

Minutes of SUACC meeting Monday 12th May 14 at Sandford Village Hall

In Attendance : C Cassels ; J Motion ; K Cain ; S Mateer ; A Callan ; P Munro
Cllr B Holman ; Cllr M Cooper

Apologies : L McKague ; J Greig ; T Dykes ; I Dorman

2 Previous Minutes

Accepted with one amendment – to expand the 4CC meeting AP – PM

3 Matters Arising

a SUACC constitution – M Armstrong had been contacted and reply email previously forwarded confirmed that at this time we could not have any more voting members but that come October when new scheme proposal came into effect there would be provision for 8 voting members

The new scheme proposals are expected to be ratified in July

b Honararium gift to R Phayre

Lenny has placed an order for an engraved trophy which it was suggested could be presented to Roger in recognition of all his hard work either at the end of term school service or the upcoming plant sale AP – CC

c Hall Hire

It was agreed that the donation for the use of Gilmourton WRI Hall should remain the same as the hire cost of Sandford Village Hall

d In discussion with M Armstrong it had become apparent that the CC could apply for grants if they had to undertake a project requiring funding . For some considerable time this has not been our understanding and may be useful at some future time SCEG had recently held their annual AGM where it was agreed to have their accounts audited to enable them to apply for grants .

e Road Repairs

Sarah thanked Cllr Holman for his assistance in getting some road repairs completed however there were several from the initial list still requiring action and some to be added on . Sarah will forward outstanding list to P Munro to forward to B Holman Cllr Cooper reported on the road issues around the Gilmourton area and confirmed that although outwith the planned timescales the main contractors were now trying to rectify many of the repairs and issues in the area . She will continue to liase with the contractors until the works have been completed.

To prevent similar problems arising at the Dungavel or Kype Muir Developments all haulage companies have to submit for approval the proposed routes they intend to travel and it is hoped that the local community will be kept informed of any temporary road closures

4 The Police were unable to attend

5 The Treasurer was unable to attend

6 Upper Avondale Report

Agnes advised that the Community Sports night is to be held 30th May in the usual location as the Water Board have vacated the site

A very successful Quiz Night had been held in the WRI hall

Only 4 cars has attended the Car Treasure Hunt

Primary school children have been decanted to Wester Overton Primary School but work has not yet started on the new rebuild

7 Sandford Report

Chris advised that the recent Village Spring Clean had been very successful with approx 25 bags of rubbish collected . SLC assisted by providing bags gloves and litter pickers for this event and made a special pick up for the rubbish bags , Keep Scotland Beautiful have emailed to thank the community for their participation

The School Spring Fayre had also been a great success and very well attended

The film nights continue to be very popular and although finished for the summer hope to restart in September

Since previous meeting the School Advertising Board has been removed , the sign post repaired and the loose cable has been buried with a slab placed on top for easy access next winter

SCEG are planning a Pie and Darts evening on 16th August

A meeting is to be held with SLC representatives on Mon 19h May to discuss possible renovations to the swing park – Sarah Joanne and myself plan to attend

8 Windfarm Update

A meeting with representatives of Banks and of the 4 Community Councils (Sandford Strathaven , Stonehouse and Lesmahagow) has been arranged for Tuesday 20th May at the Lifestyles Centre Stonehouse 7:30pm

Agnes had attended a recent meeting to discuss Single Turbine Applications. She advised that this had been very informative regarding the planning process of these applications but that until recently the planning department had not really taken into account the cumulative impact. Single turbines do not have to pay into the REF fund.. Strathaven Community Council object to each of these single turbine applications as a matter of course however previously Sandford CC had agreed not to object to each single application but to note our concern at the cumulative impact. All of the recent applications in the Sandford area have now received approval.

The Kype Muir development has now satisfied the aviation concerns and is expecting full planning permission in the near future.

Browncastle Development is nearing completion however many road repairs and issues are still outstanding. Cllr M Cooper has been very involved arranging meetings with the main contactors in order to resolve these issues and is trying to confirm dates for the works to be completed. Agnes reported of the confusion the road end at Ardochrig was causing due to the poor signage

Dungavel Development are holding next liaison meeting 3rd June Agnes has offered to attend if Jo is unavailable

9 AOB

Cllr M Cooper reported on the Strathaven Town Group of which a few months ago she had become chairperson . They are currently planning to produce a newsletter to try to let people know of the many organisations and groups in the area.

They have also been successful in their bid for funding (£300,000) on behalf of the Dynamos for a new astropitch and facilities which they had hoped to develop at Whiteshaw Gate in a joint venture with the Rugby Club . Initial proposals have been rejected by the Rugby Club however it is hoped that with amendments to the current proposals that it may be agreed at a future time.

Long term the Town Group would like to create a Strathaven Sporting Hub and expand the range of sports available in the local area

A new Hands On voluntary organisation which aims to reach people in need of assistance is currently being set up and trialled in the Strathaven area .If successful it is hoped to expand it across the wider Avondale community.

They are also setting up an Avondale Bee Keeping Group – anyone wishing more information should check on the Strathaven Facebook page

PM requested Cllr B Holmans assistance in arranging a council litter clean up on the Lesmahagow Road as she had previously been advised by SLC that they were unable to do so because it was a 60mph road – however they were perhaps unaware that there is a pavement on one side

10 DONM

7:30PM on Monday 8TH September at Gilmourton WRI Hall