

STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

1. **Sederunt:** Aileen Mc Mann (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: Lesley Ash.
2. **Apologies:** Councillor Margaret Cooper; Councillor Elise Frame; Mairi McAllan MSP and Joani Reid MP.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (27/08/2024).**
The Minutes were approved without change. Proposed - M. McDonald.
Seconded - A. Stewart.
4. **Police Report.**
 - (a) No monthly Report was received.
 - (b) A. Mc Mann has contacted Sergeant Diane Ballingall regarding the CC receiving a more detailed Report each month and also requesting that someone from Police Scotland attend the CC meetings. A reply is awaited.
5. **Visitor Input (Lesley Ash).**
 - (a) The state of the pavements on Muirburn Place in Glassford was raised. Councillor Kerr agreed to look into this issue.
 - (b) Hedges on Threestanes Road/Lethame Road are overgrown and are causing line of sight issues. Councillor Kerr agreed to look into this and check if the Cala Homes plans for the roads had been carried out as planned.
 - (c) The question of a site for a new cemetery for Strathaven was raised. L. Hoggan to contact Councillor Cooper for an update on this issue.
6. **Community Action Plan (CAP).**
 - (a) A. Mc Mann and M. McDonald met with Claire Martin and comments on the CAP can be made until the 30th September, 2024.
 - (b) No new issues were identified from the public Consultation and L. Hoggan has sent the Climate Action Strathaven (CAS) Surveys to Community Enterprise.
 - (c) SLC is still taking comments on the Local Development Plan (LDP).
7. **Planning Applications.**
Discussion took place regarding the proposed siting of Wind Turbines in the local area. As none of the turbines fall within the CC area it was agreed to defer the issue meantime and to include it as a heading on the Agenda for the October CC meeting.
8. **Bank of Scotland - Proposed Closure.**
LINK has carried out a survey of banking in the area, as requested by the CC, and has concluded that Strathaven does not qualify for a Banking Hub. Thanks were expressed to L. Hoggan and D. Scott for their work on this issue.
9. **Funding Opportunities.**
The Community Health and Wellbeing Fund opens on the 30th September, 2024 and Working Together for Avondale is planning an Application for monies to fund Peer Group Sessions. It was agreed that this Application could go ahead.

10. Kype Muir Fund.

- (a) Strathaven Airfield has had an Application for funding for the purchase of a Rotary Mower accepted.
- (b) CAS, Strathaven Dynamo and Gallowhill Cottages have now received their funding.
- (c) Expressions of Interest for funding to be submitted now and full Applications to be submitted by the 25th October, 2024.
- (d) Applications from the CC area for funding of over £25,000 for a Project would be welcomed. It was suggested that the Strathaven Co-ordinating Group may be able to help and bring forward a large Project for consideration.

11. CC Micro Grants.

- (a) The full Report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.
 - (b) In August Trinity Church Guild was awarded a Grant of £250. As a result of a member of the Guild making a donation for the same purpose as the Grant, all paperwork and the cheque have been returned.
 - (c) Since August 2 new Applications have been received and one has been reviewed.
 - 1. **2024/25 - 002: Roisin Reilly** - She sought a Grant of £500 to put on a play with other 6th year pupils in February, 2025 in the Town Mill for local Care Home residents. Following clarification, it was agreed that the money be administered by Strathaven Mill and it is recommended that the Grant of £500 be awarded in full.
 - 2. **2024/25 - 005: Strathaven Gardening Club** - Requested a Grant of £250 for purchase of a radio microphone and a cable floor protector to be used at the monthly meetings. It is recommended that the Grant of £250 be awarded in full.
 - 3. **2024/25 - 006: Strathaven Airfield** - Requested a Grant of £500 for purchase of a commercial Electric Lawnmower. It is recommended that the Grant of £500 be awarded in full.
- The above Grants were approved at the CC meeting.
- (d) There is £3,500 still available in the Fund.
 - (e) Outstanding paperwork is still required for two Projects.

12. Secretary's Report.

- (a) The full Report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.
- (b) **Transport Sub-Group** - No update for a proposed Sub-Group meeting has been received. L. Hoggan to contact SLC to request the reinstatement of the Group and to ask that a date for a meeting be set.
- (c) **Strathaven Castle** - The Survey results are now back and costs have been received. Funding is being sought but there are some logistical problems about how to carry out the work. Visits by school pupils are being arranged with the Friends of Strathaven Castle to allow them to monitor the work.
- (d) **One-way System** - Still no implementation date for this.

13. Treasurer's Report.

- (a) The full Report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.
- (b) As agreed at the August meeting a Micro Grant of £160 was paid out to Avondale Heather Curling Club.
- (c) There is still £4,858.81 uncommitted in the COVID Fund.

14. Reports from CC Members.

- (a) Strathaven Co-ordinating Group** - The Group held its first meeting where the CC and many other local groups were represented. Donald Cooper was elected as Chairperson. The CAP will be discussed at their next meeting.
- (b) Commemorative Stone** - Funding for plants at the site is available. Strathaven in Bloom to be asked if it can provide flower pots to go in front of the Stone. M. Arnot to contact the group about this. It was suggested that a photograph be taken once the plants are in place.
- (c)** The CC can use the Noticeboard, previously run by the Round Table, situated in the Common Green.
- (d)** Now that the Booking System is in place at the Recycling Centre the CC will monitor if this leads to more fly-tipping in the area.

15. Reports from SLC Councillors.

Councillor Susan Kerr.

- (a)** The Booking System at the Recycling Centre is for a trial period.
- (b)** Homelessness has now become a greater problem when dealing with constituency issues. SLC has declared a homelessness emergency.
- (c)** SLC will face further financial challenges over the next two years with £77.2 million having to be saved.

16. AOCB.

- (a)** Issues have arisen with the Alba Medical Group with complaints being received. The complaints have been passed on to the Chair of the Health and Social Care Forum South group.
- (b)** The current Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust Exhibition continues until the 20th October and an Exhibition about Harry Lauder will open on the 8th November. This display will be on loan from SLL&C and will include some exhibits which are held by the Trust.

17. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 29th October, 2024 at 7.00pm in the Avondale Wing.

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

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