

STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 30TH APRIL, 2024

1. **Sederunt:** Aileen McMann (Chairperson); Les Hoggan (Secretary); Sheila Munro Tulloch (Treasurer); John Graham (Minute Secretary); Morag Arnot; Linda Brown; Douglas Scott and Aileen Stewart.
Visitors: Claire Martin (Community Enterprise) and Robert Murray.
2. **Apologies:** Dr. Lisa Cameron MP; Margaret Cooper; Colin Drysdale (Police Scotland); Elise Frame; Susan Kerr; Gordon McAllan; Mairi McAllan MSP and Margot McDonald.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (26/03/2024).**
The Minutes were approved without change. Proposed - D. Scott. Seconded - M. Arnot.
4. **Police Report.**
Crime Figures from 20/03/24 to 26/04/24 are as follows:-
 - 5 x Theft (1 Detected).
 - 3 x Theft Shoplifting (None Detected).
 - 1 x Theft Housebreaking (Not Detected).
 - 4 x Fraud (None Detected).
 - 2 x Breach of Bail Offences (2 Detected).
 - 5 x Assaults (1 Detected).
 - 2 x Communication Act Offences (2 Detected).
 - 1 x Attempted Murder (Not Detected).
 - 3 x ASBO Offences (3 Detected).
 - 2 x Vandalism (1 Detected).
 - 1 x Knife Offence (Detected).
 - 3 x Road Traffic Offences (None Detected).
 - 1 x Firearm Licence Offence (Detected).

Comments were made saying that more information regarding the attempted murder and the knife offence would have been welcomed by the CC.
5. **Community Enterprise (Claire Martin).**
 - (a) An overview of Community Enterprise was given.
 - (b) **Community Action Plan (CAP)** - This is the responsibility of the CC which will deliver it. The CAP should be aspirational and achievable. Need to know what will be done, why it is being done and how it will be done.
 - (c) **Local Place Plan (LPP)** - This is part of Planning and has to be submitted to SLC for approval. The CC will be doing a LPP and help will be given on how to do it.
 - (d) Asset Mapping, Data Gathering and a Survey will be carried out within the CC area. These will involve the community and local groups and organisations. The Survey will be on the CC website and the Strathaven website. Paper copies will be available from some premises within the town.
 - (e) Events, Focus Groups and One to One Interviews will take place and the CC will be kept informed throughout this consultation process.
 - (f) The first Draft of the CAP to be done by the end of August and final documents to be ready in October, 2024.

6. Visitor Input.

No items were raised.

7. Planning Applications.

No concerns were raised regarding the recent Applications.

8. Bank of Scotland - Proposed Closure.

(a) An approach on how to move forward on this issue has been agreed and L.

Hoggan and D. Scott have produced a Draft Plan for the CC. This will look at the issues and options available.

(b) An on-line Survey was made live on 25th April and, up to the morning of the 30th April, 350 responses had been received.

(c) Mairi McAllan MSP and Councillor Elise Frame have been contacted and both have responded. R. Murray informed the CC that Dr. Lisa Cameron MP was also looking into this issue.

(d) There is a need to liaise with LINK regarding a possible Community Banking Hub, to speak to those involved in setting up such Hubs in Cambuslang and Carluke, to ascertain how businesses will be affected by the closure, the impact of the closure with the Post Office not being in the town centre and public transport options.

9. Ash Pitch CAT Update.

No news since the March CC meeting.

10. Funding Opportunities.

Nothing to report.

11. Working Together for Avondale (WTA).

Payment of £1,898 for the COVID Commemorative Stone was agreed.

12. Kype Muir Fund.

(a) The AGM to be held on Tuesday 7th May, 2024.

(b) Still waiting to find out when funds will be released from the Kype Muir Extension.

(c) An Application for £3,000 has been received from Strathaven Guides towards an event to celebrate their Anniversary.

(d) OnPath will fund the CAP. Any money not spent when participating CC CAPs have been completed will go into Pot 2.

(e) There is a Sunshine Clause where CCs with money left will have a short time to spend this funding. If not spent the money will go into Pot 2.

(f) The CC can apply for funding for Projects from Pot 2.

13. CC Micro Grants.

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

(b) Currently we are waiting for SLC to audit the Accounts and make current year funding available.

(c) During the past month one further Micro Grant has been signed off:-
2023/24: 001 - Memory Club (£500).

(d) At present outstanding paperwork is required for ten Projects.

14. Secretary's Report.

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

(b) Transport.

1. L. Hoggan to check with SLC about the progress in implementing the proposed one-way system in the town centre.

2. The final version of the Climate Action Strathaven (CAS) Transport Strategy is now complete.

3. Still no update for a proposed Transport Sub-Group meeting.

(c) Strathaven Castle.

The CC needs to think about what is wanted on its Information Board. This Board to contain information about the town and the CC to liaise with Friends of Strathaven Castle (FoSC) to ensure commonality on both Boards. It was suggested that a further Board in the cobbled area in front of the Castle be considered based on discussions with SLC and it is proposed to have further discussions with FoSC on how this can be implemented.

(d) Insurance Policy.

Communication was received from SLC confirming that the CC Insurance was covered from 2024 to March, 2025. However, it was also confirmed that from 2025 the CC would be expected to make its own Insurance arrangements. An E-Mail was received from another CC asking if we wanted to get involved with a co-ordinated response to SLC on this matter. L. Hoggan to contact the CC involved.

(e) Glassford Community Group.

1. The Group has a new Committee and a new Chairperson.

2. Quarterly Comedy Nights are being scheduled with the first due to take place on the 25th May, 2024.

(f) Wishaw Neonatal ICU.

Avondale Radio has been carrying out interviews about the proposal to close this Unit as its closure would result in emergency transfer from across Lanarkshire to whatever ICU had capacity, potentially all the way to Aberdeen. A 90 minute feature went out on April 29th. It is available to Listen Again at the following:- <https://player.autopod.xyz/580846>.

(g) Cycle Stands.

Confirmation has been received from SLC that a Stand is to be installed on the island in the Common Green nearest the traffic lights.

(h) Defibrillators.

The new defibrillator for installation at Strathaven Fire Station has now been received and arrangements are being made for its installation.

(i) Balloon Festival.

Plans are proceeding for the 25th Anniversary of the Festival on August 24th/25th. As part of the plans it was agreed that a 100 page Commemorative Book be produced.

(j) It is proposed that Avondale Radio does a regular update interview on CC matters and areas of interest.

15. Treasurer's Report.

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

(b) There have been no financial transactions during the month of April, 2024. End of year paperwork was submitted on 31st March to SLC.

(c) Balance uncommitted in COVID Fund is £5,858.81.

16. Reports by CC Members.

- (a) There used to be a Town Group run by SLC. A meeting will be held on the 14th May to discuss setting up such a Group run by the community.
- (b) The supplier of the COVID Commemorative Stone will get in touch when it is ready.

17. Reports from SLC Councillors.

No Councillors were present at the meeting.

18. AOCB.

- (a) The Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust Exhibition on Strathaven's Churches is now on at the Museum on Todshill Street on Friday to Sunday each week. The clock mechanism from the Old Avondale Parish Church will be on display between the 10th to the 12th May. It is being loaned to the Trust by SLL&C.
- (b) The Strathaven Learner Community Choir will be performing at the General Assembly in Edinburgh on the 20th May, 2024.

19. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 28th May, 2024 at 7.00pm in the Avondale Wing.

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

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