

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 10 February 2004 **Time:** 8.00pm

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

Present

S Fraser (Acting Chair), A Vann (Secretary), E Young (Treasurer), A Maxwell, H Hamilton, V Yaneske

Apologies

G Shannon, Cllr Hughes

In Attendance

E Docherty, PC Sharp, Cllr McCann, Nicola Provan and Gary Stevenson of SLC Waste Awareness Unit, Kenny Boag (SLC Land Services Manager).

Stewartfield Residents

A list of those present is held by the secretary.

25.1 Introduction

The Chairman welcomed those present expressing his appreciation that Stewartfield residents had come to hear details of recycling. He announced a slight change to the order of the Agenda indicating that the Police Report would come before the SLC Community Resources.

25.2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, Proposed by A Maxwell seconded by Haig Hamilton.

25.3 Strathclyde Police Report

Overall crime had fallen to 6 in January compared to 11 in December with 3 solved compared to 7 in the previous month.

Violent crime remained at 1 with this being solved in January.

There was 1 vehicle crime in January as in December with both unsolved..

Drugs offences fell from 6 to 2.

There was 1 case of vandalism in January.

1 theft took place at Safeway compared to 3 in December.

The drug problem at the Heritage Park had been targeted with a fair degree of success.

PC Sharp was asked by Haig Hamilton if police presence could be increased in the evenings as there were an increasing number of youngsters gathering together and drinking alcohol prior to causing trouble. He referred to the article in the EK News "Time for Action"

PC Sharp replied that the resources were stretched at this time, he himself being very busy during the day, however no reports had come into the station regarding trouble in the Stewartfield area. Haig clarified this anomaly by informing the meeting that the police had not been called.

The PC made it clear that the police cannot be expected to react if no report is made.

Cllr McCann said that he would inform Cllr Hughes about this problem, after having made the observation that other officers would be made available if the police were contacted. One member asked if the police should be called if a crowd of youngsters were seen. PC Sharp replied that unless they were drinking or causing trouble then the police should not be contacted.

Another member informed the meeting that he had tried to phone the police but the phone went unanswered.

Cllr McCann promised to report this to Cllr Hughes.

At this point PC Sharp left the meeting.

25.3 SLC Community Resources (recycling)

The Chair introduced Nicola Provan and Gary Stevenson of the Waste Awareness Unit.

Kenny Boag the Land Services Manager was also introduced.

Each person was issued with a recycling guide.

Nicola Provan stated that the recycling was EU driven and targets had been set by the Government. She told the meeting that a Guide and Bin would be delivered to every household and that the first uplift would be on the 29th March. On the question of storage, some problems had been encountered with terraced properties, but it was hoped to resolve this problem. If there is a real problem of storage then a bin will not be issued.

Kenny Boag said that results so far had been good with the public responding well. In the uplifts so far there had been a 97% success and only 4% contamination. If people are concerned about coping then there will be a 1 to 1 visit if required, this having already been in operation. Some authorities were using 3 bins, however Kenny Boag felt that 2 were enough. He stressed that it was a recognised fact that not all households would be able to recycle but effort would be made to get as many as possible in the scheme.

A member requested that the meeting should be taken through the guide and this was done by Gary Stevenson. The meeting was told that the guide was available in large print.

Kenny Boag stated that targets had been set by the EU and if we failed to meet them then fines would be levied. Residents should be assured that there was no risk to public health over a 2-week uplift and that 70 authorities had been approached about the possible problem of smell. It was concluded that smell would not be a problem.

It was not possible to collect glass in the blue bin at present due to health and safety issues. but it was hoped that in the near future extra funding from the executive would make this feasible.

At this point the SLC representatives left the meeting.

25.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Cllr McCann stated that the Council Tax would rise by inflation + 1% as promised.

The SLC were awaiting the Executive to endorse their plan for the local secondary schools.

Fly Study.

Cllr McCann gave a recap on the fly problem experienced last year. The meeting was reminded that this study had been financed by SLC and GCC both contributing £20000. SEE **Appendix 1** for a synopsis of the study.

Cllr McCann promised that he would insist on the recommendations being met and that SEPA be given the finance if required to monitor the landfill site.

25.5 AOB

Isobel Collier expressed a desire for a crossing on Stewartfield Road as her sight was now poor and the road traffic tended to travel rather fast.

Cllr McCann promised to have the situation examined.

Once again the question of a mini-roundabout was suggested at the junction of Stewartfield Road and Stewartfield Crescent. It was not thought that this request would be successful.

Concern was again expressed about the possibility of Stewartfield Way being made into a dual carriageway. The question of available space to create a dual carriageway was raised, now that B&Q was being constructed.

Cllr McCann informed the meeting that SLC had opposed this construction but had been overruled by the Executive. He promised to check this concern.

At this point the Chair closed the meeting.

25.6 Date of next meeting will be 9th March 2004.