

**STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday 13 October 2009

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Stewartfield Community Centre, 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield

Present:

Alistair Maxwell Chair, Tony Fitzpatrick Secretary, Maureen Watt Treasurer, Nigel Pentland, Douglas Wallace, Emily Young, Sheelah Jess, Cllr Michael McCann,

Apologies:

Billy Fleming, Cllr Graham Simpson.

Present:

PC Findlay Ferguson, PC Elaine Burroughs

78.1 Introduction

The Chair welcomed those present.

78.2 Previous Minutes

Maureen Watt proposed the minutes, seconded by Tony Fitzpatrick

78.3 Matters Arising

Sheelah Jess name was not corrected on the minutes.

78.4 Police Report

CRIMES OF NOTE IN STEWARTFIELD, EAST KILBRIDE FOR THE PERIOD 09/09/2009—13/10/2009

PC Findlay Ferguson highlighted the following crimes:

Dishonesty:

Stewartfield Way, Removing of roof tiles from roof in an attempt to gain access to building, remove grill in wishing well and steal a u/k quantity of money. Enq continuing.

Vandalism:

Langdale, smash front window of m/v by throwing brick through same. Nothing for SOC or any eyewitnesses to the incident.

MacLean Place, cause damage to m/v by scribing offensive message on same, enquiries continuing.

Disorder:

Mardale, 19 and 16 year old males reported to PF due to being in a public place whilst in possession of an offensive weapon.

Road Traffic:

Stewartfield Way, the following was reported:

- 28 year old male driving at 54 mph on a 40mph zone
- 31 year old male driving at 57mph on a 40mph zone
- 51 year old male driving at 56 mph on a 40mph zone
- 30 year old male driving at 55 mph on a 40mph zone
- 44 year old male driving at 53 mph on a 40mph zone

Stewartfield Crescent, 56 year old male reported to PF for driving m/v without a valid excise licence.

Bressay, 31 year old male reported to PF for driving an m/v whilst under the influence of alcohol.

Lyell Grove, 35 year old male reported to the PF for driving an m/v whilst under the influence of alcohol.

PC Findlay also reported that a new inspector Ross Aitken had been appointed and there was a need to recruit a replacement for a community police officer in the Stewartfield area.

78.5 South Lanarkshire Council Report

The following report was provided by Councillor McCann:-

- Trees – The Council have received complaints about the growth of trees on Stewartfield Crescent and Maclvor Crescent. Cllr McCann had visited the area with the arboriculture officer and he had received a full explanation about why it would not be possible to cut down trees or top them. The explanation included details about the amount of water absorbed by the trees, the fact that the trees provided a sound barrier from the traffic on Stewartfield and Maclvor Crescent and any wholesale cutting down of trees would be illegal unless it was endorsed by the Forestry Commission. However, Cllr McCann explained that if there were individual incidences of trees or hedges creating a hazard then that could be looked at separately.
- South Lanarkshire Council has issued revised winter maintenance guidelines and Councillor McCann had sent a copy to the Community Council secretary. In short, the procedures were updated to improve upon the service and make sure that lessons were learned from our experiences from last winter. Councillor McCann explained that a record amount of grit had been placed on South Lanarkshire Council's road in the previous year and that we had experienced one of our worst winters in many years. The Council remained one of the top authorities in Scotland in terms of the number of roads that were gritted and the local authority was committed to provide the best service possible. If anyone

wanted more specific details on the winter maintenance programme Councillor McCann would be happy to provide more details.

- Finally, the Councillor brought the community council's attention to SLC's budget proposals for 2010/11 and beyond. He explained that the local media had recently carried a number of stories suggesting that South Lanarkshire Council would have to find somewhere in the region of £111 million in cuts over the next four financial years. The press had also carried stories on which services would be cut. Councillor McCann stressed that no decisions had been taken and it was highly likely that discussions and debate on these issues would run right through until February 2010, at which point the Council were legally obliged to set a budget. However, since no political party had overall control of the local authority a cross party consensus would have to be achieved before a final budget could be agreed. The Councillor explained that all aspects of spending would have to be looked at very carefully before any final decisions were reached.

78.6 Office Bearers' Report

Chairman

No further items to report.

Secretary

Highlighted the key points from the correspondence report which had been forwarded prior to the meeting, the key points for discussion where:

- Modernisation of the planning system
- Large number of applications under the Licensing (Scotland) Act
- The E-mail sent by the chair of St Leonards Community Council on the impending project at Brancumhall. Both Dave McKenna and Ms McAdams from the EK Community Trust were present who highlighted the aims and objectives of the trust which was to develop a facility which covered a number of sports for the whole of the EK area. After a number of questions the council thanked Dave McKenna and his 40 coaches for the development of the Stewartfield Boys Club.
- Community Council Event 10 November 2009, as this is on the evening of the SCC AGM no one can attend.

Treasurer

The present balance was reported to be £1261.82.

78.7 AOB

- It was highlighted that there is a continuing trend of grit bins being turned over.
- It was noted that M&S simply food would open it new store at the retail park early November.
- There is a drainage problem on Stewartfield Way at the new Playsports, Cllr McCann would look into it.
- Still awaiting a response from Cllr Watson on the problem at Arrotshole Road.

- The maturing trees in Stewartfield and the problem for elderly people to cut overhanging branches was highlighted, please refer to Cllr McCann's report

78.8 Date of next meeting Tuesday 10 November, with the AGM at 7.30pm continuing with the full meeting at 8.00pm Stewartfield Community Centre 3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield.