

**STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 25TH APRIL, 2023**

1. **Sederunt:** Aileen McMann (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan (Vice Chair); Les Hoggan (Secretary); Sheila Munro Tulloch (Treasurer); John Graham (Minute Secretary); Morag Arnot; Linda Brown; Margot McDonald; Douglas Scott and Aileen Stewart.

**Councillors:** Susan Kerr.

**Police:** Colin Drysdale and Andy McIntyre.

**Visitors:** Marion Davidson; Robert Murray and Kirsty Wilson.

2. **Apologies:** Dr. Lisa Cameron MP; Councillor Margaret Cooper; Councillor Elise Frame; Jacqui Laing; Mairi McAllan MSP.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (28/03/2023).**

The Minutes were Approved without change.

Proposed: L. Brown. Seconded: L. Hoggan.

4. **Police Report.**

(a) Report from 29/03/2023 - 24/04/2023:-

6 x Assaults (4 Detected).

4 x Theft (1 Detected).

2 x Theft House Breaking.

3 x Fraud.

5 x Road Traffic Incidents (1 Detected).

2 x Communications Act Offences.

1 x Drug Offences (1 Detected).

2 x Vandalism (2 Detected).

1 x Computer Misuse (1 Detected).

1 x Breach of Bail.

- (b) Two residents from the Kirklandpark area attended to report a problem with youths drinking and lighting fires in land behind their homes. This had already been reported to the Police along with some photographs. They asked if the area could be blocked off, if a fallen tree and some branches could be removed and if the Police could look into the situation.

The Police said that it was difficult to attend incidents speedily due to lack of resources and recommended that they get neighbours to report all incidents on the 101 phone line and ensure that they were logged. The Police could then look at putting extra resources into the area on Friday and Saturday nights.

Councillor Kerr said that it was unlikely that SLC would fence off the area but she would look into the possibility of SLC clearing the tree and branches.

It was also suggested that contact be made with Strathaven Academy to possibly arrange a visit by Scottish Fire and Rescue to talk to pupils about the dangers of lighting fires.

[M. Davidson and K. Wilson left the meeting at 7.25pm.].

- (c) Following a recent accident on Glasgow Road the Police were asked if more use

could be made of Speed Guns in Strathaven. They said that they did this at some point each month and that the Traffic Department would be again carrying out the Road Safety Scheme later this year.

- (d) A gathering had been reported within the Castle on Friday evening 21st April and some damage had been caused in the town on the same night. Police stated that no complaints had been reported to them about any incidents.  
[Police representatives left the meeting at 7.35pm.].

**5. Standing Items.**

- (a) **Strathaven Castle** - Tenders for the work to be returned by 21st April, 2023.  
(b) **Clydesdale Tourism Group** - Nothing to report.  
(c) **Transport Sub-Group** - Nothing to report.  
(d) **Strathaven Post Office** - L. Hoggan wrote to SLC regarding Planning issues with the premises on Hamilton Road.

**6. Planning Applications.**

- (a) Nothing of concern to the CC in the April Applications.  
(b) Someone wishes to attend the May CC meeting to raise the issue of tree planting between Chapelton and the Hamilton Road.

**7. Funding Opportunities.**

An Expression of Interest was submitted to the Social Isolation Fund on behalf of the CC. At present there is no money remaining in the Fund. It was proposed that a business case be prepared for the idea regarding communications and help with CVs and Applications to be submitted to REF and/or Kype Muir and to assess other funding options available.

**8. Working Together for Avondale (WTA).**

- (a) Food Vouchers to be sought from Moffat's Fish Shop. Alexander's Butchers has agreed to the idea of providing vouchers.  
(b) Accommodation for holding Gaming Sessions for children is being investigated. Funding for this Project will be sought.  
(c) The first three Peer Support Groups have been completed and a fourth will begin next week. L. Hoggan to pass details of this to Councillor Kerr and R. Murray.

**9. Kype Muir Community Fund.**

- (a) The meeting on Tuesday 18th April, 2023 was useful in terms of the reorganisation of the Fund allocations but no agreement was reached as there are many parts to the Terms of Reference. These require to be rewritten and up to date figures for the money involved need to be shared.  
(b) Two financial Pots to be set up. Pot One will involve a 5-way split with each CC getting up to £25,000. Pot Two will be a General Pot and Applications for up to £100,000 can be submitted.  
(c) A. Mc Mann and M. McDonald have sent a full account of what they believe needs to be resolved to Robin Winstanley at Banks.

- (d) Connect 2Renewables funding will cease in 2 years time and this money will be added to the Pots.
- (e) There was one breakthrough which was a greater understanding of the problem of a larger population area and suggestions are awaited from Banks.

#### **10. CC Micro Grants.**

- (a) The full Report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.
- (b) As a result of the prompt submission of year end data, the CC received their new allocation of £5,000 for the current year on 17th April, 2023.
- (c) During the month one new Application was received however this is currently being reviewed under WTA Funds. If necessary this will be considered as a Micro Grant at a later date.
- (d) During the past month one further outstanding Micro Grant has been signed off - 2022/23 - 003 Strathaven Girls Dynamos (£500).
- (e) Outstanding paperwork is still required for six 2022/23 Awards.
- (f) All Projects over 6 months old have recently been contacted to request the follow up paperwork.

#### **11. Secretary's Report.**

The key to the CC Noticeboard to be returned to L. Hoggan by Ian Gow and given to a CC Member.

#### **12. Treasurer's Report.**

- (a) The full report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.
- (b) Balance in the Bank Account as at 31/03/2023 was £65,670.99. (Due to the cheque payment of £53,710 not being cashed until 3rd April, 2023). The end of year Accounts were submitted to SLC on 31/03/2023 for audit purposes.
- (c) A payment of £120.00 was made to 'Roasted' for WTA Funds in respect of cooking videos made for the Food Bank.
- (d) WTA COVID Fund 2023 - 2024:-
  - £61,892.00 Value of COVID Fund.
  - £53,418.39 Total Spend to Date.
  - £ 3,588.00 Currently Committed/Estimated Spend.
  - £57,006.39 Total Estimated Spend.
  - £ 4,885.61 Balance Remaining Uncommitted.

#### **13. Reports from CC Members.**

- (a) A review is ongoing into the positioning of defibrillators in the town. Some need to be relocated and increasing the numbers is being looked at. A site map showing locations could be produced and training on their use could be held. (L. Hoggan).
- (b) Archival interviews have been filmed featuring local people on behalf of the Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust (SJHMT). Three have been done and more are planned. (L. Hoggan).
- (c) The SJHMT Exhibition is going well and on the weekend of 28th - 30th April, 2023 there will be a Special Event showing wooden models made by Marshall Harkness. (M. McDonald).

(d) The SJHMT are planning school visits to their Exhibition soon. (M. McDonald).

**14. Reports from SLC Councillors.**

**Councillor S. Kerr.**

- (a) Relining of the Car Park in the Common Green to be carried out on 2nd May.
- (b) Front Line First Fund has made £3.5 million available to SLC over the next 3 years to support facilities, roads, dealing with fly-tipping and removing graffiti.
- (c) South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture had to make £4 million in savings and SLC have given £1.5 million to mitigate any service cuts. However, some opening hours will be cut.
- (d) Glassford Community Hall has been handed back to SLC.
- (e) No news as to what is happening to the Ballgreen Hall Complex. Councillor Kerr to ask about the current position with the building and report back to the CC.

**15. AOCB.**

- (a) The Flats on Kirk Street are currently being offered to prospective tenants.
- (b) It was asked if there was any further information as to when the proposed one way system on Bridge Street/Wellbrae would be implemented. Councillor Kerr to check on this with SLC.
- (c) The question of pavement parking was raised and CC Members were informed that the Police had no powers over this.
- (d) It was reported that the compost area at the Cemetery was filling up due to it being used by the public.
- (e) Ground at Bridge Street and the Castle has been fenced off. Councillor Kerr to check on the situation.

**16. Date of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday 30th May, 2023 at 7.00pm in the Avondale Wing.

**Members of the Public are most welcome to all our Meetings.**

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