

**STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday 9 September 2008

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

Present

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

Apologies

N Pentland, AVann

In Attendance

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

68.1 Introduction

The Chair welcomed all those present.

68.2 Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were approved. Proposed by T Fitzpatrick. Seconded by S Jess.

68.3 Police Report

CRIMES OF NOTE IN STEWARTFIELD, EAST KILBRIDE FOR THE PERIOD 12/08/2008 — 09/09/2008

Vandalisms

Dunrobin Crescent. Smash passenger door window and front windscreen of two m/vs by unknown means. No eyewitnesses or CCTV. Enquiry finalised.

Dunrobin Drive. Damage m/v by jumping on same and smash windscreen by kicking or using bodily pressure. Enquiries continue.

Theft by OLP

Dunrobin Drive. Smash offside back quarter window, enter m/v and steal wallet from same. No eyewitnesses, CCTV, or anything for SOC. Enquiry finalised.

Theft

Lymekilns Road. Enter garden area, steal potted tree, make off in u/k direction. No eyewitnesses to incident. Enquiry finalised.

Lymekilns Road. Steal number plate from m/v. No eyewitnesses to incident. Enquiry finalised.

MacArthur Drive. Smash driver window of m/v, reach into same and steal mobile phone. Enquiry ongoing.

Road Traffic

Stewartfield Way. 35 year old male arrested for Drink Driving (S. 5 RTA 1988)

PC Ferguson informed the meeting that, although the boundaries of his community beat are being changed from 30 September, Stewartfield will still be included in 'East Kilbride West'. The Chair welcomed this news on behalf of the meeting.

Concern was raised by those present about horseplay involving young drivers, and motorbike noise. PC Ferguson noted that this was an East Kilbride wide problem, and encouraged residents to make a report by letter to the police traffic department in Motherwell.

There were also comments about motorists performing U turns at the new Playsport entrance, and T Fitzpatrick questioned the capacity of the roundabout at the James Hamilton Heritage Loch to cope with the traffic from the Kingsgate direction which will have to go all the way round the roundabout to access the facility when it opens. The councillors present thought that this would not be a problem, but were not aware if a specific risk assessment had been carried out, and Cllr McCann said he would take the matter back.

PC Ferguson agreed with comments about this having been a quiet summer, and put this down to a number of factors, including the inclement weather and the level of community police activity.

68.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Cllr McCann

The Cllr told the meeting that various issues in the Catrine area had been dealt with, for example grass cutting.

The proposed co-location of Kirktonholme and St Kenneth's primary schools will not now take place. A new proposal will be published shortly. In response to questions about this, the Cllr stated that Sport Scotland rules stipulated that there should be no loss of play area around schools, so the Council could not proceed with the original plan.

Flooding problems had been dealt with. The play area at McIvor Crescent is being resurfaced, and improvements are being made to the swing park at the Heritage Loch.

The Cllr highlighted one item in the annual police report: a very successful operation to catch drug dealers, which owed its success to very careful planning and intelligence gathering. All those caught had pled guilty.

There will be road closures in the district this weekend, as the Tour of Britain passes through.

Cllrs McCann and Watson had been to San Francisco for the International Children's Games, and expressed their pleasure that the 2011 Games will be held in Lanarkshire.

Planning for the event starts this month, and the John Wright and Dollan sports facilities will be used.

Cllr Watson

The Cllr reported that parking at St Kenneth's is becoming a problem again, with potential blocking of access for the emergency services. D Wallace raised the same issue in respect of Kirktonholme, and also asked about plans for vehicular access when the new school is built. Cllr McCann commented that inconsiderate parking is a problem at all schools in East Kilbride, and the only solution is to change attitudes to car use.

Cllr Simpson

The Cllr reported that finance for the CCTV requested for the coverage of the front of the Caper House and the adjoining parking area is no longer available. A Maxwell commented

on the amount of litter outside the Caper House and asked about repairing the lighting at the front of the Caper House: the area is very dark, especially now that Morrison's turn off their lights. Cllr Simpson pointed out that this is not the Council's responsibility as the lights belong to the Caper House, and Cllr McCann urged the Community Council to make representations to the Caper House about the lighting and the amount of litter in the area.

In response to enquiries about the Asda and Dobbies sites, Cllr McCann pointed out that Asda do not own the site, no planning application has been made, and that the site is zoned for industrial use, so any planning application would have to include a change of use. The site for the Dobbies development is also zoned for industrial use. A planning application has been received by the Council, but has not yet been placed before the Planning Committee. The Cllr stressed the importance of retaining industrial sites within East Kilbride, to ensure the future prosperity of the town through the provision of jobs in manufacturing.

68.5 Office Bearers' Report

Chairman

Nothing to report

Secretary

Nothing to report

Treasurer

The present balance is £1535.90.

68.6 AOB

The Chair emphasised that the next meeting will be the last one with the current committee. Nominations for membership of the Community Council must be received by the returning officer, Dorothy Vann, by 14 October.

68.7 Date of next meeting 14 October.