

## **STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday 11 September 2007  
**Time:** 8. 00pm  
**Venue:** Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

### **Present**

V Yaneske (chair), D Wallace (secretary), S Jess, others as on separate list.

### **Apologies**

A Maxwell, A Vann, E Young, N Pentland, A Fitzpatrick

### **In Attendance**

Cllr Watson, Cllr Simpson, PC Finlay Ferguson, PC Ross Leggatt, officer for Community Policing E Mains and the Village.

Cllr McCann made a brief appearance and apologised for not being able to stay.

### **58.1 Introduction**

The Chair welcomed all present, explaining that despite most office-bearers being absent, the quorum of 4 was made up by the presence of the councillors.

### **58.2 Previous Minutes**

Minutes proposed by S Jess, seconded by V Yaneske, were approved, after explanation that OLP in police report is opening a lockfast place, referring to cars.

### **58.3 Police Report**

#### **Crime Figures from 11/08/07 to 11/09/07 in Stewartfield**

Crimes of Note – 13

#### **Vandalisms**

Stewartfield Gardens. Front nearside window of m/v smashed. No eye witnesses to incident.

Stewartfield Drive. Patio door smashed with stone. No eye witnesses to incident

Gilderdale. Air gun fired at double glazed unit door. No eye witnesses to incident.

Caper House Play Barn. Occurred overnight. Double glazed panel smashed by kicking. No eye witnesses or CCTV.

Alwyn Drive. Two cars damaged. Party in street during incident. Enquiries ongoing with regards to person(s) being responsible coming from this address.

#### **Dishonesty**

Theft by HB at Hunters Pub. Forced open wooden door and steal till drawer and charity boxes. Approx £200 taken from within. Enq continues with regards to SOC examination results.

Theft of Petrol at Morrisons, MacNeish Wau, EK. £46 worth of fuel obtained without paying. Enq ongoing with regards to Reg No.

Theft within McCallum Court. Enter insecure garage and steal approx £1000 worth of golf equipment. Enq continues with regards to SOC examination.

Theft from M/V. Overnight. Enter insecure M/V and steal ladies sunglasses and toiletries bag. SOCE not applicable as complainer cleaned m/v after theft. No eye witnesses or CCTV.

### **Road Traffic**

RTA S. 5 1988. One male found slumped on steering wheel of stationary m/v by Police in McArthur Drive. Arrested and charged with being drunk in charge of a m/v.

### **Other**

Simple Assault/Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act in Stewartfield Drive. Domestic Assault on husband (slap to face) and then fell downstairs whilst holding child. No injuries.

Indicent Assault within Holiday Inn, Stewartfield Way, EK. Suspect male approached two boys in pool area (9 and 11 years of age) and inappropriately touch them to chest area. Enquiry continues.

PC Ferguson stated that MacNeish Way has been treated as a “standing complaint” due to frequency of incident in the area, and is receiving sustained attention from the police. The practice of providing special coloured bags to identify which store alcohol carried in the community by youths was obtained from has been used in other areas, but was not adopted by Morrisons. It seems clear that the big store is the source of much of the drink that fuels the rowdiness on Arrotshole Road and at the back of Morrisons. Cllr Watson obtained info that the store’s security was patrolling behind the store and they were doing a survey re CCTV.

The public was urged to ensure property was securely locked, including sheds, garages etc. and that car keys were not left on view in the downstairs to enable car thefts. The number for the community police is 564041.

### **58.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report**

Cllr Watson reported that the proposed closure of Philipshill Road below the Museum of Rural Life will not proceed. Some measures with extra signage will be taken to comply with health and safety esp. with regard to the tractor and trailer. In a road repair in Ribblesdale Scottish Water was found to have been negligent.

Cllr Simpson is conducting next week a survey on the need of a crossing of Stewartfield Way to the busstop. He has been working with the staff of St. Andrew’s and St. Bride’s High School to resolve a problem with no turning space for buses in the new school’s car park. The bus bay on Whitemoss Road is now used for drop off in the mornings, but pupils require to go after school to catch the buses at the bus station. A meeting of Community Resources had a full debate on the strong feelings raised in the public over the misuse of the Heritage Park for memorials to the deceased. Those who have benches, trees

as memorials are being contacted to remove vases, flowers and other objects of a personal nature, and a new policy has been made that restricts the placing of these to cemeteries and memorial gardens. T Sheldon asked for more signs in the Heritage Park to keep dogs on a leash. Residents of Arrotshole Road asked for bins for dog's dirt as fouling was a problem there. Insufficient street lighting also contributed to providing areas where youths congregated after dark for drinking – one light was removed by home builders, another was out. S Jess asked about a newspaper item re a nature trail planned in connection with the new golf facility. It was pointed out that hedge cutting is needed at the end of Farndale. M Woods was informed that 20mile an hour limit would be put in effect in Lymnkilns and Cllr Simpson said Brodick was also being considered for speed restriction.

#### **58.5 Treasurer**

The balance in the account as at 12. 9. 07 is £1,538. 88.

#### **58. 6**

The meeting concluded at 9pm, as the Chair thanked the councillors and members of the public for their interest and participation, and announced our next meeting as Tuesday 9 October at 8pm in Stewartfield Community Centre.