

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 14 December 2004

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

Present

S Fraser (Chair), A Maxwell (Dep.Chair), A Vann (Secretary), V Yaneske

Apologies

E Young, G Shannon, Cllr Hughes

In Attendance

Cllr McCann, E Dochery, PC Watterson.

33.1 Introduction

The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting

33.2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by A Maxwell, Seconded by N Pentland.

33.3 Police Report

PC Watterson made the observation that having worked in the Westwood area for 4 years, crime was much lower in Stewartfield.

Overall Crime was 4 with no detection and Vandalism 3 with no detections. There had been a theft at the Safeway.

The area at the spider had been checked out as promised and although there had been no presence of teenagers much broken glass had been in evidence.

The path at MacIvor Crescent had also been checked with again no presence of teenagers. Mr Margetts asked if there had been any report concerning a teenager in the vicinity of the Dales on the 9th of November. PC Watterson said that there had been no report.

33.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Cllr McCann reported that South Lanarkshire Council had persevered with the recycling program and that the recycling of glass would be piloted early 2005.

The schools program had now been settled and also the placing of the pupils had been settled.

The Secretary questioned Cllr McCann as to whether the new school comprising St Brides and St Andrews would be able to accommodate all the pupils.

Cllr McCann assured the meeting that there would be no problem.

Some names had been suggested for the new schools one being Kilbride Academy.

The erection of traffic lights at the Whirlies, Kingsgate and the intermediate roundabout would be placed in the new year.

Cllr McCann told the meeting that he had his attention drawn to the change in the status of the road from the Hilton Hotel to Busby from an **A** to a **B**. This would affect the upkeep of the road.

The Cllr reported that the liaison between PC Watterson and PC Priest was very good.

33.5 Office Bearer's Reports

Chairman

Nothing to report

Treasurer

Nothing to report

Secretary

A reply had been received from Morrison's to the Secretary's letter regarding the future of the pharmacy. Mr **Roger A Owen** Property Director took the opportunity to inform the meeting in his letter of all the re-badging of Safeway stores which was taking place but singularly failed to answer the question concerning the future of the pharmacy.

Of the two lights on the walkway at the end of Farndale which had been reported by the Secretary last month one had been fixed. The Secretary promised to report the one still damaged.

An E-Mail was received from First Bus regarding the re-routing suggested by the residents i.e. via Kingsgate. This we were informed was not viable.

An E-Mail from Henderson-Travel to the effect that a service through Stewartfield had been tried and was found to be unsustainable. However the number 13 from Strathaven to Cambuslang goes via Stewartfield on Saturdays leaving EK bus station at 30 mins past and from Stewartfield to the bus station at 20 mins past.

The reason for the removal of some of the advertising boarding at MacNeish Way had been due to the planning department requiring Cala to limit the boarding to the agreed number. Planning had requested a reply to the BMJ plan for 31 flats.

The Secretary had asked Margaret Armstrong for clarification regarding the use of our grant in financing the moves against the closure of the Post Office at Morrison's. It appeared that we would be unable to use the grant but could use the other money that we have in the account.

The Secretary informed the meeting of the letter from the RAF regarding low flying. There was no support for an invitation to John Gilbert to give a talk on why low flying takes place.

33.6 Cathkin Landfill Site

Cllr McCann suggested that we make sure that the site is being monitored early in the new year so that we know that the conditions of operation are being adhered to before the Spring. The Secretary promised to check on the present position regarding the Procurator Fiscal.

33.7 Matters Arising

As Philip Rayson was no longer a member of the committee the Secretary proposed that the committee co-opt Nigel Pentland to fill this vacancy. This was seconded by Alastair Maxwell. As there was no other proposal this was accepted.

33.8 AOB

It was agreed that the problem of the future of the Post Office and Pharmacy must be confronted as soon as possible. At the January meeting it is intended to take the discussion further with the hope of forming a plan of action.

33.9 Date of next meeting is 11th January 2005.