

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 12 December 2006

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

Present

A Maxwell(Chairman), N Pentland, T Fitzpatrick, V Yaneske, S Jess

Apologies

A Vann(Secretary), E Young

In Attendance

E Docherty, Cllr McCann

51.1 Introduction

The Chair welcomed all those present

51.2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, proposed by Sheila Jess, seconder Val Yaneske.

51.3 Police Report

PC Stuart Burnside was not present at the meeting and no report had been forwarded.

Cllr McCann's highlighted that he has already discussed this matter with Sgt Barry McGinley who has offered the facility to contact him by email at barry.mcginley@strathclyde.pnn.uk PC Burnside can also be contacted at stuart.burnside@strathclyde.pnn.uk

To assist telephone enquires Cllr McCann has asked for an answer m/c to be placed in Sgt McGinley's office.

See further response under South Lanarkshire Council Report.

51.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Cllr McCann reported the following:

He highlighted his concern at the number of police including community police being seconded to guard facilities such as Fast Lane Naval Base or the airport. He questioned if the protests merits the number of police which is being used.

He informed the council that community resource staff were tidying the roundabouts in the area and replacing bushes. Tony Fitzpatrick raised his concern again about the inequality within Stewartfield that allows the mountleigh residents to maintain the common ground including the West Mains entrance to the estate. Cllr McCann stated that he will look into the background and report back.

The winter road maintenance including frost control is in place, the road repairs are prioritised into 3 categories, A, B & C with priority given to A roads working down to C roads.

Val Yaneske informed Cllr McCann that the grit bin normally placed at the bottom of Whitsundale has not been replaced after it was removed due to graffiti.

Cllr McCann raised his concern about a number of anti-social activities which has been occurring:

- A problem within his area has now been resolved by the police, there has also been brighter lights placed in hot spot areas including Mossneuk Park which has shown an improvement in this area. Unfortunately there has been complaints from residents about young people playing football at 9.00pm.
- He informed the council that he had attended the unveiling of a window as tribute to the late Girl's Brigade Captain Pauline MacLean, unfortunately the window has been smashed, and an appeal has already started to replace the window.
- He highlighted further vandalism with windows being smashed in the Greenhills Primary School which has just been opened.

Cllr McCann informed the council that in his opinion that the vast majority of kids are good and willing to put something back into the community, parents must take responsibility for the actions of their children.

Cllr McCann outlined the major changes in next years South Lanarkshire Council Elections which sees the current 19 wards being reduced to 6 new enlarged wards? There is also a change in the system which previously was first past the post to proportional voting including the single transferable vote. Stewartfield will be part of the EK West ward which also includes Hairmyles, Thorntonhall, Mossneuk, Gardenhall, Jackton and parts of West Mains. All the changes will be explained nearer the time of elections both from the Scottish Executive and local party representatives.

51.5 Office Bearers' Reports

Chairman

Nothing to report.

Treasurer

Report will be issued at next meeting.

Secretary

Nothing to report

51.6 AOB

Sheila Jess raised the problem of a electrical cable coming from the pavement at Hunters bar Bar and restaurant ans seemingly going into the restaurant. Cllr McCann will have someone look at this.

Tony Fitzpatrick highlighted the large amount of cars and buses using the loop of Teesdale to avoid traffic and drop of children for school. Cllr McCann will have Michael Halligan of the council to look at the problem.

51.7 Date of next meeting 9 Jan 07