

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 11 March 2008

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

Present

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

Apologies

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In Attendance

Cllr McCann, Cllr Watson, Cllr Simpson, PC Finlay Ferguson, PC Ross Leggat(E Mains/Village)

64.1 Introduction

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting

64.2 Previous Minutes

The following change was made to the minutes: 63.4 third sentence should now read; Cllr McCann informed the meeting that it appeared to South Lanarkshire Council that there was little opposition by Stewartfield Residents to the upgrading of Stewartfield Way to dual carriageway status.

With this change the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by E Young, Seconded by T Fitzpatrick.

64.3 Police Report

CRIMES OF NOTE FOR STEWARTFIELD FROM 13/02/2008-11/03/2008

Vandalisms

Davie's Acre. Throw unknown object at window causing pane to smash. Unco-operative complainer. Crime report filed.

Teesdale. Throw stone at window causing inner pane to crack. No eyewitnesses to incident.

Alwyn Drive. Smash rear windscreen of m/v by throwing stone at same. Enquiries continue.

Dishonesty

Morrisons. 31 year old female arrested for Theft by Shoplifting. £162.00 worth of household products concealed in trolley after paying for some items at checkout.

Holiday Inn, Stewartfield Way. Mobile phone worth £500.00 stolen whilst unattended at function

Burnet Rose Gardens. OLPWI. Smash rear window of m/v, climb inside, rummage through compartments, egress via same route and make off in unknown direction. Enquiries continue with regards to SOCE.

Road Traffic

James Hamilton Heritage Park. 42 year old woman arrested for drink driving.

Other

Rosemary Crescent. 18 year old female assaulted by being pushed into cabinet. 47 year old female interviewed re: same with negative result.

64.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Cllr Watson stated that as far as he was aware and according to SLC Roads Department the upgrading of Stewartfield Way would still take place if the funding became available. The meeting was shown the plans for an advertising board for Playgolf, where consent for 5 years was being requested. As this board would be situated at the side of Stewartfield Way and would approximately be 11 feet high by 15 feet wide the meeting felt that it was overlarge and would detract the motorist's attention from the road. The **Secretary** was directed to write to the Planning Department objecting to the size of this board.

The continued problem of parking at St Kenneth's Primary School was raised again with one resident describing how cars were parked completely on the pavement and verbal abuse being given when objections were voiced. Cllr Watson deemed that this situation would once again need attention.

The problem of the bins for the residents at Stewartfield Gardens is still an issue. The communal bins were provided by the developer, the number being determined by South Lanarkshire Council. Unfortunately they do not appear to hold all the rubbish. Residents were paying the factor for the removal of the extra rubbish, however Cllr Watson stressed that in the interim the Local Authority had agreed to attend to this problem.

The decision to close the Glen Road and Philipshill Road at the Museum had been dropped, but flashing warning signs will be erected to warn drivers that there could be pedestrians on the road.

Cllr Simpson informed the meeting that grit bins would be placed at McLean Place. If any other bins were required elsewhere or to be replaced then he would like to be informed of this problem. The Cllrs were asked who was responsible for the gritting of the walking area in Stewartfield Gardens. Nobody was sure who was responsible, however it was pointed out that no pavements in East Kilbride had been gritted.

Cllr McCann informed the meeting that the clothes bins will be removed this month thus removing all bins from the site opposite Stewartfield Gardens. Complaints had been made about lack of gritting with the point being expressed that sufficient gritting had taken place as far back in time as the East Kilbride Development Corporation. The Cllr explained that a great deal of finance had been made available at that time as East Kilbride was being developed, whereas now this was no longer the situation.

Cllr McCann did inform the meeting that he had had complaints that there were gritters still in the yard during the bad weather period. This situation he intended to investigate. Complaints about the parking of commercial vans in residential areas had also been received by Cllr McCann. He explained that very little could be done to move these vehicles if they had been parked correctly.

The Cllr reminded the meeting that in the previous minutes he had stated that SLC were unaware of the opposition in Stewartfield to the upgrading of Stewartfield Way. He advocated that the Community Council ask SLC what their position would be if funding became available for this project. **The Secretary** promised to write to SLC regarding this question.

64.5 Office Bearers' Report

Chairman

The Chair told the meeting that he had received a letter regarding the Appointment of Licensing Standards Officer. As radical changes were being made regarding the holding of a license the Chair proposed that a Licensing Standards Officer should be invited to a future meeting. **The Secretary** promised to approach SLC on this matter.

Secretary

The meeting was shown the plan for the erection of a garden centre at Peel Park by Dobbies Garden Centre Plc.

The Secretary explained that the Association of Scottish Community Councils (ASCC) had now employed some permanent staff and a move was on to cement the relationship between the ASCC and the Scottish Parliament. An e-mail had been received by the Secretary from Billy McLean a Community Councillor with Clyde Valley CC to the effect that he wished to arrange a training day with an organisation called Planning, and thus wished to discover if any Councillor would like to take part. Any person interested should tell the Secretary.

The Secretary informed the meeting that it seems to be the case that the ASCC and Local Councils wish Community Councils to become more involved in the planning process.

The Secretary made available the weekly list of planning applications for the period from the last CC meeting until the present. Cllr McCann explained that the application from 1 Mackenzie Gardens for the demolition of the existing house and its replacement with 2 houses was a second application which differed only slightly from the previous one. He found this second application hard to understand as there was an appeal in for the first application which had still awaited a decision. It was felt that the Community Council should lodge an objection to this application. **The Secretary** was instructed to lodge the objections. The Secretary gave the Treasurer his claim for expenses as well as the form for detailing expenses from Margaret Armstrong the Liaison Officer.

Treasurer

The reported balance was £1464.72

The Treasurer asked that all expenses be claimed soon as this was the end of the financial year.

64.6 Date of next meeting 8th April