

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 11 April 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

Cllr McCann

In Attendance

Cllr Hughes, E Docherty, PC Wood, PC Murphy

46.1 Introduction

The Chair welcomed those present.

46.2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of our last meeting were approved. Proposer S Jess, Seconder N Pentland.

46.3 Police Report

The overall crime figure was 12 with 4 detections. There were 4 thefts which were non domestic. PC Wood informed the meeting that at present car keys were being stolen from within the house and hence the car which was an up market model. The car appeared to be the target of these thefts.

The Chair mentioned that there appeared to be a fair amount of vandalism. PC Wood replied that the police would try to keep a watchful eye on the situation.

46.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Cllr Hughes reported that the decision regarding the play areas was that the spider at Bishopdale would be retained but Arrotshole area would be closed.

In reply to Tony Fitzpatrick's question regarding the future of the Community Hall Cllr Hughes stated that there would be no change.

Cllr Hughes and Alastair Maxwell attended a meeting on 20th March where the future of the road and transport system through and around East Kilbride was discussed. The Scottish Executive have published new guidance for the assessment of all proposed transport schemes. This is known as Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance or **STAG**.

Some of the problems foreseen in the near future were:

- Increase in through traffic due to GSO and the completion of M74 in 2008
- Greater difficulty in accessing the town centre
- Difficulty in the movement of public transport especially if it is increased

In order to find a solution the following options were considered:

- Do minimum i.e. no improvements to infrastructure or public transport
- Upgrade A726 (Queensway-Kingsway) to 3 lanes either way
- Improve rail services to/from East Kilbride
- Enhancements to Stewartfield Way

- Orbital bus route
- LRT network (segregated rapid transport)

The options enhancements to Stewartfield Way and orbital bus route were accepted for further investigation and appraisal, the rest being rejected.

The decision about what proposals to take forward will be made by June.

46.5 Office Bearers' Reports

Chairman

The Chair reminded the meeting to report all holes in the roads and all vandalism.

Secretary

The Secretary informed the meeting of the Planning Application by Carlyco Ltd. to build 15 flats at Arrotshole Farm. No objections were made other than the Secretary promising to look at the site to examine the possibility of the removal of trees.

46.6 AOB

It was suggested by S Jess that the residents of Stewartfield be alerted to the probability of the dualling of Stewartfield Way in our forthcoming newsletter.

46.7 Date of next meeting 9th May.