

**STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday 13 May 2008

**Time:** 8.00pm

**Venue:** Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

**Present**

D Wallace(acting Chair),A Vann(Secretary), E Young(Treasurer),S Jess,T Fitzpatrick, V Yaneske

**Apologies**

A Maxwell, N Pentland

**In Attendance**

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

**66.1 Introduction**

The chair welcomed all those present and hoped that there would be fruitful discussion of problems pertaining to the community.

**66.2 Previous Minutes**

After two spelling corrections the previous minutes were approved. Proposed by S Jess. Seconded by Maureen Watt.

**66.3 Police Report**

**CRIMES OF NOTE IN STEWARTFIELD. EAST KILBRIDE FOR THE PERIOD 09/04/2008 — 13/05/2008**

**Vandalisms**

Dunlin. Bottle thrown at rear window of rn/v smashing same. Door to door and DNA test on bottle both resulted negative. Enquiry finalised.

Dunrobin Crescent. Smash window by throwing stone at same. No CCTV or eyewitnesses to incident. Enquiry finalised.

Museum of Scottish Country Life, Stewartfield Way. Smash walkway light by u/k means. Enquiry continues with regards to CCTV at locus.

Wintergreen Drive. Approach rear of house and kick in patio window. No eyewitnesses or CCTV. Enquiry finalised.

**Crimes of Dishonesty**

Morrisons, MacNeish Way. Theft of Petrol valued at £49.53. CCTV footage of incident was of poor quality. Enquiry finalised.

Reay Avenue. Enter garden, unscrew hinges on secured garden hut, enter and steal property. No eyewitnesses or anything for SOC purposes. Enquiry finalised.

James Hamilton Heritage Park, Stewartfield Way. Theft of m/v. Enquiries continue with regards to tracing stolen JCB

MacArthur Drive. Force off padlock on garden shed and enter and steal property from within. Door to door and SOC on recovered bike resulted negative.

Drive. Enter insecure premises steal computer equipment, mobile phone, and car keys,

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leave premises, steal m/v and make off in u/k direction. Suspects to crime. Passed to G Division for enquiry to be completed.

MacArthur Drive. Approach insecure m/v, open door, remove radio and make off. No CCTV or eyewitnesses to incident. Complainer cleaned m/v after theft. Nothing for SOC. Enquiry finalised.

### **Drugs**

Lymekilns Road. Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 5. 5(2). Have in possession 28g of Cannabis Resin. 47 year old male charged.

### **Other**

Holiday Inn, Stewartfield Way. 19 year old male arrested for being drunk and incapable whilst not in the care of a suitable person.

Dalmellington Court. 18 year old male charged with various Road Traffic Offences, namely taking and driving m/v without consent, driving m/v without provisional license or insurance, and drink driving.

Wood Aven Drive. 15 year old female charged with Breach of the Peace and Attempt to Pervert Course of Justice by supplying false name, dob and address to Police.

## **Under-21 booze-ban shows signs of success in West Lothian 11:52, May 8 2008**

A PILOT project banning alcohol sales to under-21s in a West Lothian town is being praised.

Police are still compiling statistics relating to the Armadale campaign, but West Lothian Council said that the early indications are that the project will prove to have been a success. The six-week campaign was carried out to cut down on antisocial behaviour problems. and it has been praised by West Lothian Council.

“The initial results of the pilot project are most encouraging,” said council leader, Peter Johnston.

“The police have still to finalise the statistics, but the early indications reveal a significant drop in alcohol-related problems in the area.

“We now need to take some time to assess the full details. We plan to hold discussions with the police, the licensed trade and other interested parties, and, if the results are as positive as expected, the booze ban for under-21s could be extended to other communities in the county.

Mr Johnston added: “No decisions have been taken yet, but we will be considering the possibility of extending the scheme based on the results of the success of the pilot project.

“I would like to thank licensees in the Armadale area for the way that they have co-operated with this partnership project.”

Police confirmed that they are still compiling the results of the campaign and said that the results will be released over the coming weeks.

The figures for antisocial behaviour and underage drinking over the period of the campaign will be compared with other periods when the scheme was not in effect to assess its impact. Police spokesman constable Alan Scott, of Livingston Police, said: “It will be several weeks before the analytical process has been completed and we are in a position to release the figures.”

PC Ferguson informed the meeting that he had been working on his own for the past week due to PC Ross Leggat being moved elsewhere. He is hoping that this post will be filled soon. The Chair asked if the CC could help to speed up this replacement however the Cllrs advice was to leave this alone at the moment. Cllr McCann explained that a planned reduction in the Superintendent level would release monies which would be used to recruit more Police Constables. SLC had made available £500,000 for this purpose. One of those present asked PC Ferguson if they could make a Citizen's Arrest as they had witnessed racial abuse whilst on a bus. PC Ferguson's advice was not to do this.

The Chair stated that he had been impressed by the result of the Alcohol ban in Armadale. Cllr Watson added that the Government were at this moment considering the alcohol problem.

PC Ferguson was informed by those present of drinking in the area at the foot of MacNeill and MacKenzie Gardens. The PC replied that he hoped to be in that area this coming weekend.

#### **66.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report**

##### **Cllr McCann**

The Cllr informed the meeting about the decisions taken by SLC regarding the maintenance of the roads. £36million would be spent plus approximately £1million extra.

The Dollan centre now required structural work which would cost in the region of £4million. As the building is grade A listed, it was necessary that this repair work be started soon.

Referring to the schools project Cllr McCann told the meeting that the proposal to build St. Kenneths and Kirktonholme Primaries on the same site was in the process of being considered.

##### **Cllr Watson**

Cllr Watson told the meeting that here had been a complaint regarding the number of HGV's using Stewartfield Crescent and thus a survey was being carried out to investigate this situation.

##### **Cllr Simpson**

The meeting was informed that the temporary traffic lights on Stewartfield way would be finally removed by the middle of next week.

Parents had complained of teenagers congregating in the play area at the foot of MacNeill and MacKenzie Gardens. As the play area was never used now it is proposed that they be removed and landscaping carried out.

Cllr Simpson was informed of graffiti at the rear of the Caper House. He promised to check this situation.

#### **66.5 Office Bearers' Report**

##### **Chairman**

Nothing to report.

##### **Secretary**

The reply received regarding the sign for Playgolf indicated that the CC had been too late with the objection. The Secretary informed the meeting that he had written to the Planning department explaining that the time allowed for consideration of the plan had been rather short. The Secretary had written a letter to this effect previously and had been given a favourable response.

ASCC has requested our membership fee of £15. a cheque for this amount being supplied by the Treasurer. As a CC we have been asked to consider the ASCC constitution copies of which the Secretary will provide for any person interested.

Planning Class 1 food retail unit at 5 Mavor Avenue by Aldi Stores.

Change of use of land for residential at 9 Mavor Avenue by Mavor LLP

The Secretary has copies of the plans for both the above.

The Secretary issued leaflets on Alcohol Licensing.

SLC are planning to introduce a part time 20mph speed limit in Blacklaw Drive.

A Consultation Document on Additional Support for Learning in education was received by the Secretary. This is available for a person who wishes to reply.

Whitelee Windfarm Extension There are two information days viz: Newmilns Guide Hall 21 May 3pm-7.30pm and Waterside-Hareshaw Community Education Centre 22 May 3pm-7.30pm.

The meeting was informed that the Secretary had an Environmental Statement from Scottish Power regarding the Windfarm. As both Statements are large any person wishing to examine them both can inform the Secretary and he will make them available.

The Secretary has been informed the CC's are classified as data processors and as such we must notify the Information Commissioner's Office and pay an annual fee of £35.

The Secretary now gave some information regarding the Election.

#### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer gave the Audited balance sheet to the Secretary. The balance stood at £1830.56

**66.6** Date of next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June