

## **STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday 12 April 2005

**Time:** 8.00pm

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

### **Present**

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

### **Apologies**

S Fraser, Cllr McCann, PC Watterson

### **In Attendance**

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#### **37.1 Introduction**

The Chair was taken by Alastair Maxwell who welcomed those present.

#### **37.2 Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by Nigel Pentland, Seconded by Emily Young.

#### **37.3 Police Report**

This was given by the Secretary on behalf of PC Watterson.

The overall crime was 8 with 4 detections.

There was 1 violent crime with 1 detection; 3 drugs offences with 3 detections; 2 vandalism with 0 detections.

Vandalism consisted of graffiti at Morrisons and a smashed conservatory window at McKay Place.

The drugs offences consisted of; cannabis resin at Heritage Park; cannabis resin at PC World; ecstasy, cannabis resin and herbal cannabis at Wood Aven Drive.

The violent crime was by a driver on the A725 who was charged with section 3 of the Road Traffic Act as well as Breach of the Peace for smashing a car window whilst the driver was inside the vehicle.

#### **37.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report**

No report as no Councillor present.

#### **37.5 Office Bearers' Reports**

##### **Chairman**

No report

##### **Treasurer**

Balance at the 31<sup>st</sup> March was £950.24. Books will be audited this month.

## **Secretary**

The Secretary reported on the following

- **Photos** The photos displayed on the board were the ones submitted for our competition. Please select the one you like best and inform the secretary of your choice..
- The letter asking for our residents to write to the Post Office has been printed and delivered. Printland only printed 1900 instead of 2000, so delivery cost was cheaper and a discount was given by Printland.
- **Landfill Site** Sharon Blair was telephoned at SEPA to find out if the new conditions had been implemented. Glasgow had responded wishing some changes in order to clarify certain points. S Blair will phone me when the conditions are in place.
- **Objections sent in about Kingsgate West**

As agreed at the previous meeting objections were submitted as follows:-

There are already 3 golf courses in East Kilbride, a 6 hole course is superfluous

There are already several health and fitness clubs in East Kilbride one close by on the opposite side of Stewartfield Way

There is already retail and several restaurants at nearby Kingsgate

There are already five-a-side soccer pitches on the opposite side of Stewartfield Way

**The Public Local Inquiry Report of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2003 recommended in paragraph 6.1 page 4.12 “that the site proposed for a mixed development at Kingsgate (proposals RES1, RES3 and COM1), including housing and commercial leisure, be deleted from the opportunities for development shown on the settlement plan for East Kilbride and that the land be designated as green belt in terms of policy ENV1.”**

This area is designated a **green belt**. This will no longer be the case if this planning application is passed. This is simply a **commercial development** with substantial buildings.

Stewartfield Way is becoming more and more traffic laden and will be more so once the south orbital is completed. With the vehicle entrance off Stewartfield Way this will simply add to the congestion.

We are relying on the support of South Lanarkshire Council to protect and retain our green belt.

- **Waterbank Farm** Complaints from those living on the EK side of Carmunnock about the state of Waterbank Road. Complaints about state of the bridge from those living in Westerfield Road. Bridge damaged and will be shut for 6 to 18 months in order to check for structural damage.

- **Kingsgate East.** Erection of hotel and restaurant/public house with associated access, parking and landscaping work. This site is to be found on the right-hand side of the road travelling from the Whirlies to the Kingsgate.
- **Margaret Armstrong.** The Booklet **Your Right To Know** which is a guide to freedom of information law, was sent to the Secretary by Margaret Armstrong. The members of the Community Council have also been given the itinerary for the elections which will take place this year.
- **Grants.** The Scottish Co-operative group offers grants and East Kilbride Shopping Centre Fund also offers grants. The Secretary, in view of the cost of the Newsletter asked for the members permission to pursue the possibility of a grant. The Council agreed.
- **Charles Miller** An E-Mail asking for any information of other accidents in the Arrotshole farm track was received from Charles Miller as he is asking for compensation from SLC due to an accident in Arrotshole track. If anybody has any information would you please see the Secretary
- **David Elder.** A letter had been received from David Elder President of Lanarkshire Chamber of Commerce in which he informs the Secretary that he supports the view of retaining the Post Office and has written to Sunderland expressing this view.

### 37.6 **Hollinee**

The Chairman introduced Fran McCartney and Heidi Bartlett to the meeting.

Fran McCartney had complained to SEPA, Hollinee themselves (in USA), Minister for Environment and Rural Development, Ross Finnie, Linda Fabiani (MSP for SNP), Andy Kerr (MSP for East Kilbride) and Carolyn Leckie (MSP for SSP), regarding emissions from the Hollinee factory in Nerston.

A copy of this complaint had also been sent the East Kilbride News.

SEPA replied that they had for some considerable time informed the company that it had to provide an improvement plan for the plant as the process was not compliant with the emission limits in the authorisation. So far SEPA has had little success.

Heidi Bartlett from Friends of the Earth suggested that the pressure be kept up via the press and contact with various bodies which were concerned with health and the environment.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had written to the Climate and Engineering Division regarding this problem. As Hollinee had appealed he had also contacted SEPA requesting a copy of the appeal under the Freedom of Information Act.

Heidi Bartlett informed the meeting that she had a copy of this appeal.

Graham Shannon Suggested that the Community Council should write to the relevant MSP Health and Safety and Environmental Health regarding this problem.

The Secretary promised to carry out this suggestion.

Douglas Wallace promised to contact Andrew Hursthouse who had knowledge of this kind of situation.

### 37.7 **Morrisons**

It was suggested that more pressure be brought to bear on Morrisons to retain the Post Office however the Secretary told the meeting that Morrisons had no obligation to retain the Post Office and that the responsibility lay completely with Post Office.

As retention seemed remote it was suggested that Sainsbury be approached with the request that a Post office be created within its store. The Secretary promised to pursue this idea.

**37.8 Cathkin Landfill Site**

The point was made that more weekend tipping was being carried out despite the condition that this was not allowed.

The Secretary and Graham Shannon informed the meeting that a number of weekends for tipping were allowed this number being in the region of 12. The Secretary promised to check this condition.

**37.9 AOB**

Mr G McLintock of Dunrobin Crescent informed the meeting that he had contacted South Lanarkshire Council regarding: the lack of a bus shelter at Dunrobin Drive and Stewartfield Crescent, the footbridge serving St Kenneth's school across East Mains Road requiring ramps and the flooding on the road between Philipshill and Thortonhall roundabout.

Mr Raymond O'Neil of Dunnottar reported the lack of play areas for young teenagers, this leading to confrontation of parents of teenagers by other adults due to ball games taking place in the street.

Mr O'Neil had expected to speak to Cllr Hughes as she had said that she would enquire if a Kick-about area could be provided close to the walkway behind Culzean drive.

Graham Shannon said that this idea had already been mooted and abandoned as it required only one householder to object to the scheme for it to be vetoed.

The Secretary promised to contact Cllr Hughes regarding this idea.

**37.10 Date of next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May.**