

STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 30TH AUGUST 2022

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

Councillors: M. Cooper and S. Kerr.

Minute Secretary: John Graham.

Visitors: Alison Harley and Robert Murray.

2. **Apologies:** Linda Brown and Dr. Lisa Cameron M.P.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (28/06/2022).**

The Minutes were approved without change.

Proposed - L. Hoggan. Seconded - M. McDonald.

4. **Police Report.**

(a) No Report was received from Police Scotland.

(b) The CC query to Police Scotland regarding vandalism, raised at the June CC Meeting, was answered. An increased presence was noted for a time.

(c) The CC have concerns regarding the Police Report as it is quite bland and Members would like to request that the Police attend Meetings in person in future. A. McMann to E-Mail Police Scotland.

(d) Residents of Gallowhill Cottages had raised an issue at a previous CC Meeting and an update was requested regarding this. A. McMann to E-Mail Police Scotland.

5. **Community Action Plan (CAP) - CCTV Update.**

(a) Strathaven Business Association managed getting funding for this Project. The funding request has now been moved to an Application.

(b) Three Quotes have been received for installing the CCTV.

(c) Eight businesses have agreed to have cameras sited on their premises, 3 external and 1 internal.

(d) SLC have raised some issues regarding the CCTV installation and these have to be resolved. L. Hoggan to set up a Zoom Meeting for CC Members to draw up a reply to the SLC concerns.

(e) Planning Permission is not required for this Project.

6. Standing Items.

(a) **Clydesdale Tourism Group** - Nothing to update.

(b) **Strathaven Castle** - Nothing to report since the June CC Meeting.

(c) **Transport Sub-Group.**

1. Bushes obstructing the line of sight at North Street/Commercial Road Junction to be removed by week ending 23rd October, 2022.
2. Objections to the Wellbrae/Bridge Street proposal will be deliberated at a Committee Hearing at a date to be decided. A Report has been prepared by Roads, Transportation and Fleet which summarises the objector's reasons together with an SLC response.
3. Pavements in the Collinhill Road/Sandhead Road area required weeding work carried out and, following a complaint to SLC, poison was sprayed on the weeds.
4. Resurfacing work has begun on pavements in the Lesmahagow Road, Kype View and Douglas Street area.

7. Planning Applications.

No major concerns were raised regarding the July Applications. A meeting was held regarding the Application to build houses at Hallhill, Glassford and a letter was submitted.

8. Rotary Installation in Allison Green.

(a) Discussion took place regarding the proposed Garden in the Allison Green and some reservations were raised by CC Members. It was agreed, by a majority decision, that a Letter of Support for this Project be submitted on behalf of the CC. The Letter to include mention of the concerns raised.

(b) It was also stated that consideration be given to sorting out the bin situation on Waterside Street in conjunction with the Allison Green Project.

9. Working Together for Avondale (WTA) Update.

(a) Money has been held back to help with energy costs and they are working with the Food Bank to let people know that help is available.

(b) A Voucher Scheme is still available in spite of the fire at Ann Davidsons.

(c) A COVID Mural will be done and some designs have been chosen for consideration. It was asked if some of the drawings sent to the Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust Archive by local schools could be incorporated into any design chosen.

10. CARS Update.

(a) Only work on The Weavers remains to be done. Work is due to begin in September.

(b) Strathaven Academy were given £3,500 for photographic equipment and a Photographic Competition was held. Winners will be chosen soon and a

Prize Giving Ceremony will be held.

- (c) Agreement could not be reached to allow work to be done on The Green Room.

11. Kype Muir Community Fund.

- (a) The following Grants were awarded:-
 - Avondale Curling Club - £2,300.
 - Strathaven Choral Society - £300.
 - Balloon Festival - £10,000 (Sandford CC contributed £500 towards this Award).
- (b) Bids are pending from Climate Action Strathaven, The Haven at Vanguard and The Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust (SJHMT).
- (c) It was stated that Strathaven Rugby Club were considering an Application and they were urged to do so as soon as possible.
- (d) The new Wind Turbines are being delivered and A. Hendry was thanked for putting the dates on which the convoys would come through Strathaven on the Website.

12. CC Micro Grants.

- (a) There have been two new Applications:-
 - **2022/23 - 005 - Climate Action Strathaven:** They have requested £500 towards costs of the Community Fridge Project. This Project has already received £10,000 Lottery Funding and it is proposed that approval be granted to award £100 for training costs. Grant was approved.
 - **2022/23 - 006 - Strathaven Balloon Festival:** Requested a Grant of £500 to assist in the funding of Card Readers and Radios for the annual event held on 28th and 29th August, 2022. Due to dates associated with this event and the CC Meeting falling after the event an E-Mail was sent to all CC Members to seek approval in respect of this Grant. Agreement was given to award the Grant.
- (b) Outstanding awards are being chased up.
- (c) There is £3,000 remaining in the Fund.

13. Secretary's Report.

Nothing to add which has not already been covered.

14. Treasurer's Report.

- (a) Two Micro Grant payments made as agreed at the June CC Meeting.
- (b) Payment received and paid out to the Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust.
- (c) Reimbursement to S. Tulloch made as previously agreed.
- (d) Payment of £15 made to L. Hoggan in respect of Domain Name hosting.

- (e) At this time reimbursement of payment made by Creative Strathaven (£1,797 on 25th May) is still awaited. Members assistance with this matter would be appreciated.
- (f) **COVID Fund** - Balance uncommitted is £5,155.61.

15. Reports from CC Members.

- (a) An estimated 35,000 attended the Balloon Festival. There were 46 flights with 13 Balloons plus four special shape Balloons in attendance. The Festival was a success but problems around the Park and Ride arrangements will have to be looked at for 2023. Buses and sites for next year are already being booked. (L. Hoggan).
- (b) It was suggested that maybe two larger Park and Ride sites might be a better option than having four smaller ones and that the signs directing people to the sites could be much larger and placed further from the town. (D. Scott).
- (c) Structural engineers cannot enter the premises of Ann Davidson until investigations into the fire are completed. (A. Hendry).
- (d) The two large bins outside the Indian Restaurant on Green Street have still not been removed. (M. Arnot).
Councillor Kerr said that a formal complaint had been lodged against Biffa by SLC and the bins are to be moved by Tuesday 6th September, 2022.
- (e) The Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust now have a two year Lease on premises on Todshill Street. Renovation work is ongoing. Thanks were expressed to the East Overton Trust and to Councillor Cooper for the help given to the SJHMT. (M. McDonald).
- (f) The noise from motor bikes on the Muirkirk Road has become a real problem. (D. Scott).
R. Douglas said that Dr. Lisa Cameron MP has been looking at this issue and he will report back to her informing her that the matter was raised at tonight's CC Meeting.
- (g) Outdoor Gym sessions have been taking place in the Park and they can be noisy. Are these groups entitled to use the Park and its facilities for commercial purposes without permission. (D. Scott).
Councillor Cooper said that she had received some complaints about this matter but the groups were entitled to use the outdoor space.

16. Reports from SLC Councillors.

Councillor S. Kerr.

- (a) She has met with CAS and heard how passionate they are about environmental issues and listened to their ideas. However, their ideas need to be tempered due to SLC finances.

- (b) She thanked all involved in helping run the Balloon Festival including the SLC staff who did an excellent job over the weekend.
- (c) The Leader of SLC would like the Council to consider taking bus services under local control.
- (d) SLC are involved in the Real Nappy Incentive which helps low income families obtain reusable nappies.

Councillor M. Cooper.

- (a) She suggested that both the CC and the Balloon Festival Committee write to Community Enterprise thanking them for their help at the Festival. L. Hoggan to do this on behalf of the CC.
- (b) She is helping the SJHMT source furniture from SLC and SLL&C.
- (c) The Bandstand in the Park has to be upgraded in the future and power has to be installed.
- (d) The Trout Project in the river is to be taken forward.
- (e) Pre-Planning Application for an Indoor Training Facility at the Rugby Club has been lodged. This will include a boxing ring.
- (f) Discussions have taken place with Planning regarding the pavements and a Bin Store on Waterside Street.
- (g) The possibility of putting a backdrop at the Rifleman Khan Statue is being considered.
- (h) The CC Noticeboard is now in place in the Common Green.
- (i) White lining of car park spaces and junctions in the Common Green to be carried out in September, 2022.

17. AOCB.

- (a) A proposal to the Surgery to set up a Patient Participation Group (PPG) needs to be submitted from the CC in order to get their agreement to the setting up of such a group. There has to be an expressed need within the community to set up a PPG. Craig Cunningham, from NHS Lanarkshire, is willing to come and speak to the CC on this matter. It was agreed that Dr. Lisa Cameron MP go ahead with her plan to write to NHS Lanarkshire regarding this issue.
- (b) The Scottish Government proposal to set up a National Care Service would see the control of Care Services taken from local Councils and transferred to Holyrood. Councillor Cooper agreed to share the SLC response to the proposal.
- (c) SLC are to bring in charges for the use of their Electric Charging Points.
- (d) Avondale Radio is going well and has 28,000 listeners.
- (e) A tribute was paid to John McGarrie, a teacher at Strathaven Academy, who recently passed away.



18. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 27th September, 2022 at 7.00pm in the Avondale Wing.

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

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