



STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 28th November 2017

Sederunt: Aileen McMann, Chairperson, Gordon McAllan, Vice Chair, Les Hoggan, Secretary, Sheila Tulloch, Treasurer, Linda Brown, Minute Secretary, Peter Mansell-Moulin, Margot McDonald, Morag Arnot and Alister Hendry

Councillors: - Cooper. Dorman

Visitors: None

Police: PCs Hendry and Howie

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Graeme Campbell

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Gordon McAllan proposed and Margot McDonald seconded

3. **Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**

Strathaven Castle - A positive meeting was held with Joanne of SLC. Joanne has been a great help and discussions are ongoing with more information available at January's meeting from Historic Scotland re funding bid for the Castle.

New facility - Suggested names were handed in and passed to SLC.

4. **Police:** During this month 32 incidents have occurred - 22 crimes reported and detected, 2 assaults, thefts of and from vehicles and lockups. A fraudulent call was received from "TalkTalk" by an elderly gentleman and Police urged public to phone in if anything suspicious happens. Fly tipping continues to be a problem in remote areas in the evening. Again the Police asked the public to contact them with information.

5. **Secretary's Report:** Planning Lists - Mainly extensions to homes for this area. Letters will be sent to Donald MacKillop, Robert Atkinson and Arlene Walsh to thank them for their help on the CC. Les attended a meeting with Home Energy Scotland who indicated that they would like to attend a Community Council meeting..

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Sheila reported no change to the balance. Approval was given for cheque (£30.79) in payment for the wreath placed at the War Memorial. There is still grant money in the account and some has been earmarked for a community consultation. Cllr. Cooper suggested that excess money could be put towards the Discover Strathaven Brochure distribution. It will be sent to all households in Strathaven and surrounding areas and all the Tourist organisations. This initiative, originally started within the Town Group, and may run short of funding and it would be helpful if the Community Council could contribute some monies towards it.

7. **Banks:** There was a short meeting on 14th November to discuss how a public consultation could be put together to enable the people of Strathaven and Glassford to understand the distribution of the Banks money and the involvement of the Community Council. A further meeting is to be held on 12/12 to put plans in place which will be presented to CC in January.

8. Reports from Community Council Members

Gordon McAllan attended on 20th November a meeting of the Cycling Partnership. An open invitation had been given to members from other areas and a very strong pitch was given for future plans. We as a Community Council were thanked for our support.

The Strathaven Balloon Festival - Prior to the Festival, the committee had 3 meetings with S.L. Resilience Group to develop a Management Plan and improve the Risk Assessment Following the event an informal report was given. Safety is an issue and the Balloon Festival more than met the safety guidelines. Vehicle access to the park via Lethame Road was restricted to stallholders etc but the width of the paths resulted in damage to the grass. Cllr. Cooper reported that following her meeting with park staff, the cost of restoration of the grass was waived.

CARS - Les advised on the progress of the Cars project. He reported that there would be visible results in the next few months.

Margot advised that the John Hastie Museum Trust are taking over the use of The Travel Agent's Shop in the Common Green for three weeks.

9. Reports from Councillors:

Councillor Dorman advised that the Indian Restaurant in Green Street will be given permission to be a take away with ancillary seating. Concern has been raised over the level of LED street lighting. Commercial Road being mentioned in particular. Cllr Dorman to be informed of any other problem areas. Flooding is still a problem at the bottom of Castlegait and at the Town Mill. She has attended meetings with Scottish Water. They have checked sewers using cctv and accept the problem is theirs. Also drainage issues at the Castle will be attended to in due course. This problem may be around for some time yet but hopefully Scottish Water will sort it out to everybody's satisfaction.

Cllr Cooper reported that repairs to Crags Road had been completed. Cala Homes lorries have been stopped going up to the Lethame Road site although there might still be the occasional lorry. The road works at Craig Bridge were completed quicker than anticipated. Work has been carried out on Newton Road - gutters, drains etc. Cllr Cooper announced that she had a meeting with Paterson Partners and the Planning Dept. and there will be 37/38 social houses built on the East Overton site. SLC have landlocked ground there. Phases 2 and 3 houses will be built. Festivals - There will be no Pipe and Drum Festival this year. Inclement weather caused difficulties. Festival of Sport will go ahead on the Friday but Saturday still in doubt. The Folk Festival will continue. Cllr Cooper is supporting the Kilbryde Hospice. Lack of funds is hindering the full opening of the hospice. She and John

Richards will work with others raising funds over the next year. Les and Cllr Cooper are also organizing a youth event with help from Strathaven Academy, Church Groups and the Council. They aim to hold an event each month and a Youth Ball in September.

- 10. A.O.C.B:** Glassford Road - There was additional risk to pedestrians now with the chicane at the bend on Glassford Road. Les has been receiving lots of negative comments about it. Councillor Cooper not keen to put railings up. However SLC will look at it. Also negotiations still going on re Berebriggs Road and ownership of the land. Concern expressed, also, for pedestrians approaching schools on Lethame Road because of narrow pavements.

Aileen received notification of the CC Insurance Policy which is in place in 2017 by Highlands Council, will in 2018 no longer be operated by Zurich. END OF JANUARY 2018 we must speak about renewal of the Insurance Policy.

- 11. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 30th January 2018 in the Ballgreen Hall, Strathaven.

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY OF
THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S MEETINGS.**

A community council constituted under Section 52 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended
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