

Sandford and Upper Avondale Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 14 May 2012 in Sandford Hall.

Present : Chris Cassels (Chair), Graeme McElwrath, Roger Phayre, Leonard McKague, Annabeth Robb, Thomas Docherty, Tricia Munro, Susan Lachlan, Cllr Bill Holman, Cllr Isobel Dorman.

Apologies: Ann Stewart

Members of public in attendance: 2

Police Representatives in attendance: 3

It was agreed to invite all four recently elected local Councillors to future meetings.

ACTION

1) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March were approved with two amendments - (item 8 point g) – it was stated that the improvements and clearing of the footpath related to the area from Strathaven to Craigbridge; and (item 10 point e) to be changed to read 'John Archibald of SLC confirmed that he can attend a community meeting but not a Community Council meeting'.

2) Matters Arising

- The SUACC constitution has been circulated.
- The issue of speeding at Caldermill, Drumclog and Crofthead was raised.
- It was confirmed that SLC's insurance will cover events. Further details/ any associated costs awaited from SLC. LMK agreed to clarify what will be covered by the new insurance.
- The matter relating to school is deferred until the school reopens.
- Jardine Paterson has confirmed he does not own the Kickabout area. SLC are looking into the issue of ownership again. Cllr Holman to follow up with Tina Meikle.

LMcK

BH

3) Police Report

The Chief Constable stated that the top priorities in the local area are drug dealing; drunk and disorderly behaviour; assault and violent crime; housebreaking and theft.

Since the previous meeting on 12th March there have been 8 crime reports, 2 detected. There were no instances of drug dealing and misuse reported and no reported incidents of drunk and disorderly. There were 2 incidents of assault and 1 detection. There was 1 incident of house breaking which was not detected. This constitutes a 25% detection rate.

Traffic and speeding was discussed at some length, including road policing units, speed checks and restricted speed zones. The Chief Constable stated that there was a large area to patrol and urged residents to be proactive and call in.

With regards to rural housebreaking and theft from farms, residents are urged to take adequate precautions, use technology/tracking devices on farm vehicles and phone to report any suspicious activity.

4) Avondale Report

- Quarry work to continue for at least another 5 years.
- Bankend Rigg Wind Farm construction has started.
- Dungavel Wind Farm has been delayed.
- Gilmourton sports night takes place at the end of May.
- An Olympics party is planned.

5) Sandford Report

- The village spring clean took place on 28th April. SLC provided litter pickers and bags. Tabards were supplied by Keep Scotland Tidy. SLC arranged a special uplift of the 15 bags of rubbish.
- The school closed w/e 11.05.12. Pupils decant to West Overton w/c 14.05. Two school bus pick-ups, one at the bus bay and one at the village hall. A security guard and portakabin will be based at the school during refurbishment.
- A request was made for an open day to view the new school.
- The SCEG AGM takes place on 24th May at 7.30pm.
- The school Spring Fair is postponed until the school reopens.
- The hedgerow on the Roman Road leaving the village towards Stonehouse needs to be cut back. LMCK to email Cllr Holman.

LMCK

6) Website

The fee quoted by the current ISP (internet service provider) for renewal of the SUACC website hosting was £250.00. An alternative quote was obtained from HostPapa for a 3 year hosting contract for £72. Domain privacy could be added for £9.99. The hosting and domain transfer is taking place.

7) Treasurer's Report

The accounts showed a total income of £621.36 for the year to 31st March 2012. Expenditure was £621.05 leaving an account balance of £0.31 as of 14th May 2012.

The 2011-12 accounts are to be submitted to the auditor.

LMCK

8) Correspondence

All emails are circulated to members as they are received.

No members attended the Strathaven Action Plan.

BH advised it was an interesting event.

Letter from SLC confirming that 13 wind turbines at Dungavel have been granted.

Leaflets on alcohol consumption have been received and are available to anyone who is interested.

Kype Windfarm application is ongoing, SLC have passed their comments to the Scottish Government.

9) Planning

3 or 4 local farms have applied for individual wind turbines

Other applications are for a canopy and car park, and house at a farm.

The cumulative effect of individual turbine applications was discussed.
SLC have to consider each application individually.
A map plotting the individual turbine applications was suggested.
BH advised making a point of concern regarding the number and scale of applications.
Sending a standard letter out in respect of each application was discussed.

TM/CC

10) Any other business

The January minutes were ratified. SL proposed and TM seconded.

Date of Next Meeting

September 10th, Gilmourton WRI. 7.30pm.