

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 12 June 2007

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

Present

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

Apologies

None

In Attendance

Cllr McCann, Cllr Watson, Cllr Simpson, E Docherty, PC Finlay Ferguson.

57.1 Introduction

The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting especially our new Councillors.

57.2 Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were approved, proposed by N Pentland, seconded by S Jess.

57.3 Police Report

CRIME FIGURES FROM 08/05/07 TO 11/06/07 IN STEWARTFIELD, EAST KILBRIDE

Crimes of note — 16

Detections — 5

Vandalism in Brent Road, Stewartfield. Rear window of m/v smashed with pellet gun. No witnesses to incident.

Vandalism X 2 at Museum of Scottish Country Life. Lights smashed on pathway in first incident. Double glazing window smashed on second occasion. Nothing captured on CCTV. No witnesses to incident.

Theft by OLP at Morrisons Car Park, MacNeish Way, EK X 2 . In first incident no serial numbers available for stolen property which included £2000 camera. Nothing captured on CCTV. Second incident a CD player was taken. Both occurred overnight.

Vandalism to premises in Dentdale. Window smashed. No eye witnesses.

Attempt Theft overnight within MacLean Place. Enter insecure patio doors in attempt to steal keys to high value car, unsuccessful, and leave. Footprint left at locus. SOC enquiry continues.

Theft of Petrol at Morrisons, MacNeish Way for £5. Enquiry with regards to Reg Mark of m/v.

RTA 1988 87(1) and 143. A 24 year old male charged with driving a rn/v with no licence and insurance near to Hilton Hotel, Stewartfield Way, EK.

MDA 1971 5(2) X 2. A 20 year old and a 24 year old male both found in possession of herbal cannabis and cannabis resin within car park of Hunters Pub. Both charged with two individual offences.

RTA 1988 5(1). A 25 year old male charged with driving under the influence of alcohol near to James Hamilton Heritage Park, Stewartfield.

Theft of £800 notebook computer. Enter insecure kitchen door and steal same. Occurred overnight. Enquiry being carried out.

Theft at Hunters Pub. Staff member had wallet stolen when left on bar area. Approx £50. Enquiries ongoing with regards to this.

Theft of M/V from Ministers Park. Enter insecure patio doors, steal keys to Volkswagen Golf m/v, leave premises and drive off in stated rn/v. SOCE carried out and enquiry ongoing.

RTA 1988 47(1). A 20 year old male charged with driving a rn/v with invalid MOT certificate.

Theft of clothing from Brooklime Gardens, Stewartfield, EK. Marie Curie plastic bag collection in driveway, uplifted by u/k white van. Enquiries currently ongoing into Reg Mark.

Those present who resided in Arrotshole Court reported that damage had been done to their property by the teenage vandals who gather most evenings in the vicinity. The building site next to the Court is not helping the situation in the least. It was suggested to PC Ferguson that a CCTV camera would perhaps be helpful for identification of those responsible for any damage and would help to control the teenagers' behavior.

It was suggested that Morrisons be approached about this problem as this gathering was taking place at the rear of the store. Cllr McCann promised to enquire into the possible solution.

PC Ferguson stated that the situations in Stewartfield requiring his presence had not been helped due to his answering calls in Calderwood and the Village, not to mention that this is the time of year for various marches which must be policed.

57.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Cllr McCann, Watson and Simpson all assured the meeting of their intention to work closely together for the good of the community.

Cllr Watson made the point that all incidents must be reported to the police in order to stress the number of offences taking place.

Cllr McCann recalled that some time had passed since the councillors had met with the police regarding the number of offences in East Kilbride. The three councillors suggested that it was time for another meeting.

The point was raised that it was almost impossible to cross Stewartfield Way after alighting from a bus at the rush hour and that a crossing would solve this problem. The meeting was informed that SLC was at this time considering a solution to this problem.

Cllr Watson reported that the closing of Philipshill road below the Museum of Country Life had been tentatively suggested as this would add to the safety of those visiting the museum.

57.5 Office Bearers' Reports

Chairman

Nothing to report

Treasurer

The Balance Sheet was produced as at 31 March 2007. The present balance of £921.69 was reported

Secretary

The meeting was informed that our money could be held in any account that we chose. SLC had invited 2 members of Stewartfield CC to the "Kirkin of the Council" Service on Sunday 24 June 2007 to be held in the Old Parish Church, Leechlee Road Hamilton at 10.45am. Any member wishing to take up this invitation was asked to see the Secretary. The Secretary reported that there was now a great lack of play areas for the small children as most of them had been removed. This was not only in Stewartfield but also in other parts of East Kilbride. The Councillors made it clear that long consultation with parents had taken place before any decision to remove the play areas had been made. Cllr McCann reported that he had been approached recently by a group wishing to have a play area re-established.

57.6 AOB

Nil

57.7 Date of next meeting 11 September 2007