

STEWARTFIELD NEWS

Stewartfield Community Council

WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL DO?

The main areas of concern over the last year have been

- continued monitoring of the **Cathkin Landfill Site**. SEPA has been pursuing a prosecution as a result of continuing breaches of the conditions of operation of the site. Over the last year the site has been monitored by employees of SEPA and most of the conditions have been met.

Lately it has been reported that a great deal of windblown rubbish has been appearing on the verges of the Cathkin to Kingsgate road. Glasgow Environmental Health Department have been informed of our concern with copies of the letter to South Lanarkshire Council Environmental Health and to SEPA.

- We supported local residents and workers in their protests about the pollution from the **Hollinee** factory which has since closed.
 - We have been keeping a watching brief on **planning applications** (see next column)
- and
- We have been consulted on the SLC **Draft Local Plan** – objecting to possible infringements of the Green Belt and discussing road improvement plans.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

• **Playgolf development**

Planning permission was granted for a leisure development on the north side of Stewartfield Way, which will extend from Kingsgate to Markethill Road, with a golf range and a six-hole golf course, as well as 5/7-a-side football pitches, a baseball cage and fitness club, with café and restaurant. Work has not yet started.

• **MacNeish Way flats**

Work is now under way on the building of 60 flats by Cala; BMJ Ltd has plans to build 31 flats below that site; and Carlyco has applied to build 15 across Arrotshole Road on the site of the farmhouse. We have expressed our concern about the possibility of the removal of mature trees on the Carlyco site.

• **School Modernisation Programme**

Work continues around East Kilbride on the council's ambitious primary and secondary school modernisation programme. The transportation of children from Stewartfield to decant facilities has gone smoothly and all the new schools are on schedule to be opened on time.

• **Windy City?**

Work will soon start on building the huge wind farm planned for Whitelees, next to the Eaglesham moor road. The turbines will be visible from all over the town.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS? Through Traffic in East Kilbride

The installation of Traffic lights at Nerston and the Whirlies was completed last spring. This is to regulate the traffic coming to and from the new Eaglesham bypass (Southern Orbital Road) along Stewartfield Way.

However this appears to be a short term measure and the long term plan is to make Stewartfield Way a dual carriageway. If it is dualled it would probably become a trunk road.

In the Consultative Draft of the Local Transport Strategy various options are examined for the future in order to speed the flow. As the traffic to the town centre will doubtless increase the favoured option for the through traffic appears to be the dualling of Stewartfield way with a fly-over at the Kingsgate end.

STREET LIGHTS, HEDGES & BUSHES

Please report faults in street lighting to South Lanarkshire Council. The number is **806337**. It is helpful if you can give the lamppost number.

Requests for maintenance of the planted areas should be addressed to SLC Community Resources on **574677**.

Road faults can be reported to 806000.

WHAT'S ON?
Local events

Museum of Scottish Country Life

National Insect Week 24/5 June
Summer Walks 28 June, 1 July
Family workshops Weds Jul/Aug
Teddy Bears' Picnic 30 July
Bat walks 15, 22 Aug
Horseshoeing various Sundays
Details from museum.

James Hamilton Heritage Park
Facilities opened for the season just before Easter.

School holidays

May weekend - Friday 26 May and Monday 29 May
Summer holidays begin on 29 June.

Community Council Meetings

The Community Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month (not July and August) in Stewartfield Community Centre at 8 pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

Stewartfield Church

Still no building - anyone minded to donate £4 million and a few spare acres will receive a sympathetic hearing.

"Telling God's Story", a day in Motherwell for Lanarkshire churches let Stewartfield Church display its labyrinth meditative path on Easter themes, which 6 churches later used.

The magazine of National Museums includes a page on Stewartfield Church entitled "Communing with Nature" which features a historic Communion table the church brokered to be gifted from Mull and tells of harvest and other occasions of worship Stewartfield church holds at Kittochside.

For all info on groups, projects, events, tel Rev Douglas Wallace 260879
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WHO'S WHO?
Community Council members for 2005/6

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PLAY AREAS

After surveying residents in their vicinity South Lanarkshire Council has decided to remove the playground at MacRae Gardens next to Arrotshole Road, but retain the one at the foot of Bishopdale (the Spider).

COMMUNITY POLICE

We welcome our new Community policeman, PC Stuart Burnside who can be contacted on **564000**. Please report any anti-social behaviour – if the police do not know about it they cannot act on it.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The summer months tend to bring with them increased problems in relation to ASB. The community council is working closely with the police and local councillors to minimise these problems as and when they arise. If you are suffering from this problem please do not suffer in silence; contact the police and your local South Lanarkshire councillor: Michael McCann 07748 114585, or Carol Hughes on 07748 114578.

NO DIRTY DOGS IN STEWARTFIELD!

We thank our dog-walking residents for using the special litter bins. We are assured that ordinary litter bins can also be used for the same purpose. Picking up the mess helps to protect the children who play on many of the grassy areas in Stewartfield.

STEWARTFIELD SIGNS

After protracted negotiation involving South Lanarkshire Council and Mountleigh Residents Association, the sign at the foot of Stewartfield Road was repaired using a new type of lettering. Unfortunately it was vandalised shortly after, but repairs using an improved method of fixing have been much more successful recently.