

SANDFORD AND UPPER AVONDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013 AT GILMOURTON WRI HALL

1, APOLOGIES; I Dorman,

2, PRESENT; C Cassels (chair), G McElrath (minutes), P Munro, L McKague, T Docherty, J Greig, A Callan, Claire Campbell.

3, Minutes of Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January were approved

4, There was no police report

5, TREASURERS REPORT

Current bank balance £142.66

Future expenses will be 1x Sandford Hall Hire £25, Ink for printers and paper for Chris, Graham and Trish £52.95 and £60 for new web page and updates. The predicted balance come the end of March is £4.71. This amount will be deducted from our next SUACC grant.

6, UPPER AVONDALE REPORT

It was reported that Balfour Beatty had created a compound at Gilmourton Rural hall, the reason for this is that they are going to be renewing pylon cables in the area and they will use Gilmourton as their base for the next 2 years. Claire Campbell said that she has had meetings with the site foreman (Robert) in regard to the volume and speed of traffic coming in and out of the compound. Claire also reported that there was no notification of the works starting, it was felt that local residents should have been informed about this. (Trish will contact Bill Holman in regard to this) The works Foreman has now erected road signage which enforces a 5 mile an hour speed limit and warns of children playing. He also wants residents to feel free to approach him if they have any concerns. It was also reported that advanced works in relation to the new windfarms at West Browncastle has caused massive disruption to local residents, local roads and trees have been damaged, long diversions and lack of communication from the contractors has resulted in many residents demanding answers. It was reported that a meeting has been held by the main contractor Falck Renewables on 20 February in order to try and resolve some of the problems ( a copy of these minutes can be found on our website)

There is still no date or plans drawn for the upgrade of Gilmourton Primary school.

Upper Avondale sports night will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the rural Hall.

7, SANDFORD REPORT

It was reported that Sandford Primary School was not now expected to be completed until November, so the children will remain at Wester Overton until at least then. The parent council are being kept informed.

Temporary repairs have been made to potholes on the High Kype road.

Some residents of Stonehouse road had raised concerns about the road drainage and worries about water flooding into their properties during heavy rain. This would be monitored while the school construction progressed.

It was asked if the School Modernisation team would be erecting new flashing speed signs outside the school as part of the School Rebuild. (Chris agreed to action this)

Chris reported that he had attended the Energy in the Community meeting organized by Claudia Beamish MSP in Lanark to see how communities could benefit from renewable energy including examples from the Fintry Development Trust.

Sandford spring clean will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

SCEG were planning a community film night on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March where Skyfall will be shown in the village hall and an ice cream van is planning to attend.

#### 8. WINDFARM DEVELOPMENTS

There was a meeting with Banks developments the developers for West Kype windfarm on 23 January. This meeting was well attended and a copy of the minutes can be found on our website. One matter arising was that Banks are purposing some sort of grant scheme for local community's, it was decided that SUACC would like to be involved in all discussions and feel that Sandford & Upper Avondale residents should benefit as much as other Community Councils as this windfarm is on our doorstep. At the moment there is no purposed date for the next meeting.

Dungavel windfarm developers Eon has been holding regular resident meetings and it was agreed that we should circulate the minutes of these meetings and place on our website if possible

ILI Wind Turbine proposals- a written proposal was still awaited.

Auchrobert proposal - comments had been submitted on Falck proposal.

#### 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was asked if the road signage on the Muirkirk road at the old prison site could be replaced, as they are broken and unreadable. It was also mentioned that the school sign in Gilmourton has snapped due to rust.

Jo was arranging for Chris Parkin to come and meet local community groups in Sandford Village Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> March to discuss opportunities to access small community grants up to £5k from the SLC Renewable Energy. All agreed to pass on contacts for each group.

Claire Bell was co-opted on to the group

Date of next meeting 13/5/13 at Sandford Village Hall.