

Sandford and Upper Avondale Community Council  
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016-09-13  
at Gilmourton WRI Hall.

#### 1. In Attendance

Mr C Cassels, Mr L McKague, Mrs A Callan, Mrs J Motion, Mrs K Cain,  
Mr T Dykes and Mrs P Munro

No Councillors in attendance.

#### 2. Minutes of last meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May were approved.

Matters Arising: Sandykids Toddler Group are not currently covered by SUACC insurance and have therefore taken out their own insurance policy.

Grass cutting at crossroads – no further complaints have been received.

#### 3. Police Report

PC Hazel Redmond and PC Steven Thomson were both in attendance. They advised that the local crime rate in our area was very quiet recently and confirmed that unmarked police cars were no longer needed to patrol the local area.

Agnes discussed speeding traffic on the A71 road, which they will pass her comments to the Traffic Division.

Tom discussed misuse of a local lay-by near Preistgill by youths and the litter being left behind. PC Redmond took note of the directions and will alert local patrol vehicles.

#### 4. Treasurers Report.

Lenny confirmed that the annual audit of our accounts had been approved by SLC and that our annual grant had been received.

At the end of this financial year our bank balance was £115.77 we therefore received a payment of £384.54 from SLC. Total bank balance £500.31

Less Expenditures of Gaming Licence           £40.00

Web Update to March   £8.00

Annual Web Security Lock   £20.00

Bank balance on 12/9/16 = £431.92

Anticipated Expenditures – Honorarium payments of £50 to Treasurer and Secretary

Ink cartridges and paper   ?tbc

Raffle Ticket printing   £19.00

All expenditures were approved.

PM suggested that we should review payment for our web site updates and it was agreed to increase this amount from £8 to £15.

Bank Account No.2 was also discussed. This account has been dormant for many years however it was hoped to be able to pay the swing park fundraising money in to it so CC, LMK and PM had all attended the bank to update the signatories and reactivate the account unfortunately we have been advised that this may take approx. 5 – 6 weeks. In the meantime SUACC will ask SCEG to bank this money on their behalf.

## 5. Sandford Report

PM advised that the Community Council had received a letter in August from local residents regarding the common green area of the village as no bedding plants had been planted this year by SLC.

Many of the residents living around this vicinity were unhappy and had written to SLC expressing their concern. A copy of the reply from SLC had also been forwarded to the Community Council confirming that this area will be planted with shrubs and / or herbaceous plants for ease of maintenance. This letter also advises that the embankment on the approach to the village suffered from an influx of weeds and that work will be undertaken to enhance the wild flower planting project.

PM advised that she had spoken to Mr Guild at Land Services and that it had been agreed that the small Sandford in Bloom group would take over the care of the border just at the entrance to the village.

CC confirmed that he had, on behalf of SUACC and to support the school Parent Council, written to the Education Department in response to concerns raised by local parents regarding the number of classroom teachers and that a child living in the village had been refused a place at the school.

Fortunately this matter was resolved by SLC and a new teacher has been appointed allowing the child to gain a place.

The Cinema Club started the new season last week and their next showing will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. This showing will be in favour of the Swingpark fundraising project and the ongoing fundraising raffle will be drawn at this event.

Swing park Fundraising Update – Lenny distributed copies of current accounts showing the total raised so far as £1796.15. This has been donated from various sources. £500 School PTA, £212.65 spring fayre raffle, £60 Archer family & friends, £833.50 Coffee Morning/Bake off Competition /Plant Sale, Donations £35.00 and £155.00 from a pop up restaurant organised by local children.

The total amount raised at the recent Bike Fest event has still to be confirmed but is approximately £1500. The Community Council would like to express their gratitude to everyone involved who helped to organise such a successful event.

Robertson Homes and Banks Renewables have sponsored the fundraising raffle by £300 of vouchers and £500 of vouchers respectfully. Donations were also received from Select Drams and Scissortrix. The prize draw will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> October allowing time for tickets to be sold throughout the village.

The partnership agreement with SLC has been approved and will be returned to Liz Kelly from Land Services at SLC who will now be able to put the project out for tender.

The deadline for application to Viridor is 10<sup>th</sup> October, PM has circulated copies of the application and a further meeting will take place to complete it. Cheryl Williamson from SLC will be available to assist with this application.

PM will contact Stuart Hodge from the Renewable Energy Fund at SLC for an application form and advice on the timeline.

It was also discussed that Auchrobert Wind Turbine developers may be able to assist PM will contact them.

## 6.Upper Avondale Report

It has been a quiet summer recess period around the Upper Avondale area.

## 7.Windfarm Updates

Turbines have started arriving at Auchrobert.

PM and CC attended a Kype Muir partnership meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May to discuss the proposed constitution for this new group. Two representatives from each of the four community councils will form this new committee that initially will be a liaison group whilst the development work is ongoing. An inaugural meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> October at Stonehouse Lifestyle Centre. It is anticipated that development work will commence in January 2017 and that the turbines will be start to be erected in the summer of 2018 and commissioned early in 2019.

## 8 AOB

The Community Council Annual Event is due to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> October in East Kilbride unfortunately due to other commitments no one is available to attend. PM to send our apologies.

Next meeting is our annual AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm Sandford Village Hall followed by a CC meeting at 7:30pm.