

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 14 March 2006

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

Present

A Maxwell(Chairman), A Vann(Secretary), E Young(Treasurer), S Jess, N Pentland,
T Fitzpatrick, V Yaneske

Apologies

Cllr McCann, E Docherty

In Attendance

Cllr Hughes

45.1 Introduction

The Chair welcomed those present.

45.2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of our last meeting were approved. Proposer S. Jess, Seconder E Young

45.3 Police Report

The Secretary explained that Stuart Burnside, our Community PC, was at present attending a course and thus in the meantime, his boss Sgt McMillan should be contacted. Sgt Muir informed the Secretary that Sgt McMillan would be back in the office this Thursday, 16th March and that he would contact the Secretary then.

45.4 South Lanarkshire Council report

Cllr. Hughes informed the meeting that she would, with other councillors, be attending a meeting on Monday 20th March regarding the future of the roads in the surrounding district. The chair indicated that he would also be attending this meeting.

The Cllr. was asked if she had any further information regarding the future of Stewartfield Way. She stated that as the road was the responsibility of the local council, upgrading it to dual carriageway status would be a financial impossibility. In order for this to be accomplished the Executive would have to adopt this road. Due to the present commitments of the Executive (e.g. Raith Interchange) it would obviously be some years before the finance would be available for the enterprise.

Tony Fitzpatrick asked the Cllr. if she knew of the where the phone mast would be sited in West Mains. She promised to find the information.

The Secretary asked if there had been any feedback regarding the survey of the small play areas. Cllr. Hughes promised to approach Michael Heald for this information.

The Cllr. Reported that the Kick-about area behind Dunvegan and Dunrobin had been approved and should be constructed soon.

The question about the volume of traffic on West Mains road was broached. Cllr. Hughes informed the meeting that a survey had been carried out by a resident in the area and she promised to supply a copy to the Secretary.

Tony Fitzpatrick asked if the Community Centre was to be converted to a trampoline centre. The Secretary and the Cllr. promised to find out how much truth was in this rumour.

45.5 Office Bearers' Reports

Chairman

The meeting was informed that SLC would welcome any phone calls reporting holes in the roads and malfunctioning street lights as they were unable to carry out enough inspections. The number to phone was given as 806337

Secretary

The Secretary reported that a reply had been sent to East Mains CC informing them of our decision not to support the campaign to retain the village school.

Objections had been made to all "greenbelt to housing" in the Supplementary Local Plan. Ian Conroy at SEPA had reported that SEPA would not be involved with the test beds at Rolls Royce. Involvement would only take place if the storage of fuel exceeded the lower threshold which is 2.5 thousand tons. Rolls Royce were only storing 300 tons. Any other issue would be addressed by Health and Safety.

The secretary told the meeting of the East Kilbride Fairtrade Steering Group which invited all the CC's to join their campaign to make East Kilbride a fair trade town.

Speakers from OXFAM and the Department for International Development would be at Ottakars bookshop on Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm.

A fair trade stall would be in the Town Centre on Saturday 18th March from 8.30 to 5.30 and on Sunday 19th from 11.00 to 5.00. Volunteers are sought for help on the stall.

On April 20th there will be a meeting of the fair Trade Group at 7.30pm in the Murray Owen Centre.

The secretary asked for names of any person who had not yet signed the petition for In-patient Palliative care beds i.e. supporting the Kilbryde Hospice Appeal.

Treasurer

It was reported that the balance was at present £1198.99

The treasurer stated that of this amount £985.24 belonged to the Community Council. A request was made for expenses to be given to the Treasurer before the end of the financial year.

45.6 Matters Arising

The Secretary was given a honorarium of £100 which had been suggested at the previous meeting.

45.7 AOB

It was suggested that a newsletter would be a good idea in the next financial year.

45.8 Date of next meeting 11th April