

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 12 October 2004

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

Present

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

Apologies

D Wallace, PC Jim Watterson.

In Attendance

Cllr McCann, E Docherty.

31.1 Introduction

The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting.

31.2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, Proposed by Sheelah Jess, Seconded by A Maxwell.

31.3 Police Report

As PC Watterson was unable to attend, the Secretary gave the report..

Overall crime was 12 with 6 detections; no violent crime; 1 domestic housebreaking with no detection; no vehicle crime; 6 drugs offences with 6 detections; and 2 vandalisms with no detections. The extra 3 crimes included in the overall crimes were 2 thefts and 1 break-in to St Kenneth's School.

31.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Cllr McCann informed those present that he had attended a meeting at which traffic flow onto Stewartfield Way once the GSO had been completed was being predicted. For success 3 sets of traffic lights were required namely at Whirlies, PC World and Kingsgate. This set up seemed to work. The Local Council could install the lights at Kingsgate but the Executive would have to provide the other pair. It was hoped that this would be in place by May 2005.

Cllr McCann was scathing in his comments about Scottish Water. It appears that the upgrade of the sewage system will not be ready by the proposed date. The outcome of this situation is that all new build will be put on hold.

Scottish Water appears to be an unaccountable Quango which seems to be in ignorance of where its finance has gone and seems to be unable to deliver.

Cllr McCann had E-Mailed First Bus regarding the 31 route. We are awaiting a reply.

31.5 Office Bearers' Reports

Chairman

The Chairman recounted that with Nigel Pentland he attended a meeting on the 9th June 04 with Glaive Davis undertaking STAG approval for SLC. The meeting was interesting with it possible to take part in a workshop. The purpose of the meeting was for Glaive Davis to sound out local opinion about the upgrading of Stewartfield Way. There will possibly be a further local meeting in the town centre. The process is ongoing.

Treasurer

The balance was reported to be £1468.09

Secretary

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had reported the state of the bins at Bellflower.

A letter had been written to Morrison regarding the future of the pharmacy and the dry cleaners. A reply is awaited.

Application for planning permission to build 31 flats by BMJ Ltd on the same site as Cala had been made. This plan was more acceptable to the Planning Department due to the position of the parking. 11 trees will require to be removed. SEPA still retains reservations about the extra flats due to the sewage arrangements.

The Secretary promised to pursue the problem of the Public Transport.

Planning permission for the site at Brewers Fayre has been given.

With regard to the problem of the flies the Secretary called on SEPA and spoke to Sharon Blair. A copy of the conditions which have been breached regularly was given to him. A decision by the Procurator Fiscal is now awaited.

31.6 AOB

It was reported that teenagers were gathering at the rear of Safeway at weekends causing a nuisance. The Secretary promised to report this to the community policeman.

Mr Margetts asked if the recycling process was working and Cllr McCann answered that the system seemed to be working well.

31.7 Date of next meeting will be 9 November.