

**STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 25TH FEBRUARY, 2025.**

1. **Sederunt:** Aileen Mc Mann (Chairperson); Sheila Munro Tulloch (Treasurer); John Graham (Minute Secretary); Morag Arnot; Linda Brown; Margot McDonald and Douglas Scott.  
**SLC Councillors:** Elise Frame.  
**Police Scotland:** Thomas McEwan and Scott Shankie.  
**Visitors:** Una Maider and Ellenor Walker,
2. **Apologies:** Councillor Margaret Cooper; Les Hoggan; Councillor Susan Kerr; Gordon McAllan and Aileen Stewart.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (28/01/2025).**  
The Minutes were approved without change. Proposed - M. McDonald.  
Seconded - S. Tulloch.
4. **Police Report.**
  - (a) The full report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.
  - (b) The officers are getting to know the area, both by car and on foot. They have visited Dungavel and will visit the schools to talk to the pupils.
  - (c) **Youth Disorder** - They have attended at locations mentioned at the January CC meeting and engaged with a number of the youths.
  - (d) **Fly Tipping** - SLC have been contacted and the tipping has been reported.
  - (e) **E-Bikes** - They have identified the family of one of the youths involved using the bikes around the town and the intention is to have a sit down meeting with the youths family.
  - (f) Police Scotland print services have been contacted regarding having useful information placed in 'The Chronicle' magazine.
  - (g) There have been 10 crimes registered since the January CC meeting.
  - (h) A dog attack was reported in the Bowling Green Road area and they are trying to find the person involved.
  - (i) Councillor Frame raised the problem of vandalism around the Town Mill and the officers agreed to look into this matter.
  - (j) The dumping of builders rubble in the Car Park at the top of the Park was raised. This has been reported to SLC and is now being brought to the attention of Police Scotland as it is not a one of problem.
  - (k) The Chairperson thanked the officers for providing such an excellent Report.  
**[The officers left the meeting at 7.30pm].**
5. **Visitor Input. - U. Maider and E. Walker.**
  - (a) They wish to purchase land, currently owned by SLC, to turn it into a Dog Park. Their Application has been turned down due to a lack of car parking. The land would be fenced off, a paved area would be created and a good walking space for dog walkers would be available. They wished to know how to proceed with an attempt to get SLC to reverse their decision.
  - (b) Councillor Frame suggested that they ask for a site visit to be carried out and said that she would speak to Community Enterprise regarding the matter. She asked if a copy of their Business Plan be sent to her.

**[U. Maider and E. Walker left the meeting at 7.445pm].**

**6. CAP and Local Place Plan (LPP).**

The Plan has been sent to SLC with one change. A special CC meeting will be needed to discuss the implementation of the Plan.

**7. Planning Applications.**

There were no major concerns over the Applications for this month. A query was raised about the building of an underground Car Park at the proposed development behind Corney's Close. The concern was about its possible impact on existing buildings.

**8. Funding Opportunities.**

Nothing to report.

**9. Kype Muir Community Fund.**

(a) Michelle Cooper the CEO of Point North attended the Kype Muir meeting on the 7th February, 2025. Discussion was around some of the contradictions around certain decisions. It was agreed that all Applications follow the required procedures.

(b) The Terms of Reference require amendments and G. Smith will send out the suggested changes.

(c) The following Applications have been received:-

1. Friends of Stonehouse Park - On hold.
2. Stonehouse Gala - £30,000.
3. Stonehouse BB - £3,243.
4. Sandford and UACC - Needs confirmation.
5. Dungavel Residents.
6. Healthy Valleys.

The last three have been referred to the next meeting when issues may be addressed.

(d) Strathaven Applications from Round Strathaven 50 and the Bridge Club did not go to full Application. An Application from Avondale Early Learning Centre and the Scouts is still under discussion.

(e) An Expression of Interest has been formally received from the Rotary Club of Strathaven for further defibrillators for £12,000.

**10. CC Micro Grants.**

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

(b) Since the meeting in January 5 new Applications have been received:-

**011: Strathaven Round 50** - Seeking funding to pay for the hire of accommodation in Strathaven Academy for their annual cycle event. Following discussion it was agreed that no award be made on this occasion.

**012: Miniature Railway** - Seeking £500 towards the cost of replacing machine plant at the workshop and train batteries for the locomotives. It is proposed to award the group £500.

**013: Amber Anderson** - Seeking £500 towards the cost of the £800 equipment needed in order to do her 1Pet Level/3 course. It is proposed to make an award of £440.

**014: Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust** - Seeking £500 for printing, materials and advertising for the running of the Museum. It is proposed to

award the group £500.

**015: Derby and Joan Club** - Seeking £250 towards the cost of their annual summer outing which will allow the Club to ensure that all members, including those with mobility issues, will be permitted to attend. It is proposed that an award of £250 be given.

The above proposals were agreed and so the Grants for the current financial year will be completed.

(c) One further Micro Grant has been signed off and there is paperwork still required for six projects.

**11. Secretary's Report.**

(a) No Report sent this month.

(b) SLC to be contacted requesting a meeting of the Transport Sub-Group.

**12. Treasurer's Report.**

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

(b) As agreed at the January meeting Micro Grant payments of £1,000 were made to Strathaven Knitting Ninjas and Strathaven Town Mill. Further agreed payments totalling £285.66 were also made (Two Honorarium payments of £50 each, purchase of printer ink £49.86 and payment of annual web site costs of £135.80.

(c) £4,738.81 remains uncommitted in the COVID Fund.

(d) There is now £60 remaining in the CC Fund.

**13. Reports from CC Members.**

(a) No update on a site for a new cemetery in Strathaven has been received.

(b) It was asked if anyone had heard that some lighting was to be erected at the Park. No information was known regarding this.

(c) The new Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust (SJHMT) Exhibition will open on 28th February. It will be about Transport in the area and also Strathaven's Story.

(d) The SJHMT Quiz Night will be held on the 25th April at Strathaven Golf Club.

(e) Problems have been raised regarding issues around the youth facility at Nether Lethame Farm. Councillor Frame agreed to investigate this issue.

**14. Reports from SLC Councillors.**

**Councillor S. Kerr.**

She sent out an update on the Permit System for the uplift of garden waste being implemented at the beginning of April prior to the meeting.

**Councillor E. Frame.**

(a) She has been busy with the Budget Consultation and will attend the Council Budget meeting later this week.

(b) She will be holding three Walking Surgeries in the local area during this year.

(c) Constituents were urged to contact her should they have any issues which they wished to be aired.

(d) She intends to attend more CC meetings during 2025 than in previous years.

**15. AOCB.**

(a) The Chairperson informed the CC that she had contacted Joani Reid MP requesting the attendance of one of her researchers at CC meetings.

(b) The Chairperson will update CC Members regarding work carried out at Abbeyfield following the meeting.



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