

## **STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday 13 December 2005

**Time:** 8.00pm

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

### **Present**

A Maxwell (Chairman), A Vann (Secretary), E Young (Treasurer), D Wallace, S Jess, N Pentland,

### **Apologies**

V Yaneske, Tony Fitzpatrick

### **In Attendance**

Cllr McCann, Cllr Hughes, E Docherty

#### **42.1 Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed all those present to our first meeting after the election.

#### **42.2 Previous Minutes**

The minutes of our last meeting were approved. Proposer E Young Secunder D Wallace

#### **42.3 Police Report**

No report was possible due to the absence of a Stewartfield Community Policeman. Cllr McCann informed the meeting that PC Andy Small had been the Stewartfield Community Policeman for a short while but as he had received promotion there was now once again a vacancy. Cllr McCann has been assured by EK Police of a quick replacement for PC Small

#### **42.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report**

Cllr McCann informed the meeting of the following messages which he had delivered to the residents in his constituency by news letter. He deemed that they were applicable to all residents in Stewartfield.

1. The teenagers indulging in anti-social behaviour locally were their own children and parents must be prepared to take responsibility for them.
2. Residents should be prepared to drive within the speed limit and to use their driveway to park their car rather than cause congestion in the roadway.
3. A request to dog owners to clean up after their pet has fouled.
4. The new schools should open in 2007 after no investment had been made between 1979 and 1997.
5. Now the south orbital had opened the time into Glasgow had been greatly reduced. This would now inevitably put pressure on the traffic flow along Stewartfield Way. The traffic lights at Kingsgate area were coping at the present but in the future the question of dual carriageway may be raised again. The construction of the rest of the M74 may make the single carriageway possible on Stewartfield Way.
6. Now that Lidl had opened close to Hairmyres it is hoped that in this complex will be a doctors' surgery a pharmacy and small shops.

7. Kitch Water was suffering from a plague of fly tipping and Environmental Services intend to write to all residents whose houses back on to the stream emphasising that this rubbish is lifted free, only requiring a phone call to facilitate this service.

At this point Cllr McCann was asked about the Local Plan and as to why SLC was selling off so much of the green belt for housing.

He replied that the areas marked for housing were in the most part under consideration only and that much of the land was not owned by SLC but came under private ownership. The final decision regarding the final plan would be made by the Scottish Executive.

Regarding Cala housing at MacNeish Way the Cllr had in writing from Scottish Water that all work would be finished by July 2006 thus Cala would be constructing by that date.

#### **42.5 Office Bearers' Report**

##### **Chairman**

No report

##### **Secretary**

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had 2 copies of the Draft Local Plan available for examination by any resident.

Environmental forum. This was a group of residents in East Kilbride who called a meeting to discuss the Local Plan. The Secretary attended the meeting and has a copy of the concerns submitted to SLC regarding the Plan. The group intends to meet regularly and the Secretary has asked to be kept informed.

The Secretary has also submitted on behalf of the Community Council objections to the possibility of housing beyond Kingsgate Retail Park. Cllr Hughes indicated that houses would not be built in this area due to the state of the ground as a result of a former Landfill Site.

#### **42.6 Treasurer**

The treasurer reported that the balance at 30<sup>th</sup> October was £1531.61

#### **42.7 Cathkin Landfill Site**

The Secretary informed the meeting that this site was now being closely monitored by SEPA. He promised to get an update of the situation before the next Community Council meeting.

#### **42.8 Matters Arising**

The attention of the meeting was drawn to the easy stealing of cars when owners left their car unattended whilst the engine was left running in order to demist during frosty mornings.

#### **42.9 Date of next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006**