



**Strathaven and Glassford Community Council  
Minutes of the Council Meeting on  
30th August 2016**

1. **Sederunt:** Margot McDonald (temporary Chairperson); Les Hoggan, (Secretary), Aileen McMann, Linda Brown, Peter Mansell-Moulin, Morag Arnot, Sheila Tulloch, Robert Atkinson  
Councillors Campbell and Dorman.
2. **Apologies:** Helen Mungall, Arlene Welsh, Donald McKillop, Gordon McAllan.  
Councillors Cooper and Holman
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
These were proposed by Les Hoggan and seconded by Aileen McMann.
4. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**  
Treasurer's Position- Sheila Tulloch has indicated that she is willing to take over the Treasurer's position if Helen agrees.
5. **Police Report**  
The police are very busy with demands from East Kilbride and Rutherglen. Once again the CC said they would appreciate crime statistics for the area. Constable Clark will report this to his Inspector.  
Councillor Campbell will take up the matter of policing in Strathaven with the appropriate representative of Police Scotland.
6. **CARS Report (Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme)**  
Stuart Hodge from SLC was welcomed.  
He outlined the scheme. £1.5 million is available over 5 years. It is from Historic Environment Scotland, the Renewable Energy Fund etc.  
The budget will be staggered over 5 years. The Community Management Action Plan is key to the success the scheme. It should be read carefully to ascertain all proposals. Focus will be on priority buildings, shop fronts, education and training, and there will be the associated administration costs.  
The shop fronts scheme will have a grant up to 80%. Photographic evidence is being sought to determine the character of shop fronts in the past.  
The area of CARS is the central area of the town.  
The programme will maximise the benefits of the funds available.  
A leaflet has gone out to businesses and homes in the area and those eligible can apply for grants. There are certain design criteria which will determine how grants are allocated. Tenants can apply but will need the consent of owners. First applications will close in December with decisions reached by March 2017. Work has to be completed in 6 to 9 months.  
Priority buildings have been identified, in the Common Green and in Kirk Street. These will have their own budget line however the aim is to bring places back into viable use. The owners will have to make a contribution.

Some discussion ongoing with Strathaven Academy on training issues and also with South Lanarkshire College.

There will be clawback on grants if a property is sold within ten years.

Some questions were asked about how owners of certain properties were being contacted and issues of planning in the Conservation area were raised.

#### 7. **Secretary's Report**

As indicated on Dropbox.

Also Les indicated a follow up with James Harbison from Aldi based on previous E-Mails. He was also asked to raise the issue of the position of a Defibrillator with him.

The application for developments at the Star Inn was mentioned. It was noted that the developments are within the scope of the CARS scheme.

The Police Station is being sold.

The plaque on the repaired bridge should read,

"Bo Backit Bridge 2016".

The new bridge at the Waterside is excellent. All agreed.

#### 8. **Treasurer's Report**

There was a proposal that Sheila takes over as Treasurer.

Proposed by Morag Arnot, Seconded by Peter Mansell-Moulin.

This is subject to meeting the rules of the Constitution.

#### 9. **Strathaven Castle**

This is not within the scope of CARS. Peter suggested that contact is made with SL C about the issue of the masonry. This is a first step. Donald will continue to monitor masonry falls.

Les will make contact with SLC.

#### 10. **Planning Issues**

An e mail from Gordon McAllan in relation to issues on the Strathaven/Darvel Road. He will liaise with Donald about what action to take.

#### 11. **Reports from CC members.**

Morag suggested we write to Strathaven in Bloom to thank them for their work.

This was agreed.

#### 12. **Reports from SLC Councillors**

Councillor Dorman mentioned the new speed bumps on the Glassford Road which were unexpected.

#### 13 **A.O.C.B.**

Les mentioned the request from Councillor Cooper for a contribution to the new bench at the War Memorial. This was the first indication of this and it was felt that we could not make such a decision until a new Treasurer was in place.

The suggestion of a mural at Aldi was welcomed.

#### 14. **Next Meeting**

This will take place on Tuesday 27th September 2016 in the Ballgreen Hall at 7 p.m.

Members of the public are welcome.



