



Strathaven and Glassford Community Council Minutes of the Council Meeting of 27th September 2016

1. **Sederunt:** Donald McKillop (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan (Vice Chairperson)
Les Hoggan (Secretary); Sheila Tulloch (Treasurer); Margot McDonald;
Morag Arnot; Peter Mansell- Moulin, Aileen McMann; Arlene Welsh;
Linda Brown; Robert Atkinson.
2. **Apologies:** Councillors Campbell, Cooper and Dorman.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
Proposed by Morag Arnot Seconded by Les Hoggan
4. **Matters arising from Previous Minutes**
Aldi to be contacted by Les regarding possible Community payment and the location of a Defibrillator. Morag asked to be involved in this as she initiated the matter of defibrillators and training in Strathaven.
Councillor Campbell had reported a meeting with the Superintendent of the police in East Kilbride. He has expressed our concerns about policing in Strathaven and our lack of information about crimes and arrests. Such information is to be forthcoming.
Our letter about our concerns and falling masonry in Strathaven Castle is with SLC.
We await a reponse however we would advise people NOT to go inside the castle area at present.
5. **Police Report**
Constables Howie and Robertson were welcomed.
They reported that from 27th August until September, there were 24 crimes in Strathaven. These included one housebreaking, traffic offences, assaults, motor vehicle theft and vandalism. The issue of drugs was raised and specific concerns should be notified to the police.
Gordon praised the police for their input at the Balloon Festival.
Donald invited the police to be represented at the dedication of the benches at Strathaven Cemetery on he 26th October 2016 at 11 a.m.
Robert asked about the arrangements for coning off roads when e.g. The Bonfire Night brought many to the town and parking and congestion were issues. The police advised getting in touch with South Lanarkshire Council and Aileen advised there would be a Safety Advisory Group there. The police did say to let them know at EK for such events.
6. **Secretary's Report**
Les highlighted some planning issues. Banks have a planning request in for the Kypemuir Site. This is for the organisational developments. At this point Aileen highlighted the forthcoming Banks Community Councils' Meeting on the 10th Oct which she and Margot will attend.
Les noted the planning application at the Heads of Glassford for 5 dwellings. Before the CC makes any representation, it is important to gauge local attitudes to this.
Some discussion ensued about the local development plan which does not include such developments. The issue of proliferation outwith the plan is a matter of concern.

Les will seek to ascertain local opinion on this matter. We would also appreciate the views of our local Councillors.

Glassford play park are making an application for funding to Virador and would appreciate a letter of support from the Community Council. Les will attend to this.

Gordon will raise the matter with the John Hastie Trust members.

Les also mentioned the need to raise money to repair the Glassford Clock.

It was suggested that a small grants application to SLC may be one route.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

Sheila will take over the post after the AGM. Les is awaiting an invoice to finalise our accounts. The account will be transferred with Les, Sheila and the Chairperson as signatories.

Les requires paid for renewing the website domain name.

This was agreed.

8. **Open Agenda**

The Public Toilets- Gordon confirmed that the John Hastie Museum Trust were no longer interested in the property. Negotiations had taken place but the sums involved were not practical for the Trust.

Peter expressed his concerns about the matter drifting however Donald noted that there was other interest.

Car Parking and the Strathaven Transport situation- these issues were raised.

It was felt that the new housing developments would result in increased pressure on the existing car parking facilities. The possibility of using Caledonia Place was again raised. Disabled parking was mentioned. The CC are pleased with the two places in the Common Green although it is felt more are required there, as one of the existing ones is constantly used for many hours at a time.

This discussion raised the whole issue of a Strathaven Transport Plan. A briefing note will be prepared by Les as a starter. All comments can then be considered and a plan to be presented to SLC will result. The CC would welcome comments from Strathaven residents who can get in touch via the website strathaven.org.

The Castle Tavern Site- Les will contact the agent expressing our concern about the state of this site where rubbish is being dumped as the fencing is breached.

CC Roles- once again these need to be considered. Members are asked to communicate/ make suggestions via the Facebook CC site prior to the AGM.

Les will contact Strathaven Academy to seek pupil representatives on the CC.

9. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 25th October 2016.

AGM at 7 p.m. CC Meeting at 7.30

In the Ballgreen Hall. Members of the public are all welcome.

