the current residents would suffer a loss of privacy, that there were concerns regarding the loss of trees and that wild life could be affected. Concerns were also expressed about the proposed access road into the Development. There are 36 parking places proposed and the extra traffic, by both vehicles and pedestrians, will cause disruption. Letters have been sent to SLC expressing the concerns of the residents.

The residents were informed that the ground in question was part of the current Local Plan and had been approved for planning. The current proposal is for Outline Planning Permission (this to be confirmed) and it is

likely that the Plans will go to a full SLC Planning Committee Meeting. (Residents can attend this meeting). It was said that the removal of trees was a concern and that a wildlife survey would be carried out. Councillors agreed to take up the issue at all stages and to keep residents informed and involved about any developments. The Community Council also agreed to monitor the project.

7. **Strathaven Castle** - SLC have made some headway with Historic Environment Scotland and can now go ahead with planning some work to be carried out.
8. **Cars** - L. Hoggan supplied a detailed Report on the Strathaven Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme to Community Council Members prior to the meeting. He gave details of the history of the Scheme, the completed projects, the proposed projects and Education and Training. Members accepted the Report.
9. **Spirit of Lanarkshire Fund** - Held over to the February meeting.
10. **Kype Muir Community Fund** - The Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust
 - (a) The Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust (SJHMT) want to apply to the Fund for £2,000 for their 2020 Exhibition. Agreement is being sought from the Community Council for permission to go ahead with the Bid. (G. McAllan and M. McDonald left the meeting as they had an interest in the SJHMT). Following discussion it was agreed that the Bid could go ahead. Detailed costs will be needed. The two Members now re-entered the meeting.
 - (b) Avondale Church are not going ahead with their Application for funding from the Fund.
11. **Micro Grants.**
 - (a) During the last two months Grants awarded to date have been followed up and a number have been able to be closed off. At this stage the total Grant money distributed is £3,500 with £1,500 remaining within the current year.
 - (b) **Strathaven Breeze Riders** - Only one new Grant Application has been received since November, 2019. This is from the Breeze Riders for the cost of equipment, bike maintenance and repair courses and to run two or three 'get ready to ride' and 'build your skills' days. This funding would help the Group reach more women and increase the members confidence and skills. The sum requested is £500. The Application fully meets the Micro Grant criteria and approval of the Grant is recommended. It was agreed to award the Grant. No Community Council Member had any connection with

the Group.

- (c) £1,000 still remains to be allocated and small group Applications are welcomed. The Application Form can be found on the Community Council website. Two possible Groups were identified who may be eligible to put in an Application. (i.e. Knitting Ninjas and the Festival Group).

12. Secretary's Report - All matters had already been previously reported.

13. Treasurer's Report - The Report was accepted by the Members.

14. Reports from Community Council Members.

- (a) The Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust will be holding a Quiz Night on Friday 21st February at Strathaven Golf Club. Tickets are available from the Common Greenery. (M. McDonald).

- (b) The Fun Fair want to come to the town from the 7th - 10th May. Nothing else is known at present. (D. Scott).

15. Reports from SLC Councillors.

Councillor I. Dorman.

Lights to be installed at the Park Crescent Car Park.

Councillor M. Cooper.

- (a) Work is under way on the Rifleman Khan statue and the work should be ready by October.

- (b) £50,000 to be spent on repairs at Strathaven Cemetery. Fences to be painted and tidying up to be done.

- (c) The Strathaven Bowling Club has had upgrading work done.

Councillor G. Campbell.

- (a) There was a fault with the lights on the Hamilton Road and a temporary repair has been done.

- (b) Only a small number of people are speeding in the Strathaven area.

- (c) There have been no further comments received about the Commercial Road/Hamilton Road Junction.

16. AOCB.

- (a) The problem of potholes in the area was raised by S. Tulloch and it was stated that a new Road Plan would be coming out soon.

- (b) Red paint markings have been put down at Lethame Road and a question was asked about their purpose. In answer it was said that they are an attempt to slow drivers down. It was felt that they don't necessarily work.



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17. **Date of Next Meeting:-** Tuesday 25th February, 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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