

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 9 September 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, A Maxwell, V Yaneske, H Hamilton.

Apologies

Councillor Hughes, Councillor McCann

In Attendance

E Docherty

Stewartfield Residents

A list of those present is held by the secretary.

20.1 Introduction

The Chairman welcomed those present.

20.2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, Proposed by G Shannon, seconded by E Young.

20.3 Police Report

No report as Constable Sharp not present

20.4 Council Report

On behalf of Cllr Hughes the Chairman informed the meeting that complaints are being received regarding road safety on Stewartfield Way (speeding accidents) and also that local residents overlooking the Heritage Park are raising concerns about the possibility of the road being upgraded to a dual carriageway.

Cllr Hughes suggested that perhaps the Community Council could invite representatives from the roads department and police to either our October/November meeting to discuss and inform local residents on these issues.

On behalf of Cllr McCann the Chairman confirmed that as a result of the study into Cathkin Landfill Site coloured flies have been collected off the site, confirming that the flies have indeed been coming from the landfill site. Details of the final report will follow.

Planning permission for Cala Homes overlooking Stewartfield Crescent had been granted.

20.5 Community Resources Representative

No discussion of the Stewartfield signs as no representative attended.

20.6 Office Bearers' Reports

(i) Chairman

I attended the quarterly meeting of Cathkin Braes Protection Group, SLC and GCC on 20/08/03. The purpose of the meeting seems to be to allow the residents of Cathkin cottages to air their concerns in an informal meeting but it appears to fail in achieving that aim, however some information was gained.

1. Total capacity of the site is approx 3 million tons.
2. Total deposited to date 600,000 tons.
3. These figures indicated that the sited would be full before the expiry date of the planning permission. This was supported by the opinion of the GCC official.
4. GCC officials attending were not aware of any plans for GCC to be examining alternative sites once Cathkin was full. This situation is worrying because given the time scales GCC could attempt to extend permission, which would be unacceptable.
5. I suggest that road officials are invited to either our October/November meeting

(ii) Secretary

A list of Hand Outs, Consultation Documents and Plans received by the Secretary was read out. A copy of this list will be found under **Appendices**.

With regard to the Cala Homes project the secretary had a meeting with Duncan Robertson of SEPA and as a result of this meeting a letter was submitted to **The Senior Register SEPA** containing the Community Council's objections to the proposed method of sewage disposal. Duncan Robertson explained that SEPA were insisting on extremely low figures for the contamination.

He explained that the expected flow of treated effluent would amount to 40 cubic metres per day which was equivalent to 0.46 litres per second. The water flow of the burn is 9 litres per second.

The usual level of pollution acceptable is 20mg/l for BOD and 20mg/l for Ammonia however SEPA are insisting that the levels be 8mg/l for BOD and 2mg/l for Ammonia. These will be closely monitored.

The Secretary phoned Jim Blake at Planning as the new plans for the project now indicated 90 flats with the build going much further into Arrotshole Road. Jim Blake indicated that the Planning Officers were unhappy with this change. The Secretary expressed the Community Council's objection.

The secretary expressed his disappointment that Mr Danny Maxwell of Community Resources had failed to attend the meeting as he had been assured by Mr Alan Newberry that this would be the case. Gail Pain had also written to say that she would try to furnish us with information before the meeting if she was unable to have a member of her team attend.

(iii) Treasurer

E Young informed the meeting that the books had been audited and a balance sheet was given to the Secretary.

20.7 Cathkin Landfill Site

The Chairman said that he had covered all the information in his report.

20.8 Matters Arising

Laura Fleming and Val Yaneske of Mountleigh Housing Association expressed their annoyance at the absence of a representative from Community Resources. They desired that the Community Council once again contact this department about the Stewartfield Sign.

20.9 AOB

The Chairman asked the members to think once again about some worthy cause to which the Community Council could contribute financially.

The Treasurer at this point informed the meeting that the new guidelines for use of the monies were very tight and no longer allowed for this use of our finances.

The Chairman once again suggested that the Community Council create a Web Site. It was agreed that this suggestion be acted upon. The Secretary offered to approach Nigel Pentland regarding this problem as he had offered at an earlier meeting to help in this matter.

20.10 Date of next meeting This will be on Tuesday 14th October.