

**STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 27TH AUGUST, 2024**

1. **Sederunt:** 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.  
**Visitors:** Claire Martin and David Westwater. (Attended on-line).
2. **Apologies:** Councillor Margaret Cooper; Councillor Elise Frame; Councillor Susan Kerr; Mairi McAllan MSP; Andy MacIntyre (Police Scotland); Aileen McMann and Joani Reid MP.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (25/06/2024).**  
The Minutes were approved without change. Proposed - L. Hoggan. Seconded - S. Tulloch.
4. **Police Report.**  
The figures for the period 21/07/24 - 21/08/24 are as follows:-  
9 x Assaults (1 Detected).  
2 x S5(2) MDA 1971 Possession (2 Detected).  
9 x Disorder (7 Detected).  
4 x Theft (Detected).  
5 x Road Traffic (None Detected).  
Concern was raised regarding the number of assaults and more details on the figures would be helpful. (Subsequent to the meeting details were received for the contact for the CC. A. McMann will get in touch with the person before the next meeting).
5. **Visitor Input.**  
No matters were raised.
6. **Community Action Plan (CAP).**
  - (a) C. Martin and D. Westwater joined the meeting on-line at this point.
  - (b) The first Draft of the findings of the Community Enterprise (CE) Survey has been sent to CC Members. This is being updated and the new version will be circulated soon.
  - (c) Matters raised in the Survey have previously been highlighted by the CC and these will be included in the CAP.
  - (d) The CC need to discuss Infrastructure, Preserving of community assets and Retaining and Developing local facilities. These headings were identified in the Draft Report.
  - (e) Discussions to be held with community groups.
  - (f) The Local Place Plan (LPP) needs to be completed by the CC. The community to be made aware of the LPP and copies should be available on-line and in hard copy. Consultation on the Plan to be completed by the end of November.
  - (g) The CAP and the LPP will be unified documents.
  - (h) The CC to see the documents by the 24th September and the 28 day Consultation period to begin on the 1st October.
  - (i) It was reported that Climate Action Strathaven (CAS) had completed their Report based on their Traffic Survey and this to be given to the CC and CE.
  - (j) C. Martin and D. Westwater left the meeting at 7.30pm.

**7. Planning Applications.**

There were no major concerns in the recent Applications but there are still some worries over the planned three Wind Turbines at Brownside.

**8. Auchengilloch Access Path.**

A Letter of Support for the restoration of the path to be sent. M. McDonald to contact OnPath and Sandford CC regarding this matter.

**9. Bank of Scotland - Proposed Closure.**

(a) LINK have been contacted and it will take 6 to 8 weeks for them to do anything.

(b) A Credit Union will be in CAS at certain times of the week.

**10. Funding Opportunities.**

No opportunities have been identified.

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

This item to be removed from the Agenda and any report in future to be covered in either the Treasurer's Report or AOCB.

**12. Kype Muir Fund.**

(a) The CAP was reported on at the Kype Muir Meeting.

(b) The Kype Extension Opening Event is scheduled for the 20th September, 2024 and it will be opened by Joani Reid MP.

(c) There are some issues with the new procedures for Applications and further clarification is being sought.

(d) Finances:- Pot 1 - £34,398.74 and Pot 2 - £411,870.00. It was confirmed that all requests over £25,000 would be allocated from Pot 2.

(e) Grants agreed are:-

Fountain Building Lesmahagow - £29,994.96.

Strathaven Dynamos - £500 (Additional to previous allocation).

Strathaven Scout and Guide Centre - £6,000 (New boiler).

(f) A funding request from Avondale Heather Curling Club is pending.

(g) CAS have not yet received their money.

(h) Applications for over £25,000 to be encouraged from groups within the CC area.

(i) The next meeting is on the 11th November, 2024 with the deadline for any Applications being the 25th October, 2024.

**13. CC Micro Grants.**

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

(b) Four new Applications have been received since the June CC meeting:-

**1. 2024/25: 001 - Avondale Heather Curling Club.** They have requested £500 to arrange some come and try sessions followed by coaching in a bid to increase membership. Proposed that a Grant of £160 be awarded to cover the cost of a rink at peak time.

**2. 2024/25: Roisin Reilly (Strathaven Academy).** She is seeking a Grant of £500 to put on a play in the Town Mill with other 6th year pupils in February, 2025 for the benefit of local Care Home residents. Decision on this Application has been deferred until M. McDonald can contact the school for further information.

**3. 2024/25: Lyndsey Sneddon.** Individual has requested a Grant of £500. She is proposing to undertake an equine study as research for a PhD in Animal Welfare at Belfast University. Recommended that the award is not granted as it does

not benefit our residents and local equestrian centres are all located out with the CC area.

- 4. 2024/25: Trinity Church Guild.** They have requested £250 to assist funding their social/shopping trip to Livingston in November, 2024. The fund to be used for payment of a wheelchair adapted coach. Recommended that the Grant be awarded in full.

The above proposals and recommendations were approved.

- (c)** Five further Grants from 2023/24 have been signed off. Paperwork for one Grant remains outstanding.

**14. Secretary's Report.**

- (a)** The Transport Survey by CAS received 620 responses. The Report on the Survey has been completed and L. Hoggan will send it to CC Members.
- (b)** The Planning Application for Glassford Community Hall has come through.
- (c)** The Balloon Festival was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. Planning for the 2025 Festival is going ahead. The Raffle, to raise funds for the event, is still ongoing and support from the community remains very good.
- (d)** The 25th Anniversary of the Balloon Festival is being celebrated in a display at the current Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust (SJHMT) Exhibition in the Museum on Todshill Street.
- (e)** The defibrillator at the Fire Station is now in situ and is operational. A photoshoot at the Fire Station and a radio interview involving the Strathaven Business Association is planned. An interview with the CC would also be good to get the Kype Muir perspective on this.

**15. Treasurer's Report.**

- (a)** The full Report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.
- (b)** The following transactions have been recorded since the CC meeting in June:-
1. The Annual Grant from SLC was paid into the CC Bank Account on 1st July, 2024. It was suggested that some of this money be used to have a television screen, using a usb stick, to promote CC matters placed in the Avondale Wing. Written approval would be needed to use the money in this way. It was agreed to consider this idea.
  2. Payment of £1,895.00 was paid to New Priory Monument Ltd. for the COVID Stone as agreed.
- (c)** Balance remaining uncommitted in the COVID Fund is £4,858.81.

**16. Reports from CC Members.**

- (a)** The new SJHMT Exhibition opens on the 30th August, 2024.
- (b)** No information regarding a new cemetery in Strathaven has been received. L. Hoggan to contact SLC regarding this matter.
- (c)** The Booking System for the Recycling Centre in Strathaven is now operational.
- (d)** Charging to have maroon bins emptied of garden waste from April 2025 could cause an increase in fly-tipping.

**17. Reports from SLC Councillors.**

No Councillors were present at the meeting.

**18. AOCB.**

The take up by the community for the CAS Shuttle Bus has been slow but the use of the service is now picking up and will be used more once the Universities start back.

**19. Date of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday 24th September, 2024 at 7.00pm in the Avondale Wing.

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

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