

Sandford and Upper Avondale Community Council
Minutes of meeting held 11/5/2015 at Sandford Village Hall

1 In Attendance

C Cassels , L McKague , A Callan , T Dykes , J Motion, S Mateer, P Munro
Cllr B Holman, R Templeton
PC Amanda Clarke, PC Barry O'Connor (part)

Apologies

Cllr I Dorman, Cllr M Cooper, K Cain

2 Previous Minutes of 16/3/2015 were approved

3 PC Clarke and PC O'Connor were able to advise that following a spate of quad bike thefts in the area, members of the public were being asked to be extra vigilant and report any unusual activity seen in the rural areas. In response to concerns raised they reported that there had been some successes. They confirmed the recent local meeting at Smellies in Strathaven to highlight rural crime had been well received and that a similar meeting was being held at Lanark market on 29th May 15 to continue to highlight rural crime and police efforts to combat such crime.

There will also be a further joint Police and Community Councils meeting on 21st May, which Sarah volunteered to attend.

4 Treasurers Report

Account Balance £62.80 at 31 March 2015. Lenny distributed copies of this year's accounts which having been approved will be sent to SLC for auditing. Our grant this year will be £500 less the £62.80 carried forward.

5 Sandford Report

Village Spring Clean will take place on 16th May. SLC ground maintenance will supply bags and pickers. There will also be a special pick up of the collected rubbish. Sarah advised that she had completed a spring clean of High Kype Road and Roman Road.

The Cinema Club had held their last event of the season on 8th May. Everyone has enjoyed the showings over the winter months and they have been very well supported. The Cinema club intend to restart in the autumn.

The recent School Fayre was also very successful and raised approx. £1000 for the school.

Proposed development of 8 detached houses at Springside Farm in Sandford has received planning permission. It was noted that a revised planning application by Burnbank Homes had been submitted for 12 detached houses opposite Springside farm on 1 April 2015 including some of the comments made by SUACC.

There was a complaint received from a local resident regarding the kickabout area being used on one occasion for schooling a horse. The resident had spoken to the person responsible but wished that the Community Council were also informed in case of any other misuse of this area.

Fly tipping along the riverbank on Strathaven road has been reported to SLC but to date no action has been taken

R Phayre recently received a Citizens Award and attended a reception at SLC Hamilton. Cllr B Holman had nominated him.

Cllr Holman will follow up outstanding road repairs

Village Allotments were discussed at some length. R Templeton has spoken to a local landowner who in principle would be happy to provide use of an area of his land within the community woodland for this purpose. However it was agreed to hold a Community Consultation regarding this and other village projects, which may be considered when the monies from Kype Muir wind farm start to become available. A date for this Masterplan meeting will be agreed at a future meeting.

PM requested permission from the SUACC to approach Banks for financial contribution towards the cost of the Sandford Play Park renovation. Phase 1 plans estimate is £76k. The final plans and costings are now complete and it is hoped to hold a meeting with SLC grants advisor shortly in order to progress with the funding application. In the meantime SLC intend to replace the swings and renew the ground surface. They will also carry out necessary short-term repairs to the roundabout its surrounding surface area.

6 Upper Avondale Report

Renovation work at the school is progressing and it is intended that the children will be able to return at the start of the new school term in August 2015

The Sports night will be on 28th May and a Barn Dance will be held on 15th May 15

Plans for a new village hall at Gilmourton continue to be at an early planning stage

7 Wind Farm Updates

CC discussed the meeting that was held on 17th March of the 4 Community Councils (Strathaven, Stonehouse, Lesmahagow and SUACC). There had been a progress report from Banks regarding the planning and initial dates for work commencing. There will be some small activity starting later this month for further scoping and investigation works. Banks confirmed they will keep us advised of any likely road disruption. They are hoping that the major work on the site will commence September 2017. The proposed constitution of the new Kype Muir Community Partnership was discussed and agreement was made that there would be a 25% share of funds for the lifetime of the fund (approx. 25 years). It was also agreed there would be regular reviews of the partnership but not on this particular agreement. Full minutes of this meeting have previously been circulated. With approval of the Community Council we can now confirm to Banks that SUACC are happy to confirm support for the proposed new constitution for the new Kype Muir Community Partnership.

8 AOB

Website host is due for renewal but the cost with our current host has doubled to £205, LM will check prices of obtaining a new host that is more reasonable amount.

LM also reminded everyone that a new "link person" was required and requested website updates from SCEG and Gilmourton WRI

Estimates for the cost of replacing notice boards in Sandford & Gilmourton will be obtained for the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: 7th Sept at Gilmourton WRI hall