

## **STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday 11 November 2003 **Time:** 8.00pm

**Venue:** Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

### **Present**

G Shannon (Chair), S Fraser (Dep Chair), A Vann (Secretary),  
A Maxwell, H Hamilton.

### **Apologies**

D Wallace, Councillor Hughes, PC Sharp, E Young, V Yaneske.

### **In Attendance**

E Docherty, Councillor McCann, D Maxwell (Community Resources)

### **Stewartfield Residents**

A list of those present is held by the secretary.

#### **22.1 Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed those present.

#### **22.2 Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by A Maxwell and Seconded by S Fraser.

#### **22.3 Police Report**

None

#### **22.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report**

- 1 Cllr. McCann told the meeting that a lot of work had been accomplished in the construction of the GSO (Glasgow South Orbital) and that he was well aware of the obstruction to traffic on the East Kilbride to Busby road. However there was still much to do and there was really no way to avoid the inconvenience. SLC are in discussion with the Scottish Executive with a view to persuading them to adopt Stewartfield Way as SLC do not have the finance to upgrade this road to dual carriageway. If this strategy were accepted then SLC would adopt the Kingsway and Queensway from the Executive.

Mark Lawson and Malcolm Gourley, both living close to Stewartfield Way, suggested that a better solution would be to direct the traffic on to the present dual carriageways and leave Stewartfield Way as a single carriageway. They were concerned about the volume of traffic already using this road making it very difficult to cross.

Clr McCann said that the upgrading of Stewartfield Way to dual carriageway had always been in the long-term plan and again emphasised the intention of SLC. He did agree that if the strategy failed then restrictions (e.g. speed and weight) would have to be imposed on Stewartfield Way in order to direct traffic on to the Kingsway.

As it was the intention of the Chair, at the request of Cllr Hughes, to invite representatives from the SLC Roads Department to the next Community Council meeting on the advice from Cllr McCann it was decided to leave this invite for a few months at which time the Roads Department will have produced a model of the Stewartfield Way area.

- 2 A Document has been issued by SLC forecasting their intentions over the next 4 years for all areas covered by them. The views of the East Kilbride residents would be sought.
- 3 Regarding the position of East Kilbride secondary schools, the public consultation had taken place and the results had gone to the executive. There was at present a campaign to retain St Andrews High however SLC maintained its position.
- 4 At the present time the East Kilbride area is like other areas in as much as it is plagued by Anti-Social Behaviour. The Executive has promised legislation to deal with the problem.
- 5 Traffic Calming. There will be 20's PLENTY at all schools now.
- 6 Large funding has come from the Executive to implement the new waste strategy. There will be 2 bins in order to support the recycling. There will also be an education program to make people aware of this new approach.
- 7 Plans are in motion for the complete upgrading of the area at Churchill Avenue and the bus station. The roundabout will also be included in this treatment.

Cllr McCann told the meeting that he is Depute Chair of Social Work and that he sends out a newsletter in his area frequently. All MPs and MSPs will now follow suit.

## **22.5 Stewartfield Sign**

Mr D Maxwell of Community Resources stated that up until recently SLC was of the opinion that they were not responsible for the maintenance of the sign. He told the meeting that changes from East Kilbride Development Corporation to Strathclyde to SLC had left many features in the town whose ownership was under question. This opinion of ownership of the sign was the case until a letter held by Mountleigh Residents Association was produced which stated the contrary. At the present he is searching the archives to see if SLC have a copy. He stated that it appeared likely that SLC would be responsible for the sign. He suggested that the sign be changed to letters which were flat stainless steel, the cost being met by SLC. This kind of lettering would be much more vandal proof. George Kelman representing Mountleigh Residents Association said that he would report this idea to Mountleigh committee but was of the opinion that the suggestion would be acceptable. This matter would now be handled by Mountleigh.

## **22.6 Office Bearers' Reports Chairman**

On behalf of the Treasurer the Chair reported a balance of £1353.75

## **Secretary**

1. The need for pruning of the shrubs at the end of the Dales and at the Ribblesdale sign had been reported.
2. The pilot scheme for the recycling which necessitated 2 bins appeared to be somewhat of a success so far. Concern had been expressed at the lapse of 2 weeks between collections of rubbish. Mr Maher who is in charge had been phoned about these concerns, however as it is not possible to get him on the phone at the present time a message was left requesting that he phone the Secretary. So far he has not yet replied.
3. The Planning Committee of SLC has approved the modifications to the Local Plan. It has been agreed by resolution to adopt it subject to its consideration by the Scottish Ministers. Copies can be found in libraries, Q & A office in the Civic Centre and Council Offices Hamilton. For more information please contact Cathy Bradley on 806312.
4. The Secretary received a copy of the Pre-Application Consultation for the Cathkin Transmitter Station South Cathkin Farm. The desire is to raise the mast by 4 metres.
5. A recorded delivery was received by the Secretary from SEPA regarding the constraints imposed on the CALA development. As some figures were not exactly as Mr Duncan Robertson had indicated, the Secretary had phoned him for clarification. As Mr Robertson was in court that day he was unattainable. It is the Secretary's intention to phone him again before the December meeting of the Community Council.

### **22.7 Cathkin Landfill Site**

The Chair reported that there had been a smell emanating from the site. The SLC Environmental Health had been informed. Mr William McDonald doubted if they had the permission to enter the site. He informed the Chair that he would get back to him on this issue. The Chair is awaiting his reply. The Chair requested that if any resident had any reason for complaint then they must make this known.

Cllr. McCann told the meeting that he had been one of the participants in the fly experiment and was at present eagerly awaiting the results.

The Chair made the observation that GCC had been much more diligent at covering the waste in the year 2003 than during 2002 although lately this operation seemed to be lacking on Fridays.

### **22.8 AOB**

The Secretary reported to Danny Maxwell that light F2 at the end of Farndale required attention. This D. Maxwell promised to report to the Roads Department.

George Kelman reported that in the play areas there was a fair amount of broken glass and a good deal of dog fouling. Danny Maxwell informed the meeting that play areas were attended to on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. He stated that the Environmental Health would provide pooper scoopers. He took a note of this complaint and promised to deal with it.

As one of the swings at Dentdale had been damaged the secretary was given the name of whom to contact in case of damage to swings.

Nigel Pentland asked if there were any plans employ litter wardens north of the border. Danny Maxwell cited failure at court, which necessitated two wardens working together for success. This made the situation financially not viable.

Danny Maxwell promised more information on the warden system at the next meeting.

**22.9** Date of next meeting will be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.