



**Strathaven and Glassford Community Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting of 29th August 2017**

1. **Sederunt:** *Aileen McMann (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan(Vice-Chairperson); Les Hoggan (Secretary); Sheila Tulloch (Treasurer); Margot McDonald(Minute Secretary); Robert Atkinson; Morag Arnot; Peter Mansell-Moulin. Councillors Campbell and Dorman
2 Police Officers
Visitor: A. Hendry*
2. **Apologies:** *Linda Brown; Donald McKillop; Arlene Welsh; Councillor Cooper*
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
Proposed by Sheila Tulloch; Seconded by Robert Atkinson
4. **Matters arising from Previous Minutes**
*Cemetery - need to raise this issue again. Traffic Plan developments.
Action Point- Councillor Cooper to be contacted on both these issues.
Strathaven Castle- study.
Action Point-Les to contact J Forbes.*
5. **Police Report**
*P.Cs Henry and Mc Laughlin attended.
They reported that the investigation into the Post Office attack is ongoing.
In the past two months there have been 249 calls to the Police.
There were 40 crime reports and 28 detections.
The increase in calls suggests a greater willingness to use the police line and interact with the Community Police.
Crimes ranged from traffic offences to rural issues. The issue of speeding on the Muirkirk Road was also relevant.
The police were thanked by Gordon for their input during the Balloon Festival.*
6. **Secretary's Report**
*Les reported that a response had been made on the second deadline for the MIR report.
There is no response yet to the Rotary's application. Councillor Dorman indicated that it should be within a few weeks.
Margot handed out some response sheets for the proposed Stewart Milne development on the Muirkirk Road.*
7. **Treasurer's Report**
*Sheila had issued her report. The account balance was £460.53.
Sheila indicated that confirmation of the audited accounts had been received from SLC.
She asked for members to consider all necessary expenditure at the next meeting.*

8. **Community Council- going forward.**

Aileen reported that Gerry Campbell had indicated we could go ahead with consulting on the naming of the new Community Facility. A name for the overall building is required and also for the Lesser Hall and two meeting rooms. We wish to consult with as many members of the Community as possible. Sheila suggested response by e mail or to the Echoes office and possibly a box in the Library.

Action Point-notices will be prepared for Noticeboard, library etc and responses/ suggestions sought. Les will arrange them and advertise where responses can be made. Aileen will invite Fiona and Judith from the Leisure Trust to the next meeting. Consultation will be from 16/9 till 6/10.

A wide ranging discussion followed on the relationship of the Community Council with the Town Group and the Strathaven Steering Group. We need to have an overall picture of the priorities within Strathaven.

Councillor Dorman invited members to attend the next meeting of the Town Group on Thurs 7th Sept in the Academy at 7p.m.

9. **Reports from CC Members**

Banks Report

Margot reported on a recent meeting when she and Aileen had been taken on a tour of the Kypemuir site. It was most interesting and work is certainly on time under a very efficient site manager. The turbines were being placed on site on schedule. The first electricity will be generated by Dec 2018 and money should then be available to the CC.

In the light of the previous discussion it is important that an overall plan for Strathaven's Priorities is evident before the funds are distributed.

Issue of specific weeds

Gordon highlighted the problems of certain invasive weeds resulting from climate change. These are Common Ragwort, Japanese Knotweed and Rosebay Willow Herb.

He asked the question what is happening as there seems to be a reduction in overall service to eliminate such problems.

Action Point- Gordon to send information to Councillor Campbell and Councillor Dorman who will seek responses. The Farmers' Union should also be contacted.

Balloon Festival- Gordon reported a huge success for this event, despite the weather.

Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust- there were over 800 visitors at the yearly Exhibition.

CARS Project-there have been further applications for grants. There are 16 potential shop developments.

Hands On Developments- a 3 year anniversary is being celebrated.

10. **Reports from Councillors**

Councillor Dorman reported further activity on the flooding issues on the Stonehouse Road with further cameras being utilised and if necessary a further drain being added.

Councillor Campbell reported his request to meet the ruling authorities to discuss the need to look at developments in Strathaven .

