

STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 31ST OCTOBER, 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.
SLC Councillors: Susan Kerr.
Visitors: Robert Murray.
2. **Apologies:** Dr. Lisa Cameron MP; Councillor Margaret Cooper; Colin Drysdale (Police Scotland); Councillor Elise Frame; Jacqui Laing; Mairi McAllan MSP.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (26/09/2023).**
The Minutes were approved without change. Proposed: L. Hoggan. Seconded: A. Stewart.
4. **Police Report.**
 - (a) No Report was received from Police Scotland.
 - (b) Police Scotland have been contacted asking if they can send a representative to the CC meetings and supply a more detailed Report. No reply has been received to date.
 - (c) Meetings with the Police used to take place twice a year and it was asked if these could be reinstated.
 - (d) It was suggested that some Members of the CC could meet with Police Scotland during the day on a date prior to the CC meetings and report back to the CC.
5. **Standing Items.**
 - (a) **Strathaven Castle** - SLC to be contacted for an update on the work being carried out at the Castle. L. Hoggan to contact SLC.
 - (b) **Clydesdale Tourism Group** - Nothing to report.
 - (c) **Transport Sub-Group.**
 1. The CC were not requested to send representation to the meeting with the Reporter regarding the proposed one-way system. Their disappointment was made known to the Reporter.
 2. The Sub-Group has not met for some time and Councillor Kerr agreed to request that a meeting take place. The CC would need to compile an Agenda for such a meeting prior to it taking place.
 3. Many road signs in the area are obscured and it was asked if something could be done about this. L. Hoggan to contact SLC regarding this.
 4. **Threestanes Road** - A meeting has taken place with the builders and they will do a Road Safety Audit on the site. A Builder's Survey will also be requested. A Report from SLC is awaited regarding issues raised with them.
 5. The 20mph signs, reported at the September meeting, are still not working. L. Hoggan to contact SLC regarding this issue.
6. **Planning Applications.**
 - (a) **Ballgreen Hall** - The proposal to demolish the Hall has not appeared on the Planning Applications issued by SLC. This may be because Conservation Area Consent does not require planning permission. When a decision about what to do with the site is taken, Planning permission will then be needed. CC Members

asked that they be updated on what is happening regarding the site. L. Hoggan to contact SLC regarding this.

(b) There have been Applications for the erection of Wind Turbines on local farms. None are any cause for concern to the CC.

(c) It was agreed that the CC would no longer lodge a Letter of Complaint for future Wind Farm Applications unless there is an obvious danger.

7. Threestanes Road Residents.

The residents requested a postponement of their visit to the CC meeting and this will now be included on the Agenda for the November meeting.

8. Proposals for Ash Pitch at Kirklandpark.

There are two CAT Applications for the site. One is from the Scouts and one is for a Community Garden. L. Hoggan has met with both groups and has suggested that they band together to do both things on the site.

9. Funding Opportunities.

Work on the Community Support Plan is ongoing.

10. Strathaven Town Mill - Youths Gathering in the Grounds.

Matter to be raised with Police Scotland and A. McMann to contact them about this.

11. Working Together for Avondale.

(a) It was stated that recently there were no Food Donation Boxes in Sainsbury's. This was likely due to rearrangement of parts of the store.

(b) The removal of Clothes Boxes and Recycling Boxes at the Car Park area at Sainsbury's is permanent.

12. Review of Communications Strategy.

(a) Contact to be made with Avondale Radio regarding them putting CC items on air. L. Hoggan said that the CC could have a monthly slot on the station.

(b) L. Hoggan is working on a Communications Strategy Plan.

13. Kype Muir Community Fund.

(a) The next meeting is on the 13th November, 2023.

(b) No money has as yet been released from the Extension Fund.

(c) Money for the Community Action Plan will still be available.

(d) Banks Renewables have been taken over.

14. CC Micro Grants.

(a) The full Report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.

(b) During the last month 3 new Applications have been received:-

- **005: Strathaven Evangelical Toddler Group** - They are seeking a Grant of £500 for the purchase of 2 Activity Tables to extend and stimulate the play experience. It is proposed that the Award be granted in full.

- **006: Climate Action Strathaven** - They are seeking funds of £300 to purchase equipment for litter collection. It is proposed that the Award be granted in full.

- **007: Keri Robertshaw** - The applicant has applied for £500 to assist with her attendance at International Karate Competitions this year. It is proposed that the Award be granted in full.

The above three Applications were approved by the CC.

(c) There is £4,150 remaining in the Fund.

- (d) During the past month one further Micro Grant has been signed off - Strathaven Knitting and Crochet Ninjas (£480).
- (e) Paperwork is still required for 5 Projects.
- (f) Further Applications from the Fund will be welcomed.

15. Secretary's Report.

Nothing to report not covered on the Agenda.

16. Treasurer's Report.

- (a) The full Report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.
- (b) The £515 CC money has still to be spent. The cost of the Wreath for Armistice Day (£39) to come from this money.
- (c) The Reserve Fund stands at £2,318 at present. It was suggested that the CC could organise an Open Forum using money from this Fund. This to be on the Agenda for discussion at the November meeting.
- (d) It was suggested that equipment to allow for mixed meetings using Zoom to be held in the future could be purchased.
- (e) During the month of October no payments were made.
- (f) COVID Fund - £4,759.61 remains uncommitted in the Fund.

17. Reports from CC Members.

- (a) The Strathaven Business Association (SBA) have received funding from the Kype Muir Fund to purchase Christmas lights for Bridge Street and Todshill Street.
- (b) The Bid from the SBA for Christmas lights for Barn Street has gone to the Appraisal Stage.
- (c) An Application for funding for lights at the Town Mill has also been submitted.
- (d) The Head Teacher at Strathaven Academy has been contacted regarding the vandalism on the 3C Bus. She will talk to all classes and Climate Action Strathaven are willing to give a talk at the Academy. It was suggested that the Head Teacher be invited to a future CC meeting to give an update on this matter.
- (e) Two defibrillators to be purchased. One will be located at the Fire Station and one on a lamp post on Colinhill Road.
- (f) Reindeer Day will be held on the 10th December, 2023.
- (g) It was asked if any update on the proposed Forest planting had been received. To date no update has been received by the CC.
- (h) An update was requested on the proposed murals which had to be placed within the town. It was stated that 7 or 8 murals should be done next year.
- (i) Cyclists on electronic bikes have been careering dangerously in the Park and on some streets in the town. This is happening between 4pm and 5pm. D. Scott has reported this to Police Scotland.

18. Reports from SLC Councillors.

Councillor S. Kerr.

- (a) A directional arrow can be painted on to the road at the junction of Wellbrae and the Common Green.
- (b) The signage at Bridge Street and Waterside Street has been realigned.
- (c) It is planned to build social housing on the Ballgreen Hall site.

(d) Difficult decisions will have to be taken regarding the SLC Budget for the next Financial Year. There is a Budget Consultation Survey available on the SLC website which closes on the 10th November, 2023.

(e) Work has begun to demolish the back of the Butcher's shop on Green Street.

19. AOCB.

(a) Best wishes were expressed to those taking over the 'Drawing Room'.

(b) The owners of 'The Taal' will be taking over 'The Waterside'.

20. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 28th November at 7.00pm in the Avondale Wing.

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

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