

Sandford and Upper Avondale Community Council Meeting

7 September 2015, Gilmourton WRI Hall

1. Welcome / Attendance

C Cassels, L McKague, A Callan, J Motion, S Mateer

Police Scotland - Stephen Bennett, Paul Doria (part)

Apologies – P Munro, T Dykes, K Cain. Nothing received from our 4 Local Councillors

2. Previous Minutes of 11/5/15 were approved.

3. Police Report

The Joint Police and Community Councils meeting due to take place on 21 May 2015 had been postponed and a new date had not yet been set. SM asked if the officers present could follow this up as she had offered to attend on behalf of SUACC. AC reported that another quad bike had been stolen recently from Neilson of Brackenridge farm and found abandoned. SUACC were advised to lobby local councillors and Police Scotland for more local resources for rural areas. CC said the Sandford Primary School Parent Council had raised concerns about speeding vehicles coming into and through Sandford village. The police can do some spot checks but SUACC will have to raise this with SLC roads/Councillors for illuminated signs. The officers recommended that the public make use of Police Scotland's Facebook page for information "Lanarkshire Police Division" or reporting issues by sending private messages. The Community Safety liaison is Greg Robertson. LM said he would add the details and link to the SUACC website.

4. Treasurers Report

LM confirmed that the accounts had been audited and signed off by SLC. The opening balance was £62.80. There was a delay in SUACC grant of £437.51 from SLC. The following payments were approved :- £96.18 for 3yr website hosting fee plus 1yr web security lock, £50 Secretary Honorarium, £50 Treasurer Honorarium, and £24 Website updates (Apr-Aug). Account balance was £280.13 at 7 September 2015.

5. Gilmourton Report

Gilmourton Primary School is due to move back into the new school building at the start of October. 2 successful events held -Community Sports night and the School Barn dance in the WRI Hall. Stan the local postman was retiring and the community are organising a drop-in tea party on the 1st Sunday in October to say thank you.

6. Sandford Report

CC expressed thanks to those who had turned out for the Village Spring clean. 2 successful events held – Community Sports night, Pie and Darts Night. Kids Halloween party being planned for 25 October. Sandford Cinema Club season started again on 4th Sept with "Gone Girl". Plans for Phase 1 of Sandford Swing Park – still looking to secure funding. LM to pass on his Viridor contact to SM/PM. Concern was expressed about the poor condition of the remaining play equipment.

JM asked about the Avondale Community minibus to see if it could be used for Afterschool club transport. LM suggested she contact Phil Britton.

Sandford PS Parent Council had asked for SUACC support on 2 issues - the speed of some vehicles around the school/lack of signage /traffic calming and the lack of any regular bus service from Sandford to Strathaven. (Only dial –a –bus and no school transport). With the 20 new houses approved in the village this would add to the case for both. SUACC to lobby SLC and local councillors.

Due to uncertainty over timing of Kypemuir community fund, it was agreed to postpone arranging a masterplan meeting just now.

7. Windfarm / Renewables Updates

Nothing further to report on Kypemuir.

A date was still to be confirmed for a pre-planning meeting with the proposed developers of Solar Farm at South Hall Farm

8. AOB

No one was able to attend the Fairer Scotland event on 16th Sept or the Connect 2 Renewables reception on 22 Sept. It was noted that Local Government Electoral Boundary changes consultation runs to 22 October. Ward 5 was proposed to stay the same but the number of councillors is proposed to reduce from 4 to 3. (SLC nos. from 67 to 64).

SUACC had been asked if there was anything they could do to help bring Superfast Fibre Broadband to the rural communities in our area. LM agreed to make enquiries.

Noticeboard replacement – still outstanding.

9. DONM

AGM and next SUACC meeting to be held on 9 November 2015 in Sandford Hall at 7pm.