

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 13 May 2003 **Time:** 8.00pm

Venue: Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

Present

G Shannon (Chair), S Fraser (Dep Chair), A Vann (Secretary), E Young (Treasurer),
D Wallace, V Yaneske.

Apologies

P Rayson, M McCann

In Attendance

C Hughes, Constable D Sharp, D Scott (Roads & Transportation)

Stewartfield Residents

A list of those present is held by the secretary.

18.1 Introduction

The chairperson welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting.

18.2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 8 April were read and approved. Proposer S Fraser, Seconder S Jess.

18.3 Police Report

Constable Sharp reported that there were a total of 9 crimes during the last four weeks. Of these there was 1 housebreaking detected, 2 drugs related detected, 3 vehicle (2 theft petrol from Safeway) and 1 vandalism. The police had received 2 letters of appreciation. In the field behind St Kenneth's there had been some drinking but the policeman was unable to gain access because of locked school gates.

18.4 Mr Douglas Scott, Roads and Transportation Department, South Lanarkshire Council

Mr Scott described the Council's fight for a better transportation system in South Lanarkshire. Nearly all the bus services are run by private operators and are expected to make a profit so if they are poorly used they can be withdrawn. Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive is funded by all the Councils and provides some buses for social reasons. In South Lanarkshire these are mainly in rural areas. Mr Scott then asked for questions

- Q Has the provision of the 31 service improved the staffing situation in Safeway?
A The route would have been chosen to optimise profit. SPT fills gaps and does not run in competition with other operators.
- Q The 31 service does not dovetail with train times or Church times. The route does not include the John Wright centre although it used to. The service is unreliable (several examples were given). There is no service to Kingsgate Retail Park – we need a local bus.
A The 31 service goes to the town centre and links there with routes which pass Kingsgate, so SPT will not provide a direct service. If residents find the service

unreliable and have complaints they can contact Mr Scott in Hamilton (01698 453648), or the Traffic Commissioners in Edinburgh (0131 200 4974) – see appendix for addresses. Time and date of any complaint about the service should be supplied to Mr Scott and he will contact First Bus immediately.

- Q Does Mr Scott have any power to reroute local services, so that there is a 10 minute service to the town centre? The chair emphasised that residents believe a local service is needed to link Stewartfield with other parts of East Kilbride - after all SLC is contributing to the costs through concessionary fares.
A Mr Scott will ask SPT if they can alter anything to help.
- Q Ms Hughes commented that bus shelters are needed on Stewartfield Way.
A Every second stop has a shelter but there is not enough finance to supply one at every stop. For the last two years the Council has tried to establish advertising revenue at bus shelters to help with costs but there has been no progress.

18.5 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Ms Hughes reported that the main concerns were land safety, road safety and the Landfill site. S Fraser commented that the new car park at St Kenneth's School seemed to be finished but not yet in use. C Hughes will check on this. She will also check on the damage to Street Lights on the walkway to Safeway.

18.6 Office Bearers Reports

(i) Chairman

G Shannon reported that he had written to Glasgow City Council making a series of points about lorries going to the Landfill site. A reply had been received (copy appended). He also told the meeting that the Environmental Health Department is recruiting 20 households to help in the collection of flies for the study being undertaken to establish the source of this problem. Maps had been requested but these are covered by copyright. C Hughes may be able to help.

(ii) Secretary

A Vann reported that he had been in continued contact about the damaged Stewartfield signs, with no success. He has enlisted C Hughes to help solve this problem. Damaged Road signs at Heritage Park, on Stewartfield Way between Heritage Park and Kingsgate and between Whirlies and Kingsgate were reported. The missing white lines at Kingsgate had once again been reported stressing how dangerous the roundabout had become without clear marking of the lanes. S Jess commented that the damage at the Heritage Park had still not been attended to. A Planning request for landfill permission at Warebank Farm, Carmunnock had been checked on. This was a request to fill in a dip with rubble. The number of Sunday uses of the Landfill Site was checked – these are 12 per annum, 8 of which follow Public Holidays and four are discretionary. The Secretary reported the details of numerous pieces of mail which he had received during the previous month – list appended. D Wallace showed an interest in the Community Recycling Network and the Secretary himself would try and follow up on some of this mail.

Treasurer

The treasurer reported a balance of £907.16.

18.7 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

18.8 Date of next meeting This will be on Tuesday 10th June.

Appendices

Ref 18.4 Addresses for bus complaints

**Mr Douglas Scott
Roads and Transportation Department
Montrose House
Hamilton ML11 6LL**

01698 453648

**The Clerk to the Traffic Commissioner
Scottish Traffic Area
Argyle House
3 Lady Lawson St
Edinburgh EH3 9SE**

0131 200 4974

ref 18.6(ii) **APRIL LIST OF MAIL**

- EKVOC merging with HAMILTON CVS (e.k. voluntary organisations council; council for voluntary service) Questionnaire **Indicate by reading question and ask can we fill this in. Any person willing to deal with this?**
- Letter leaflets. **Give out. Suggestions for placing of poster. Offer invite for update??**
- Finalised alteration to structure plan for Glasgow and Clyde Valley. This alteration relates to a proposed new town centre at Ravenscraig. **There is a form for objections. Any member wishing to examine??**
- Pro-Idea catalogue. Just a catalogue hoping you will buy the fancy new things
- Scottish Community of the Year awards by Calor. Prize fund in excess of £5000. **Any member wishing to examine??**
- Lanarkshire Health Council. (I would like to participate in People Come First) Not true. I wrote for further info. Invite will come to the launching of this network. 14th of May in Airdrie mentioned. **Any member interested??**
- SEPA service charter. **Any member wish to borrow and read it out of interest??**
- Info on Scottish Parliament. **Any member wish to read??**
- Newsletter: Community Recycling Network for Scotland. **Any member wish to read??**
- A management strategy for SLC woodlands. **Consultative Draft. Comments Welcomed. Any Member wish to read for us and comment??**
- Scottish National Heritage. Scottish Outdoor Access Code. **(Leaflets give out) Consultative Draft Comments Welcomed. Any member wish to read and comment for us??**
- **NHS 3 Consultative Drafts.** Lanarkshire Smoking Cessation **with Questionnaire Patient Rights and Responsibilities with a few questions at the end plus comment page. Standards for stroke services need to get draft from web or by telephone before completing comment pages.**
- A newsletter from the Association of Scottish Community Councils with a form for the nomination of a representative for all the CC,s in this area. **Any member wish to read the newsletter and or be nominated???**

Ref 18.6(i) Letter