

**STRATHAVEN AND GLASSFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 27TH MAY, 2025.**

1. **Sederunt:** Aileen Mc Mann (Chairperson); Gordon McAllan (Vice Chair); Les Hoggan (Secretary); Sheila Munro Tulloch (Treasurer); John Graham (Minute Secretary); Linda Brown; Margot McDonald; Douglas Scott and Aileen Stewart.  
**Police Scotland:** Thomas McEwan.  
**Visitor:** Blair Charles.
2. **Apologies:** Morag Arnot and Scott Shankie (Police Scotland).
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (29/04/2025).**  
The Minutes were approved without change. Proposed - A. Stewart. Seconded - D. Scott.
4. **Police Report.**
  - (a) Due to workload and having to cover other areas officers have not been in the CC area as often as in previous months.
  - (b) There have been 13 crimes reported in the past month. These have included traffic offences; a drug stop; possession of a knife; threatening behaviour; door kicking and minor bumps in car parks.
  - (c) There has been an average of 10 calls to the area over each weekend.
  - (d) Visits have continued to Primary Schools and Nurseries. The Police will also be attending a Health Week at St. Patrick's Primary School.
  - (e) Instances of motor bikes speeding noisily on the Muirkirk Road were reported to the Police by the CC.[T. McEwan left the meeting at 7.20pm].
5. **Visitor Input.**  
No issues were raised.
6. **Community Action Plan (CAP and Local Place Plan (LPP).**
  - (a) A further meeting to discuss the implementation of the CAP to be held on Tuesday 10th May at 6.30pm in the offices of Jardine Paterson.
  - (b) The Strathaven Co-ordinating Group will lead on actions 1 and 2 of the CAP and the CC shall confirm what will be expected of them going forward.
7. **Planning Applications.**  
The erection of wind turbines at Dungavel Forest was brought to the attention of the CC but, as this does not fall within the S&GCC area, no action is needed.
8. **Funding Opportunities.**  
No specific opportunities were reported but it was noted that the Balloon Festival has approached the National Lottery Fund and that the Glassford Community Group has applied to the REF.
9. **Strathaven Castle.**
  - (a) SLC has agreed to talk directly to the Friends of Strathaven Castle (FOSC) as it is now a registered charity. The CC will be involved in discussions and SLC hope that it can work in collaboration with the FOSC.
  - (b) SLC has confirmed that it has completed the Survey of the Castle and identified the costs involved in stabilising the Castle structure. The conclusions and recommendations from the Survey Report and costings were included in the full

Secretary's Report.

- (c) Funding for lighting remains available to be undertaken after the remedial work on the stonework is completed.
- (d) Now that the Report on the Castle has been received from SLC the CC Castle Sub-Group will meet soon to discuss it. Following this meeting contact will be made with the FOSC in order to liaise with them.

#### **10. Kype Muir Community Fund.**

- (a) The AGM scheduled for the 20th May, 2025 was postponed until the meeting in August.
- (b) New suggested Terms of Reference are expected by the 31st May, 2025. These will be discussed by the CC representatives and then brought to the full CC.
- (c) The anticipated monies to be added to the Fund in May are being finalised as there was a query about the figure.
- (d) Monies sanctioned at the meeting were:-
  - A:** Strathaven Rugby Football Club - £75,000 (Towards a community facility).
  - B:** Strathaven Fairtrade Group - £11,040 (Towards a mural at Scotmid). This will be once in receipt of their Safeguarding Policy.
  - C:** Strathaven Dynamo AFC - £2,688 (Coaching weekend for the girl's team).
  - D:** Rotary Club of Strathaven - £9,824.57 (Defibrillators).
  - E:** Avondale Radio - £27,280 (Siting of a DAB aerial at the Strathaven Hotel).
 Monies for items A and B are from Pot 2.
- (e) Balance remaining for the CC at 20th May is £56,547.
- (f) A possible Flyer to be produced highlighting the success of Applications for funding in the CC area.

#### **11. CC Micro Grants.**

- (a) One new Application has been received since the April meeting:-  
**2025/26: 001 - Eleanor Wisdich** - To assist with funding to help cover travel expenses, accommodation and entry fees for her participation in the RS Feva World Sailing Championships. A funding Application has also been made to the East Kilbride Sports Grant Scheme. It is recommended that an award of £300 be made. The recommendation was approved.
- (b) One further Micro Grant was signed off in May. Outstanding paperwork is still required for five projects.

#### **12. Secretary's Report.**

- (a) **Avondale Radio** - Avondale Radio continues to develop its services and now has over 250,000 monthly listeners. It has purchased new PA equipment, is working towards implementation of its DAB Licence and is working with Strathaven Academy to get greater involvement in terms of content and involvement in outdoor events across Avondale.
- (b) **Glassford Community Group** - The Group is in the final stages of preparing tender documentation, engineering drawings and full costings for the redevelopment of Glassford Village Hall. It is expected that the tender will go out in early January, 2026 with a proposed start date for redevelopment of April, 2026. This change of date reflects the current position with available funding through the REF.
- (c) **Transport** - At the April CC meeting Members were asked to send topics for

inclusion in a report to be sent to SLC proposing another meeting of the Transport Sub-Group. The following topics were identified:-

1. Cars parking outside the Chinese Takeaway on Kirk Street.
  2. Cars parked fully on the road coming down from Kirk Street onto Thomson Street since the new pavement parking regulations were brought in.
- (d) **One Way System** - SLC confirmed that a Budget for implementation of this is being reassessed in 2025/26. It is hoped to link the changes to Active Travel, which would ease Budget pressures.
- (e) **CAS Meeting with Police Scotland** - This meeting to be held in Strathaven to highlight issues relating to parking and enforcement and will be held in June.
- (f) **Nether Lethame Farm** - An E-Mail has been sent to Social Work at SLC, MP Joani Reid, MSP Mairi McAllan and all local Councillors raising concerns discussed at the previous CC meeting. To date an acknowledgement of receipt has been received from SLC Social Work. A discussion took place as to how best to progress this issue. It was agreed that further checks be made before any further correspondence would take place. M. McDonald to carry out investigations and report back to the CC.
- (g) **256/13 Buses** - Contact was made with Whitelaws and JMB Buses about issues with time keeping on the 256/13 bus routes through Glassford. L. Hoggan held a telephone conversation with Sandra Whitelaw and as expected the delays to the 256 service were largely caused by major road works in Hamilton (City Deal) and Chapelton. A summary of the discussion was included in the Secretary's full Report.
- (h) **Climate Action Strathaven** - They have launched a shuttle service on a Saturday serving areas not covered by existing public transport. It is intended to help support local businesses and to take people to link with the 3C Bus. There are a series of litter picks in the calendar which are promoted on social media and are funded through the CC Micro Grant.
- (i) **Defibrillators** - A defibrillator has been installed at Strathaven Bowling Club and is available to the public 24 hours a day. Contact has been made with Sainsbury's about new units for their premises which is an area requiring coverage.
- (j) The possibility of getting the 3C Bus to stop outside the Town Mill on the return journey was again raised. It was also suggested that if the 9.15pm 3C Bus from Glasgow left at 9.00pm it would allow it to link with the 13 Bus Service leaving Strathaven.
- (k) It was reported that SLC have spread weedkiller this year.
- (l) The full Report was circulated to CC Members prior to the meeting.

### **13. Treasurer's Report.**

There were no transactions carried out during May, 2025.

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

- (a) Water is again causing flooding outside the Town Mill and also within the Mill building.
- (b) Loaves and Fishes have now moved into their new premises in Greenhills.
- (c) Fly tipping has worsened at the car park at the top of the Park. SLC has been doing a good job on minor roads in the area.
- (d) A second meeting has taken place to see if a Men's Shed can be set up in

Strathaven. Seven people attended and all were enthusiastic about taking the idea forward.

(e) There has been no further update on a possible site for a new cemetery in Strathaven.

(f) SLC Housing will send a representative to a future CC meeting to give an update on the flats to be built on the site of the former Ballgreen Hall.

**15. Reports from SLC Councillors.**

No Councillors were present at the meeting.

**16. AOCB.**

(a) The planters to be placed on the site of the COVID Stone have been seen by a Member of the CC and she has reported that they are excellent.

(b) A report on the progress towards setting up a Patient Participation Group at the Strathaven Practice, run by the Alba Group, will be given at the June meeting.

(c) It was agreed that the August CC meeting be an open one in an attempt to attract new members. Publicity to be done prior to the date of the meeting.

**17. Date of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday 24th June, 2025 at 7.00pm in the Avondale Wing.

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

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