

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 11 May 2004 **Time:** 8.00pm

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

Present

G Shannon (Chair), A Vann (Secretary), E Young (Treasurer), D Wallace, H Hamilton, V Yaneske

Apologies

Alastair Maxwell, Sandy Fraser, Cllr. Hughes

In Attendance

E Docherty, PC Sharp, Cllr McCann

Stewartfield Residents

A list of those present is held by the secretary.

28.1 Introduction

The Chairman welcomed those present.

28.2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, Proposed by Emily Young, Seconded by Graham Shannon

28.3 Police Report

For last month the overall crime figure was 11 with 3 detections compared to 18 with 11 detections the previous month. There was no violent crime this month nor the previous month. Two housebreakings took place this month with no detections compared to none the previous month. There were 2 vehicle crimes this month with 1 detection compared to 2 the previous month with 2 detections. There was 1 drug offence with 1 detection this month compared to 5 with 5 detections the previous month. One case of vandalism took place this month as against 3 the previous month with no detections in either month.

28.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Cllr McCann informed the meeting that significant amounts of money had been invested in East Kilbride with the Care Homes now in operation at Parkhall Street, St. Andrews and Morrishall Road. There had also been finance injected into schools with the new Lady of Lourdes.

Cllr McCann gave the number for reporting graffiti as using this number will initiate a quick response. This number is 01698 717777.

The point was stressed that Anti-Social Behaviour was not a problem in Stewartfield. This is not the case in the other part of the area represented by Cllr McCann. Regarding the new system in operation to deal with phone calls to the local police, Cllr McCann informed the meeting that it took 6 attempts for him to reach the local police. Other residents had reported to him that they had had the same problem. He has taken up this issue with the police.

On investigating the lack of police response to the incident at Westwood shops he was informed that 4 officers out of 12 were off duty, this due to shift organisation. Cllr McCann

has taken up this issue with Cllr Falconer and the police forcefully stating that this situation is wholly unacceptable. This problem is now being tackled on a political basis. Haig Hamilton still wished for a more obvious presence of the community policeman however Cllr. McCann once again made the point that there was little Anti-Social problem in Stewartfield.

Some residents expressed their concern at the increase in the number of flies and had reported this to Keith Hammond of SEPA. It was noted that Sainsbury's had no problem as it had air-conditioning whereas Safeway did not.

Cllr. McCann reported that SEPA were about to carry out another audit and that he would get details of this for the next meeting.

28.5 Office Bearers' Reports

Chairman

The Chair was contacted by Jim McGuire of SLC on 11th May who informed him that the computer programme model for Stewartfield Way would be ready by the end of May. It was suggested that the best way forward would be for the Chair along with another member of the Community Council to meet Jim McGuire in order to be shown the model rather than SLC attend the June meeting. The date proposed is 7th June at 3pm.

In the light of the fact that SLC have commissioned a new programme which shows environmental/economic impact of such developments, this information being supplied by Cllr. Thomson to the Chair on the 8th May it was deemed that the attendance of SLC at the June meeting would be premature.

It is proposed that a group will be formed hopefully consisting of Cllr. Hughes and two members of the Community Council to discuss the situation. There will be ongoing consultation with SLC regarding the new programme and when this has been completed SLC and the Community Council will meet the public.

The time scale appears to be the end of September, with the public meeting sometime in October. It is suggested that a separate meeting from the normal Community council meeting be called.

Secretary

The Secretary reported the following:

The unemptied bins at the Heritage Park had been reported

The failed crossing at the Heritage park farthest from the round-about had been reported. Resident Margetts at this point reported that the crossing at the Museum was out of order. Cllr. McCann promised to report this.

The damaged drain on Stewartfield Crescent had been reported.

A letter had been written to Jim Blake in Planning regarding our opposition to the advertising boards at the CALA site. Cllr McCann informed the meeting that Cala had been told that work had to start within 2 weeks or the boards were to be removed.

A letter had been written to the roads department regarding Stewartfield Way.

SEPA was informed about the pollution in the Kitchoch water reported to the Secretary by Sandy Fraser. Duncan Robertson of SEPA said that the pollution must be reported

immediately if a successful action is to be taken as it can quickly disperse. He gave the Secretary the emergency number to phone; **free phone 0800 807060**.

This number is manned 24 hours a day 7 days a week. To reassure the Community that SEPA is vigilant it was explained that samples are taken twice per month at 50 locations. The locations are on the small feeders that go to the Kitch and the Rotten Calder, approximately 25 each. SEPA covers South and North Lanarkshire, Renfrew and Inverclyde. Out of 18000 samples 12000 refer to East Kilbride so 2/3rds of the budget goes to East Kilbride. Scottish Water was fined £8000 last week for an infringement in 2002. With CALA the discharge will not be pristine in the first few days as the process is biological however all should be well after 2 weeks.

Our membership of the Association of Scottish Community Councils has lapsed and we are not insured. A reminder was not sent and thus the Secretary failed to renew the membership. Margaret Armstrong agreed that they were difficult to get in touch with. The Secretary had left a message to which a reply had been made with the promise to check the files and get back to him. So far there has been no further contact. The Secretary promised to try to conclude this business in the coming week as it is advisable that we are insured.

The Secretary reported that the following information had arrived during the past month:

- Lanarkshire Health Council. Consultation Document 18/04. The provision of safe and effective Primary Medical Services Out-of-Hours. Reply by Monday 24th May.
- Consultation Information Leaflet 20/04 Decisions Relating to Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. Return ASAP
- Consultation 21/04 Lanarkshire Health Plan. Reply by 11th May
- Consultation Paper. The water Environment Controlled Activities Regulations. Reply by 9th July
- *The Local Government in Scotland Acts: Power to Advance Well-Being Guidance, Community Planning-Advice Notes, Community Planning-Statutory Guidance.*
- **Planning.** Waterbank farm was granted permission for *out building to day nursery*
- **Planning.** B&Q expanding by demolishing Brewers Fayre and building on this site.

The Secretary informed the meeting that Margaret Mitchell MSP had asked if we would be interested in nominating one person from our area whom we considered had made a difference to the lives of other people. This nomination would then be put into a hat and a name drawn at random on 5th June in order to select a constituent to take part in the opening ceremony of the Scottish Parliament.

Treasurer

The treasurer reported that the books had been audited and that the money returned to LCC was only that pertaining to the last year. Balance at the present is £911.51

28.6 Cathkin Landfill Site

Nothing to report

28.7 AOB

Cllr McCann was asked by a resident from Burnet Rose Place if anything could be done to control the parking of cars as there were so many, sometimes as many as 3 to a family. Cllr. McCann's reply was that there was really no solution to the problem unless an obstruction was being created.

28.8 Date of next meeting will be 8th June