



Strathaven and Glassford Community Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting of 31st January 2017

1. **Sederunt:** *Aileen McMann (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan (Vice Chairperson)
Les Hoggan (Secretary); Sheila Tulloch (Treasurer); Margot McDonald;
Peter Mansell- Moullin; Morag Arnot; Linda Brown; Robert Atkinson;
Councillors Cooper and Dorman.*

2. **Apologies:** *Arlene Welsh; Donald Mc Killop, Councillor Campbell.*

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

*Amendment to minute re Bridge Street- closed for 5 weeks.
Proposed by M Cooper, seconded by L Hoggan.*

4. **Matters arising from Previous Minutes**

*Les reported there had been no response from Joanne Forbes relating to the Castle.
Peter emphasised it was the masonry situation with which we were concerned.*

Action Point

Les will contact Joanne for an update.

Gordon distributed information about the fund raising for Castle Roy. He was thanked for this, however it was agreed to hold over a discussion about Castle funding until our next meeting. There is a new task force for the Big Lottery in South Lanarkshire.

The Police were commended for the action taken to monitor the car racers in the area.

Roads- the deceleration signs were still not in action on the A71. It was reported that the issues around the roundabout conformed with agreed standards. It had been agreed that the issue of the drainage would be monitored and reported upon.

Action Point

Councillor Cooper will follow up the deceleration issues.

5. **Police Report**

We were pleased to welcome Constables Riley and Johnston.

They reported 18 crime incidents in the past month in our area.

There had been 10 detected to date and the others were under investigation.

The Community Council welcomed the fact that once again we were receiving fuller information.

Rural crime was constantly under review.

The issue of heavy lorries on the roads around Strathaven was raised and the disregarding by a number of lorries of the restrictions on Thomson Street.

The Constables took note of these concerns.

They were thanked for their attendance.

6. **Secretary's Report**

Les reported no outstanding communications.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

Sheila reported the Admin fund to be £374.23

The Community Council fund is £423.53

The Council welcomes the fact that our finances are now clear and the following decisions were taken regarding expenditure.

£60 for the Gala advert; £50 to the Festival of Sport; £50 to the Folk Festival;

£50 to the Pipe Band Festival and £50 to the Balloon Festival.

All further expenditure to be notified for agreement at the next meeting.

8. **Strathaven Traffic Management**

Councillor Cooper said that an SLC Officer had been appointed to work with members of the Community Council on a traffic plan for Strathaven. This would be a short life working group and would consider the interests of pedestrians, drivers and cyclists.

Margaret asked for suggestions of what would be in the briefing note to be e- mailed to her within three weeks. The group would focus on Strathaven itself.

At the next meeting, the composition of the group would be finalised.

Councillor Cooper was thanked for this development.

9. **Report on the Banks Meeting 24th January 2017**

Aileen and Margot attended the meeting on the 24th Jan.

Margot reported that work on the road at Lambhill Steadings had been completed.

Forestry clearance began in early January. Financial close was now anticipated on 9th February. The windfarm design work starts on 1st April. The infrastructure developments will follow in January 2018 with turbines on site by May2018. They should be fully commissioned by Dec 2018.

The Kypemuir extension has been approved however they may seek further planning permission for increased height turbines. They will produce further information about what this would look like.

The next stage is to consider criteria for applications to the Kypemuir Fund.

Action Point: Members are asked to consider what the criteria for funding requests should be.

10. **A.O.C.B.**

Town Issues

Peter felt that a Consultant should be appointed to suggest how to pull together the new estates to the east and west of the town. His fear was that the new residents might not make enough use of the town. There followed a discussion about what was needed to enhance the attractions of the town, from increased opening of the coffee shops to a more vibrant attractive centre. The Town Group had been working on plans to attract visitors and a Welcome Pack is being produced to highlight the attractions of the town.

Defibrillator

Morag had had a meeting with representatives of the Friends of Strathaven Scouts about the defibrillator which they hope to gift to the Community. Information was shared about location needs, training and the monitoring of the equipment.

Morag had suggested that a facility might be available at the Festival of Sport to demonstrate the equipment. Councillor Cooper agreed this was possible.

The matter is now with the Scout and Guide Group.

