

## **STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday 10 March 2009

**Time:** 8.00pm

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

### **Present**

Alistair Maxwell Chair, Douglas Wallace Acting Secretary, Maureen Watt Treasurer, Nigel Pentland, Bill Fleming, Emily Young, Sheelah Jess.

**Apologies:** Tony Fitzpatrick

### **In Attendance**

Cllr. McCann, Cllr. Simpson, Sgt. McGinlay.

### **74.1 Introduction**

The Chair welcomed those present.

### **74.2 Previous Minutes**

S. Jess drew attention to a correction of 2008 to 2009 at the foot of 73. 4, and proposed the adoption of the minutes with this alteration, seconded by M. Watt.

### **74.3 Police Report**

#### **CRIMES OF NOTE IN STEWARTFIELD, EAST KILBRIDE FOR THE PERIOD 11/02/09 – 8/03/09.**

#### **Vandalisms**

Brooklime Gardens. Throw stone at window, smashing same. No eyewitnesses or CCTV. Nothing for scene of crime.

#### **Dishonesty**

Theft. Holiday Inn, Stewartfield Way, EK. Laptop worth £430 stolen from premises (unknown location). No eyewitnesses and CCTV negative.

Theft. Stewartfield Community Centre, MacNeish Way, EK. Personal electrical equipment stolen to the value of £820 stolen from locker. Suspect known to police and to be traced and interviewed. Enquiry ongoing.

#### **Other**

Stewartfield Way. Drive motor vehicle without holding a valid certificate of insurance. 53 year old male subject to a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

Stewartfield Way. Drive motor vehicle without holding a valid MOT certificate. 27 year old female subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

Stewartfield Way. Racially abuse bus driver and commit a breach of the peace. Incident captured on First Bus CCTV. Enquiries ongoing in respect of identification of males responsible through CCTV images and DNA samples obtained at locus.

N. Pentland asked to be kept informed of the progress re Brooklime Gardens. M. Watt gave details of a driver's windscreen smashed by an object thrown from the bridge on East Mains Road on 22 Feb. Sgt. McGinlay knew of this and a similar incident in Greenhills but said the type of vandalism was very uncommon. It is unlikely, therefore, that the bridges will be fitted with devices to prevent this crime.

A photo for newspaper of the bike that was given to the police by the Community Council will be arranged soon, as it is close to being ready for service.

#### **74.4 South Lanarkshire Council Report**

Cllr. McCann reported that outline planning permission has been granted for a hotel at the Playgolf facility. Permission had not been granted for a supermarket on West Mains Road, with many objections esp. re traffic congestion.

He had visited Mr Alistair Wood after his accident following taking ill at the wheel. The deputy secretary would convey to him our good wishes for his recovery.

S. Jess sought assurance that Playgolf were still going to offer a nature trail with their other sporting provision, and Cllr. Simpson was able to confirm this.

Though the plans for the hotel are by now through planning A. Vann requested to see the report, and Cllr. McCann said he would arrange this. Mr Vann also called for better action on potholes, citing a bad break in the road surface near the retail park. Both councillors encouraged him to report any work needed and other members of the public reported work that had been promptly done when they made it known.

Cllr. Simpson invited people to attend an exhibition of developers' ideas for the Community Growth Area in the local plan for the building of 2, 500 houses at Jackton. To be held in the Holiday Inn, 11 March, 10am-6pm. He informed the meeting about an extra bin being made available for glass with a 4 weekly pick up instead of the bags, though he said that it would depend on how it worked in practice, and he had some misgivings. Work continues with local parties to try to resolve the lighting problem beside the Community Centre and Playbarn. D. Wallace drew attention to reports in the media of substantial reduction in Lottery funding for National Trust centres including the David Livingstone Centre, Blantyre, through the vast cost of the London Olympics.

#### **74.5 Office Bearers' Report Chairman**

The chair mentioned a second anti-social behaviour strategy consultation questionnaire, which he had read and invited response to it before end of May. He intimated again that Tony Fitzpatrick intended to bring planning applications which come his way to meetings so that interested members of the public can have access to them.

**Secretary**  
No report.

**Treasurer**

The present balance was reported to be £1,073.13

**74.6 AOB**

The vacant land belonging to the developer Kean Construction gives rise for concern in that it is untended, unfenced, and a location for troublemaking. Cllr. Simpson undertook to find out the current planning status for the land, and would directly request fencing the area.

**74.7** Date of next meeting Tuesday 14 April 2009 8.00pm Stewartfield Community Council