

STEWARTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 12 January 2010

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, Billy Fleming, Cllr Graham Simpson.

Apologies:

Emily Young, Sheelah Jess, Cllr Michael McCann.

Present:

PC Findlay Ferguson, PC Alan Auld

81.1 Introduction

The Chair welcomed those present.

81.2 Previous Minutes

Nigel Pentland proposed the minutes, seconded by Douglas Wallace.

81.3 Matters Arising

There was no matters arising

81.4 Police Report

Crimes of note in Stewartfield, East Kilbride for the period for 9 December 2009 to 11 January 2010

PC Findlay Ferguson highlighted the following crimes:

- Theft in MacNeish Way, £46.57p of unleaded petrol was placed in car and drove off without paying. No image of driver or VRM of the vehicle was captured on CCTV, enquiry complete.
- Theft in Silverdale, suitcase placed in boot of taxi, not retrieved at exit from taxi, enquiry ongoing to trace driver.
- Theft by housebreaking in Dunrobin Crescent, Frame to rear patio door damaged, with partly remove glazing, enter, steal television, and egress through point of entry. No CCTV or eye witnesses to incident, SOCE carried out but resulted negative. Door to door enquiries negative, enquiry complete.
- Smashed window of conservatory in Farndale by unknown means. Enquiry currently ongoing with regard to door to door.
- There was a culpable and reckless conduct carried out in Stewartfield Crescent. Whilst standing on public footpath throw snow on motor vehicle causing windscreen to crack. Three suspects, males, enquiry ongoing to trace same.

PC Ferguson stated that this may be his last meeting as there is the possibility that he will be getting transferred from his current duties.

The chair thanked him for the excellent work he has achieved as the community policeman for Stewartfield.

81.5 Presentation from Dobbies and JHAG

Dobbies Garden Centres and JHAG Ltd presented their proposals for a £50M development on 22 hectares of land at Peel Park. Dobbies propose to create a new eco-friendly garden centre as part of a larger mixed use development. The presentation was part of Dobbies and JHAG's community consultation which is being carried out prior to the submission of two separate planning applications. Dobbies will submit a detailed application for a Garden World and JHAG an application for planning permission in principle for a supermarket, hotel, petrol filling station, restaurants and allotments.

The Dobbies Garden World will comprise:-

- A modern garden centre, including locally supplied farm foodhall, high quality restaurant, and specialist aquatics department, all under one roof.
- A heated external sales area including themed demonstration gardens.
- A 'Greenhouse' horticultural interpretation centre
- Eco-gardens which will open up to and include the wooded hillside to the rear.
- Extensive indoor and outdoor gardening and plant areas.

The Council heard that in December, Dobbies and JHAG held a public exhibition at the Stewartfield Holiday Inn at which residents and businesses were given the opportunity to [meet representatives of Dobbies and JHAG](#) and to inspect plans, ask questions and leave comments. The comments made demonstrated a very high level of local support for both schemes. Residents welcomed provision of further facilities at this end of town and the proposed allotments also received a very positive response. Dobbies and JHAG will now study these comments as well as those of our community council, prior to the final applications being submitted.

Stuart Wright, Dobbies Director of Property, explained that the proposals will bring 120 jobs from Dobbies and up to 500 more from the wider scheme as well as the opportunity for local businesses to be involved in the construction and operation of the scheme. Dobbies have a long standing policy of sourcing local suppliers and working with community groups. He believes that the joint scheme presents a great opportunity to create something positive on a piece of land which has been lying unused for many years.

The Community Council welcomed the opportunity for discussion and, after an informative presentation and Question and Answer session, confirmed its support for the scheme and they would submit a letter of support. Dobbies and JHAG will continue with their consultation with a view to submitting the two planning applications in February 2010.

81.7 South Lanarkshire Council Report

Cllr Graham Simpson reported the following:

- There is an issue with smells coming from the land fill site; this was drifting towards Kingsgate late at night. He had reported to SEPA and the land fills site management. He has been invited to visit the site, will report back on the visit. He then went on to highlight that the land fill site life span to end 2013, when Glasgow Council will have to make a decision on whether to leave the site or ask for the site to be expanded.
- He stated that initially with the cold snap, the council did not get it right on the gritting, but it improved during the longer than normal time. From the group present the following problems were highlighted, problems in filling the grit bins, Stewartfield Drive not ready for the buses to take the children to school, and there was a sign down in Stewartfield Drive.

81.8 Office Bearers Reports

Chairman

Nothing to report from the Chairman

Secretary

Secretary reported that the only correspondence this month was on licence applications.

Treasurer

The present balance was reported to be £1205.21

81.9 AOB

It was reported that there is further problems at Playsport, further details are available in the East Kilbride News.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 9 February 2010, 8.00pm Stewartfield Community Centre
3 MacNeish Way, Stewartfield.