

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 10 January 2006

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, T Fitzpatrick, V Yaneske

Apologies

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In Attendance

Cllr McCann, PC Ross Leggate, PC Paul McRoberts

43.1 Introduction

The Chair welcomed those present and thanked the two Police Constables for their attendance

43.2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of our last meeting were approved.Proposer T Sheldon, Seconder E Young

43.3 Police Report

PC Leggate reported that the overall crime figure was 5. This figure consisted of :
1 Violence 1 detected in Dunvegan Place, 2 Drugs 2 detected in James Hamilton Heritage Park and 2 Breach of the Peace 1 detected.

D Wallace reported that bogus workmen had been active in the area. PC McRoberts advised that Sgt. McCutcheon of the Community Safety Department should be consulted for advice in these matters. A visit would be made to your home in order to render assistance.

Cllr McCann told the meeting that if there was more than one offence by a youngster then all would be dealt with by the Sheriff at the same time. If there happened to be a repeat of any of the offences then the same Sheriff would deal with it.

43.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Cllr McCann reported that having pushed for bushes to be trimmed and the area tidied this was at present being carried out in the Stewartfield area.

Cllr McCann was asked to visit the College Milton Recycling Centre to observe the huge number of seagulls and the problems that they are causing. As a result of this visit the council is actively pursuing a policy of dealing with the seagull menace even examining how airport runways are kept bird free.

The meeting was informed that Rolls Royce were seeking planning permission to build their test beds close to the new factory in Whitehills. Cllr McCann informed the meeting that there were already objections based on the possibility of nuisance noise. He stressed that due to present technology the noise level was extremely low. His own opinion was one of

support for the positioning of the test beds close to the factory, as this would also reduce costs.

There will be a public consultation on this situation in the near future.

Cllr McCann informed the meeting that Adam Ingram had requested him to attend a meeting on his behalf with the Health Service regarding the position of the 3 hospitals, Hairmyres, Monklands and Wishaw. It was made clear that the status quo cannot remain. Due to the hours doctors work being reduced and the need to enlarge the hospitals in order to attract consultants it is necessary to have two hospitals of level 3 and one of level 2. As there are teams of surgeons on overnight at the A&E this will also release those teams as only the level 3 hospitals will have an A&E. The level 3 hospitals will have 650 beds. As Wishaw is close to this it will be designated level 3 immediately.

The Health Board option is to choose Hairmyres as the other level 3 as this will be a cheaper operation. Hairmyres already treats patients from the south side of Glasgow and as the Victoria A&E is closing patients will come to Hairmyres which is relatively close. If Monklands is chosen as the other level 3 then there will be no A&E in the South Lanarkshire area and both level 3 hospitals will be in North Lanarkshire.

Being asked if the Ambulance depot would still remain at Hairmyres Cllr McCann was of the opinion that it would stay where it was.

Regarding the renal unit at Monklands, this situation would be examined after the principal problem had been addressed.

There will be 12 meetings for public consultation between January and April.

At this point Douglas Wallace asked the Cllr if carol singing and the usual crib of baby Jesus was no longer welcome in the town as there had been reluctance at the town centre where in the past the Old Parish Church silver band had performed. He added that in the Stewartfield area this was certainly not the case as Morrisons had made them very welcome. Cllr McCann assured the meeting that the removal of Jesus from Christmas was not SLC policy.

43.5 Office Bearers' Reports

Chairman

The Chair noted that some of the lights still required to be fixed on the walkway below Farndale and promised to once again report it.

Secretary

The meeting was assured that the Hollinee factory had been completely closed as their licence had been revoked.

At SEPA John Higgins is now in charge of monitoring Cathkin Landfill site. As a result of regular sessions with Glasgow Council, the operators at the Landfill and SEPA, progress has been made and improvements have taken place since October.

There is room for more improvement and this will be pushed by John Higgins. The report of continual non-adherence to the operating conditions is still with the Procurator Fiscal and SEPA still await his reaction.

For information of the survey held in Stewartfield regarding the childrens' play areas Michael Heald is the person to contact. The Secretary has been trying to do just that for the last 2 weeks and has not yet managed to speak to him.

Cala Housing. The Secretary spoke to Mr Bernie Began the removal teams based at Albion Way. He was told that as the ground was private he was unable to sanction a tidy –up operation. He suggested that the Environmental Health be approached. The Secretary spoke to Scott Patrick at Environmental Health who has been monitoring this area and was told that the wind blown rubbish did not constitute a health hazard, so the only way forward was to contact Cala.

As contacting Cala raised a feeling of futility Cllr McCann suggested informing Cala that the Community Council was making a formal complaint to South Lanarkshire Council as this may affect any business that Cala would wish to do with SLC.

Treasurer

The treasurer informed the meeting that all cheques issued in the past month had been cleared and that the balance now stood at £1197.41 as at 30th December

43.6 Matters Arising

Cllr McCann was asked about planning permission for phone masts regarding health and safety. He replied that SLC could not oppose them on the health and safety grounds as this had already been dealt with before planning application was submitted.

He promised to answer questions about the mast at Westmains at the next meeting

43.7 Date of next meeting 14th February