

SUBCOMMITTEE
of
SANDFORD AND UPPER AVONDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 MARCH 2012
AT GILMOURTON WRI HALL at 7.30 pm

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Attendance:** Chris Cassels, Graham McElrath, Trisha Munro, Roger Phayre, Annabeth Robb
2. **Apologies:** L McKague, A Stewart, S Lachlan, C Reid, T Docherty, SLC Councillors
3. A Robb agreed to take the **Minutes** (in rotation). There was not a voting quorum present, but since there were no matters on the Agenda requiring a vote, an informal subcommittee meeting was held.
4. The **Minutes of the Last Meeting** (23 January 2012) were approved* with one amendment (Item 3 referred to the Report for 2011, not 2010) (*subject to ratification at the next meeting)
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - a) Ab to check the Constitution as to what constitutes a Voting Quorum and report back. **ACTION: AbR**
 - b) Councillor Filshie proceeding with actions re 1) Speeding at Drumclog Cross 2) Dazzle Lights at Crofthead Farm at Gilmourton Road/A71 **ACTION: CCLR F**
 - c) Sandford Police Report—16 officers cover Strathaven area now (lack of continuity or local knowledge has become an issue)
6. **Chairman's Report for 2011**

A copy of the said Report is attached.
7. **Avondale Report**
 - a) The Application for the Quarry Conveyor Belt has been passed
 - b) Conditions have changed for Quarry Community Grant Money (no longer £4K per annum but now a one-off pot of £25K)
 - c) Bankend Rig—The first wind turbine is expected to be operational by August
 - d) Dungavel Windfarm is expected to be operational next year
 - e) The Avondale Community Group is considering a number of possible community projects
 - f) The GDPSAA Avondale Community Sportsnight is planned for Thursday 24 May 2012 (weather permitting)
 - g) SLC is now offering Blanket Liability Insurance for SUACC Council Members for Fireworks, Bonfires, Community Events if under 1000 people GMcE to check details **ACTION: GMcE**
8. **Sandford Report**
 - a) The School may close for 3 days around the 13th May to allow them to decant to Wester Overton (dates TBC) There is concern over where and how many Pick-up Points there will be in the Sandford Area to bus children to Wester Overton. Also, where will the construction vehicles park? **ACTION:** Sandford Parent Council in the first instance, and also SUACC regarding the impact on the village.
 - b) Jan McCutcheon, Chm of Parent Council, asked for clarification regarding the Speeding Survey Who carried it out, and when? **ACTION: CC**
 - c) SKEG had a film night "Breakfast at Tiffany's" in Sandford Hall (£90 for License, DVD cost £9 on Amazon) The event was enjoyed by those who attended.
 - d) The proposed date for the Sandford Spring Clean is Saturday 21 April 2012.
 - e) There will be no Spring Fayre this year because of the school move.

- f) The Sandford credit card telephone box (which is never used) was vandalised at Christmas. SLC plan to put it into their removal program in the future
- g) SLC has been improving and clearing round the footpath.
- h) Cclr L Filshie has been pursuing who has ownership of the kickabout area next to the school. Jardine Paterson of East Dykes Farm, Strathaven, says he owns the land. It goes back to a Section 75 Agreement which apparently has not been fulfilled. C Cassels to contact Mr Paterson to try to clarify present ownership of this area

ACTION: CC

9. Treasurer's Report

(see attached sheet) £133.93 in the Bank, but £111.50 still to come off. This leaves a balance of £22.43 to be used to replenish ink cartridges and paper or to be deducted from next year's grant monies. The Report was approved by T Munro, seconded by GMcE (*Subject to ratification at the next meeting)

10. Correspondence

- a) Emails have been forwarded as received.
- b) There is now a Local Community Notice Board for advertising local events in SLC Offices in Hamilton, East Kilbride, Larkhall, and Strathaven Library.
- c) Supplementary Evidence has been received from Banks re their windfarm project. We need clarification as to whom we should be speaking with regarding this.
- d) A letter has been received from Kilbryde Hospice regarding fundraising for the new hospice facility at Hairmyres (Please pass the information on to Community Groups and our notice board.
- e) We have been informed that Archibald Strang is not able to come out at night to speak to SUACC.

11. A.O.C.B.

- a) Sandford Area has been having problems with Fly Tipping and Blue Bins blowing over.
- b) The turnover of police officers covering the SUACC area and the lack of continuity and local knowledge is causing concern, especially in view of the much higher rate of rural theft in the area in the last 3 yrs.

ACTION: AbR to write to the Chief Constable.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14 May 2012 at Sandford Village Hall at 7.30 pm