

## **STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday 8 March 2005

**Time:** 8.00pm

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

### **Present**

A Maxwell (Dep.Chair), A Vann (Secretary), E Young (Treasurer), V Yaneske, D Wallace, N Pentland.

### **Apologies**

S Fraser, G Shannon, Cllr McCann

### **In Attendance**

Cllr Hughes, E Docherty, PC Watterson.

#### **36.1 Introduction**

The Chair was taken by A Maxwell who welcomed all those present

#### **36.2 Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by S Jess, Seconded by N Pentland.

#### **36.3 Police Report**

PC Watterson reported that the overall crime was a total of 5. This included 2 domestic break-ins and 2 vehicles being driven off without payment for fuel.

A Maxwell informed the constable that the lights in the walkway at the end of Farndale were continuously being vandalised.

A Vann passed on the information from H Hamilton that the teenagers were now congregating near the five-a-side pitches having moved from the rear of Morrisons.

PC Watterson informed the meeting that Morrisons intended to erect fencing and CCT cameras at the rear of the store which would undoubtedly curtail the activities of the teenagers.

#### **36.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report**

On behalf of Cllr McCann, Cllr Hughes made it clear that there was no legal reason for Morrisons store to offer the facility of a post office as some residents had misunderstood him on this issue.

Cllr Hughes reported that during the last few weeks when the Community Policeman was on holiday trouble with teenagers had increased but this had fallen since his return.

A resident made the point that all play areas between the Stewartfield Farm and Stewartfield Way had been destroyed and that trouble still existed in the evenings in the Walkways close to the area of the Stewartfield Farm.

## 36.5 Office Bearers' Reports

### Chairman

The Chair reported that he had phoned planning regarding the rubbish in the Cala site. Jim Blake of planning assured him that he had spoken forcibly to Cala about this problem and they had been told to clean the site up.

Cala were intending to proceed with the construction of the flats this year.

LBJ Ltd who had submitted a planning application for the lower part of the site had been told to secure this site.

### Treasurer

As the end of March was the end of the financial year the Treasurer wished all claims to be submitted if possible by the end of this week as she was going on holiday this weekend.

The Treasurer wished to propose that the Secretary receive a gratuity of £100 for the work done in the past year. N Pentland seconded this proposal.

### Secretary

The Secretary gave an update on the Cathkin Landfill Site having visited Sharon Blair at SEPA on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

The conditions not being adhered to regularly were:

Surface water drainage

Cover mat

Odour

Gas

Leachate

The gas management system was not yet in place. For normal progressive phasing it should now be in place.

SEPA would have expected part of the site to now have been capped and drilling to have taken place to extract the gas. This has not yet been done.

Glasgow say that they are in the process of getting this done and are awaiting a contractor to deliver motors with which electricity will be generated using the gas.

There is a two fold problem in that the road goes directly through one of the cells and there is a gas pipe below this road which will have to be moved. This is simply **poor planning**.

The leachate is gathering at the edge of the cell where the plastic lining has slipped back thus leaving the leachate on top of the clay base. This breaches the condition.

Due to heavy rain there has been too much leachate to store at the site so it has been taken away by tankers for treatment elsewhere.

SEPA intends to modify the licence making some of the conditions more stringent. In 2 weeks from 14<sup>th</sup> February the new conditions will be sent to Glasgow and a reply is expected by the end of the next week. SEPA hope that the new conditions will be in place one month from the 14<sup>th</sup> February i.e. 14<sup>th</sup> March.

The Secretary will call on SEPA after the 14<sup>th</sup> March.

### Newsletter

The Newsletter had been printed for £130 and delivery had taken place at a cost of £44. SLC had sanctioned payment out of our grant.

Photo Competition.  
One photo had been received.

The Secretary had written a letter to Morrisons to clarify the position of the post office in the reorganised store.

The Secretary showed the meeting the plans for Kingsgate West. This development comprised a 6 hole golf course, driving ranges, five-a-side football pitches, restaurant, retail, health club, nature trail and car park with entry from Stewartfield Way. The majority of residents at the meeting objected strongly to this development. Raymond Burke of the Green Party stated that they would certainly be opposing this plan. The Secretary noted the objections and promised to send a reply to the planning enumerating all the objections.

**36.6 Morrisons' Post Office and Pharmacy**

It was felt that there should be an action plan in order to ensure the continuation of the post office. Linda Main suggested that a petition be organised. As Morrisons insisted that the problem had to be solved by the post office it was felt that the post office should be targeted for the retention of the facility in the Morrisons' store. The meeting finally agreed that a leaflet should be delivered to all residents in Stewartfield containing a standard letter asking for the retention of the post office facilities, with the request that it be signed and posted to Post Office Ltd. The secretary agreed to prepare this leaflet and after consulting the committee have it printed and delivered as soon as possible.

**36.7 Cathkin Landfill Site**

See Secretary's report.

**36.8 Matters Arising**

None

**36.9 AOB**

The observation was made that the roads had been cleared of snow and gritted much quicker this year.

**36.10** Date of next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> April.