

**STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 29TH OCTOBER, 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 and Aileen Stewart.
2. **Apologies:** Councillor Margaret Cooper; Councillor Elise Frame; Councillor Susan Kerr; Mairi McAlan MSP; Joani Reid MP and Douglas Scott.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (24/09/2024).**  
The Minutes were approved without change. Proposed - A. Stewart. Seconded - L. Hoggan.
4. **Police Report.**
  - (a) No Report was received from Police Scotland.
  - (b) The Chairperson met with Diane Ballingall and Andy McIntyre from Police Scotland and requested a Police presence at the CC meetings. A more detailed Report on the Crime Figures was also requested. Police Scotland said that GDPR was a problem as people could be identified from the extra detail given and Community Police could be called to cover incidents and presence at CC meetings was not always possible.
  - (c) The Chairperson to contact Police Scotland with the comments from CC Members and to request again that a more detailed Report be submitted.
5. **Visitor Input.**  
No visitors attended the meeting.
6. **Community Action Plan (CAP).**
  - (a) The CAP is almost completed and final comments have to be with Community Enterprise by 17th November, 2024. Claire Martin wishes to meet with representatives of the CC after this date.
  - (b) The CC has concerns over the wording regarding a possible Banking Hub in Strathaven and would like a change of wording. The Chairperson to contact Claire Martin regarding this issue.
  - (c) The Strathaven Co-ordinating Group will meet on the 6th November when the CAP will be discussed.
7. **Planning Applications.**  
The planned erection of Wind Turbines in the area close to the Strathaven Airfield could affect their premises and the CC can submit comments regarding this. The Turbines fall within the Upper Avondale CC area and they have been contacted. The CC will continue to monitor the situation but individuals can submit comments to SLC.
8. **Bank of Scotland - Proposed Closure.**  
Boots the Chemist will have a facility for depositing cash and cheques in their Green Street premises when it reopens.
9. **Funding Opportunities.**
  - (a) An Application for £19,440 has been submitted on behalf of the CC with the Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund to assist with mental health issues in the area.

- (b) An Expression of Interest from the Glassford Community Group to the Kype Muir Fund has been successful and a full Application was submitted on the 16th October. An Application for matched funding will be submitted to the REF.

**10. Kype Muir Community Fund.**

- (a) Greencoat Energy had an option to buy out OnPath for the Kype Muir Extension and an objection to this has been raised as information on this was not given to the Kype Muir Fund. They have been assured that there will be no change to the way funding is allocated.
- (b) A System is needed to inform CCs when funding is allocated to groups.

**11. CC Micro Grants.**

- (a) The full Report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.
- (b) No new Applications have been received since the September meeting.
- (c) Outstanding paperwork is still required for three projects.

**12. Secretary's Report.**

- (a) The full Report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.
- (b) **Kilbryde Hospice** - They need to raise over £3 million per annum and they are now the selected charity to benefit from the Christmas Tree Lights in the centre of the town. Avondale Radio is working in partnership with the Hospice and now runs a monthly two hour show at 10am on the first Monday of the month. Avondale Radio is also getting involved in events for the Hospice.
- (c) **Glassford Community Group** - Approval has been granted for its Planning Application for the redevelopment of Glassford Village Hall.
- (d) **Strathaven Castle** - Friends of Strathaven Castle (FoSC) is in the process of developing a website. FoSC has been working closely with SLC on preparing costings for the work required to redevelop the steps leading to the Castle from the Castle Park. It is also working with Strathaven Academy to enable access for photography to take photos as any work progresses to ensure that a full record is kept.
- (e) **Transport** - The Climate Action Strathaven (CAS) survey on traffic and transport within Strathaven final Report has been approved. It is planned to hold an open event to enable the Report to be discussed. The Report will be available on the CAS website.  
No update on a date for a Transport Sub-Group meeting has been received and no date has been identified for the implementation of a one-way system for Bridge Street and Wellbrae.
- (f) **Rotary Club** - The Club is running the Wrap Up Lanarkshire campaign again starting in early October. Coats and jackets can be handed in to any primary school, CAS, Strathaven Hotel and Strathaven Academy.
- (g) **Christmas Lights Timing** - Lights to be in place before the end of November, 2024, weather permitting. They will be lit from 3pm until 1am each day until around the end of January, 2025. The switch on for Glassford has been scheduled for the 7th December, after the Christmas Market.
- (h) **Lighting** - Provost Margaret Cooper has confirmed that funding is available for the installation of lighting at the Rifleman Khan Statue, with improved landscaping, and also for the Rotary Garden in the Allison Green.

- (i) **Make Your Way** - Community Action Lanarkshire has been awarded funding to review and update the Make Your Way (MYW) Stonehouse (including Glassford and Sandford), MYW Carluke and MYW Forth active travel maps. The MYW mapping review delivers a programme of active and outdoor community mapping review events and school activities. More details can be found at [www.makeyourwayclydesdale.com](http://www.makeyourwayclydesdale.com) and a video can be seen at the following:- Community Action Lanarkshire - Make Your Way ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)). The information gathered will allow for the creation of new active travel maps and map boards which will help to raise awareness of routes locally as well as inform wider Make Your Way project development.
- (j) **Climate Action Strathaven (CAS)** - It has launched its new bus timetable for the 3C service, increasing return journeys each day to seventeen.
- (k) **Defibrillators** - These are now in place at Strathaven Fire Station, Creative Strathaven, the Barrie Shelter, Strathaven Hotel and Trinity Church. A suitable site has still to be identified for one in the Crosshill Road area. The one outside the old Flower Shop is currently inactive. It is proposed to run training courses for CPR and defibrillator use in the near future.
- (l) **Alba Group** - Issues have been raised regarding the running of the Alba Medical Practice (Strathaven Health Centre). The CC Chairperson has submitted details of the complaints to the Chair of the Health & Social Care Forum (South) and will also raise the matter at the East Kilbride Health & Social Care Forum. Mairi McAllan is also dealing with this issue and her comments to the CC are to be placed on the Facebook Page and people in the community are to be encourage to report any concerns which they may have regarding the Practice.

### **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 £1,250.00 was paid out to the three approved Applications considered at the September meeting. Payment of £19.20 was also made for the annual Domain Name renewal.
- (c) The payment for the CC Wreath for Armistice Day has still to be made.
- (d) **COVID Fund** - The Balance remaining uncommitted is £4,858.81.

### **14. Reports from CC Members.**

- (a) Since the Booking System was introduced at the Re-Cycling Centre the instances of fly tipping have increased.
- (b) No update has been received from SLC regarding a site for a cemetery in Strathaven.
- (c) The Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust new Exhibition covering 'Strathaven's Story' opens on the 1st November, 2024 and the 'Harry Lauder Exhibition' opens on the 8th November, 2024. Both will run until the 15th December, 2024.
- (d) A pot containing Pansies is now in place at the COVID Stone and will be maintained by Strathaven in Bloom. As planned, SLC will be placing large pots planted with sustainable plants behind the finger post.

### **15. Reports from SLC Councillors.**

No Councillors were present at the meeting.

**16. AOCB.**

- (a) An issue regarding damage to vehicles on North Street was brought to the attention of the CC. The person raising the problem also suggested that North Street/Castle Street could be made one-way. The first issue is a matter which should be raised with Police Scotland. The idea of making North Street/Castle Street one-way was considered during discussions about the one-way system for Bridge Street/Wellbrae and the advice given was to omit it from the plan.
- (b) The issue of youths drinking, scattering rubbish and causing a disturbance in the area around the old Police Station was raised with the CC. This is a situation which has been causing concern for some time and is a matter for Police Scotland.

**17. Date of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday 26th November, 2024 at 7.00pm in the Avondale Wing.

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

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