

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 13 February 2007

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

Present

A Vann(Secretary), E Young(Treasurer), D Wallace, S Jess, N Pentland, V Yaneske

Apologies

Tony Fitzpatrick, A Maxwell

In Attendance

Cllr McCann, E Docherty, Sergeant Barry McGinley, PC Finlay Ferguson.

53.1 Introduction

Nigel Pentland, Acting Chair, welcomed all those present.

53.2 Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were approved, proposed by Emily Young, seconded by Sheelah Jess

53.3 Police Report

The following report for the period 09/01/07 — 12/02/07 was given by Sgt B McGinley after having introduced PC Finlay Ferguson as the new Stewartfield Community Policeman.

Detections

1 male reported for three Road Traffic Act 1988 offences following a hit and run accident in Stewartfield Crescent where a traffic pole was demolished.

1 male reported for no excise licence.

1 male reported for possession of herbal cannabis.

2 males reported for possession of cannabis resin.

Reported Crimes

Theft by housebreaking at St Kenneth's Primary School.

Theft by housebreaking - car keys taken and a motor vehicle stolen.

Housebreaking with intent - patio doors smashed but nothing taken.

Theft of petrol at Sainsbury's garage.

Vandalism to a motor vehicle - window smashed.

Theft of a bag- female walking home had bag grabbed from her shoulder.

Attempted Fraud & Forgery and Uttering - false prescriptions presented at the Morrison's pharmacy.

1 theft by shoplifting and Section 12 of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937.

Maureen Watt of Arrotshole Court informed Sgt McGinley that she had reported groups of teenagers in Arrotshole Road over a number of evenings. She had no knowledge of a police

response. Sgt McGinley said that he would check this out.

53.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Cllr McCann reported that the problem of the cable at Hunters Farm raised at the last meeting, would be dealt with within the next 10 days.

The meeting was told that the overall increase of 2.32% on the local rates consisted of 1.32% +1% which would be used for the building program of the new schools.

Mossneuk Primary School will be completely rebuilt.

Cllr McCann told the meeting that there were over 120 schools in South Lanarkshire.

The following would be implemented this April for the over 60's:

£50 per household towards the increase in rates, free access to keep fit facilities, free use of facilities for organisations of the under 16's

Approximately £500,000 extra would be invested in e.g. walk-in showers and stair lifts, in people's homes where the occupants were infirm, bringing the total invested to £4 million.

£1.3 million would be invested in anti-social behaviour. This would enable more Community Wardens to be employed.

The total being spent would be £583million

It was reported by Maureen Watt of Arrotshole Court that the state of the roads around the Carlisle building site due to mud was unacceptable.

Cllr McCann promised to phone Martin Muir of the Roads Department about this problem.

Some problems regarding the Town Centre were raised by Eric Margetts, however Cllr McCann pointed out that the Town Centre was a private concern that the Council had no control over.

He indicated that if the upgrading of the town Centre in the future were to take place then this would entail a wider area which would include the Civic Centre and at that stage the Council would have some input in the development.

A complaint regarding street lighting was aired, with Cllr McCann suggesting that David McNair be contacted regarding this problem.

53.5 Office Bearers' Reports

Chairman

Nothing to report

Treasurer

The Treasurer reported that the present balance is £1304.86

Secretary

The Secretary reported on the following:

1. The objections by the CC regarding a) the residential element of Calderglen Park and Colonsay Field, b) the inclusion of Colonsay Field as a residential proposal have been acknowledged.

2. South Lanarkshire Rural Partnership Communities Conference will be held on Monday 5 March at the Cartland Bridge Hotel starting at 9.30 am. The Secretary informed the meeting that anybody wishing to attend should see him for the details

3. A letter was received by the Secretary informing him that the closure of the Community Centre was simply an untrue rumour.

4. A questionnaire from the Evidence Base for Lifestyle Interventions for Health Improvement had been received. Any person wishing to read the appropriate information and answer the questionnaire could obtain this information from the Secretary. The questionnaire had to be returned by 28 February.

53.6 AOB
None

53.7 Date of next meeting 13 March 07