

STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 29TH AUGUST, 2023

1. **Sederunt:** Aileen Mc Mann (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan (Vice Chair); Les Hoggan (Secretary); John Graham (Minute Secretary); Morag Arnot; Linda Brown; Margot McDonald; Douglas Scott and Aileen Stewart.
SLC Councillors: Elise Frame.
Visitors: Robert Murray and Jardine Paterson.
2. **Apologies:** Dr. Lisa Cameron MP; Councillor Margaret Cooper; Colin Drysdale (Police Scotland); Councillor Susan Kerr; Jacqui Laing; Mairi McAllan MSP and Sheila Munro Tulloch.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (27/06/2023).**
The Minutes were approved without change. Proposed: L. Hoggan. Seconded: A. Stewart.
4. **Police Report.**
 - (a) Report from 27/07/2023 to 28/08/2023:-
 - 4 x Assaults (1 Detected).
 - 4 x Theft (1 Detected).
 - 1 x Fraud.
 - 9 x Road Traffic Incidents (3 Detected).
 - 2 x Vandalism.
 - 3 x Breach of Bail (1 Detected).
 - 3 x Anti-Social Behaviour Offences (2 Detected).
 - 1 x Theft of Motor Vehicle.
 - 1 x Attempted Housebreaking.
 - 1 x Housebreaking (Detected).
 - 1 x Housebreaking with Intent to Steal.
 - 1 x Sexual Offence.
 - (b) It was noted that Detection Rates were not high.
 - (c) Police Scotland have previously been requested to supply more detailed Reports.
A. Mc Mann to contact them again regarding this request.
 - (d) Over the Balloon Festival Weekend some driveways were blocked by parked cars. Visitors should be encouraged to use the Park and Ride facilities. While this is not the responsibility of the Police they can get involved if an obstruction is being caused.
5. **Standing Items.**
 - (a) **Strathaven Castle Update.**
 1. An Archaeologist and a Contractor have been appointed for the Project. Work is due to start at either the end of September or the beginning of October and is scheduled to take 6 weeks to complete. At the end of this work SLC will assess what funding is needed to repair the Castle walls.
 2. A Community Consultation regarding the way forward for the Castle will take place at a later date.
 3. Erection of Information Boards, proper disabled access and an outdoor classroom for use by Strathaven Academy are areas which may be considered as ideas for future improvement.

4. The question as to whether SLC had considered that unforeseen expenditure may be incurred following the findings of the Archaeologist was raised.

[Jardine Paterson left the meeting at this point].

(b) Clydesdale Tourism Group.

No meetings have taken place but the owner of the Strathaven Hotel has had talks with SLC regarding tourism in the area.

(c) Transport Sub-Group.

1. The Report regarding the proposed One-Way System for Bridge Street/Wellbrae was sent to CC Members prior to the meeting. The objection to the proposal is going to the Reporter on a date to be arranged.
2. The meeting with residents of Threestanes Road, the CC and SLC has taken place. Speeding is still a problem and a 20mph. zone is being considered. The electronic 20mph. signs are not working around the schools in this area.
3. The white lines at Overton Road/Ashkirk Road need repainting. SLC were asked if this could be done prior to the schools going back but the work has not gone ahead. Councillor Frame agreed to take this up with SLC.
4. A meeting about the Local Transport Strategy has taken place. The public can complete a Questionnaire on the Strategy on the SLC Website.

6. Planning Applications.

Only one Application may be of interest, that of a change of use of premises at Barns Mews to a residential property.

7. Funding Opportunities.

Work on getting funding for the Community Support Plan is ongoing.

8. Working Together for Avondale.

- (a) The Peer Support Groups are almost completed. Funding is required before any more can be started.
- (b) The Project with Loaves and Fishes, the Food Bank and the schools has been a success.
- (c) Vouchers for the Food Bank are still available.

9. Kype Muir Community Fund.

- (a) New Terms of reference have been agreed with Bank's lawyers.
- (b) There is now a Pot One Fund divided as previously and a larger Pot Two Fund open to Applications from all CC areas.
- (c) Robin Winstanley to attend a meeting with A. Mc Mann and M. McDonald on 30th August to discuss Strathaven and Glassford's share of the money.
- (d) Closer links were established with the Council's Renewable Energy Fund.
- (e) Applications passed for Funding and Funding Updates were sent to CC Members prior to the meeting.
- (f) A request for £40,000 from Strathaven Rugby Club will be considered over the next months from Pot Two.
- (g) Strathaven Business Association have applied for funding for 2 defibrillators and for Christmas Lights for the Allison Green. When passed this will come from Pot One.
- (h) The monies from the Kype Muir Extension are delayed and it may be November before they are allocated.

- (i) Money is now available to take forward the Community Action Plan (CAP).
- (j) The Balance for awarding funds for the CC area is £32,557.
- (k) Someone from the Rural Partnership may attend a CC meeting to assist with the CAP by giving examples of what has taken place in other areas.
- (l) A Sunshine Clause is included in the Fund which allows funding not spent within a certain timescale by an area to be transferred to Pot Two.

10. CC Micro Grants.

- (a) The full Report was sent to CC Members prior to the meeting.
- (b) During the last two months 2 new Applications have been received:-
 - 003: National Autistic Society Scotland (South Lanarkshire Branch)** -They have applied for a Grant of £160 to increase awareness of Autism Support on offer locally across South Lanarkshire and improved mental health and wellbeing. Recommendation was that funding this was not an appropriate use of Micro Grant Funds as they are a non local group at this time. Recommendation accepted at the meeting.
 - 004: Strathaven Camera Club** - They have applied for a Grant of £150 to produce publicity material and publicise their Annual Exhibition. Recommendation is that this Grant be approved. Agreed at CC meeting.
- (c) There is £4,300 remaining in the Fund.
- (d) Outstanding paperwork is still required for six Projects.

11. Secretary's Report.

Nothing to report which is not covered on the Agenda.

12. Treasurer's Report.

- (a) The full Report was sent to CC Members prior to the meeting.
- (b) During July and August payment for Micro Grants as agreed at the June meeting were paid out. All monies owed to the Treasurer have also been completed.
- (c) COVID Fund - Balance uncommitted is £4,849.61.

13. Reports from CC Members.

- (a) L. Hoggan has become a Trustee of Climate Action Strathaven. (L. Hoggan).
- (b) The Climate Action Strathaven building will be getting some remedial work done. (L. Hoggan).
- (c) The Balloon Festival was once again a successful event. Flights occurred on the Saturday (2) and the Sunday (1) but the Evening Glow had to be cancelled due to adverse weather. Some changes were made to the layout in the Park and there was increased use of the George Allan Park to house more activities. Four bands from Strathaven Academy opened the events on the stage on the Sunday. (L. Hoggan).
- (d) The 3C bus to Glasgow has proven to be a great success and it has been recognised at the Transport Sub-Group meetings. (G. McAllan).

14. Reports from SLC Councillors.

Councillor E. Frame.

- (a) She attended Gala Day and the Balloon Festival.
- (b) She has presented a Trophy to Strathaven Academy for use at the Annual Prize Day.
- (c) She will have a Street Stall in the Common Green on Saturday 9th September.

- (d) Dealing with complaints about speeding in the area.
- (e) Funding is available for a Bicycle Parking area in Strathaven and a suitable site is being sought.
- (f) Problems with people making deliveries and causing obstructions have been reported to her.
- (g) The problems with the bins on Waterside Street were raised with Councillor Frame as they are overflowing, causing a smell and blocking the pavement. The question was asked if a way could be found to ensure that there was somewhere for the bins to be stored away from the pavement. Councillor Frame agreed to look into what could be done to find a solution to the problem.

15. AOCB.

- (a) A. Stewart agreed to hold a key to the CC Noticeboard in the Common Green.
- (b) A. McMann is now the Chairperson of the East Kilbride Health and Social Care Forum. She reported that the Alba Group's running of GP Practices was the first item on the Agenda at a recent Forum meeting. She will also attend the Health and Social Care Forum (South) meetings.
- (c) Sightings of rats have been reported in and around Boots the Chemist premises on Green Street.
- (d) Avondale Radio propose to do another programme about the CC in September.
- (e) It was reported that youths had been seen inside the Castle grounds and safety concerns were raised about their presence around the walls.
- (f) SLC have removed the fly-tipping from the site identified at a previous CC meeting.
- (g) Members were informed about the new 'Weaving' exhibition in the Strathaven Museum on Todshill Street.
- (h) There is a need to attract new Members for the CC as the numbers are depleted at present.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 26th September at 7.00pm in the Avondale Wing.

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

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