

STANLEY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of community meeting held in Stanley Village Hall on 26 August at 19.00

Present: Neil Hardy, Joyce Jamieson, Fiona Hepburn, John Graham, Katherine Rix, Councillor Grant Laing, Jackie McLeod, Ivan Carroll

Apologies: Suzanne Tattersall, Councillor Ian James, Baille Claire Mclaran

The meeting was well attended by members of Stanley and district community

Minutes of meeting held on 29 July 2024

There were no matters arising and the Minutes were:

Proposed by John Graham

Seconded by Joyce Jamieson

Finance

The Treasurer reported that the Council bank a/c was now in place and would be in credit by £276.66 within the next few days. The balance from the previous Stanley Council was still outstanding but would be entered into the a/c once received.

The Chairman informed the Meeting about what funds the Council could expect to receive annually from PKC to cover admin costs such as room hire, stationery etc.

Ongoing Issues

Ogilvie Development - KR and FH, who both reside locally to the site, confirmed that the initial traffic problems regarding access to the site have improved.

Deer Pines Development - There has been no update regarding the survey and the site is currently being marketed.

Wildwood - There was no further information regarding disposal of the Wood but its future ownership will be a community decision. It was pointed out that the Wood was originally gifted to Stanley Community circa 1991/1992.

Church Clock and Church auction - The auction has taken place but the building did not reach its reserve. No decision has yet been made on the way ahead.

Manse Crescent - NH will be meeting with the First Minister, John Swinney, in September to discuss the flooding issues in this area. To date, Scottish Water has not responded to correspondence sent to them some time ago. GL offered to chase response.

Stanley Community Hub - NH confirmed that Planning for the project to go ahead had now been agreed.

Road and Traffic Safety

- Kinclaven Bridge work had been completed to a point but would continue to be one to watch.
- New traffic chevrons have been put in place on the dangerous bends coming in to Stanley and white lines painted.
Action: Thankyou letter required in acknowledgement of quick response to the request for this work
- Concerns were raised from the Floor regarding the repaired fence on the last bend when entering Stanley as it is currently a safety hazard especially in poor visibility. There were also vegetation issues both here and at the Gowrie Straight car park. GL reported that the grass cutting schedule was biannual.
- Further traffic concerns and how to resolve them were discussed but it was made clear that these were bad driver issues and could not be resolved by putting safety barriers in place as cost would be prohibitive.
- The issue of youths roaming freely in and around the Village on e-bikes without regard to traffic safety or members of the public was discussed. However, this is a matter for the Police.

- The inconsistent and at times no-show Stagecoach bus service was discussed at length. Advised that this should be taken up directly with Stagecoach.
- Traffic speeding through the Village – PKC are planning to clear vegetation to make signs more visible and to place smart ‘tubes’ on road to survey the problem. These not only assess speed but also evaluate weight and traffic flow. This will take place in September and again once the new bridge is open.

Planning and Appeals

- **West Tofts planning** – The property next door is now up for sale so there is a question mark on what is happening with this application. Currently land is empty so believed this is more an application in principle to encourage purchase.
- **Active Kids planning application to create new road from the Airtully Road/Perth Road junction and following the contours of the field running along the back of Manse Crescent**
- There were numerous objections and concerns raised regarding the application and the implications if granted including drainage, traffic safety and flow, use of road as a ‘rat run’, use of road by e-motorcycle users and for improper use.
- NH confirmed that there are currently 4 objections lodged at time of meeting start.
- There were unanimous votes from both the Committee and the Floor to object to this proposal. **NOTE:** Councillor Grant Laing did not partake in the vote.

It was decided that the Council would ask for an extension for objections to be raised against this application as not enough time had been given by PKC Planning Department for this to take place. GL also agreed to request an extension on the Council’s behalf.

Reasons for the rejection included: flooding even more likely in an area that already has big flooding problems; 2 contradicting plans for the proposal are in circulation; likely to increase traffic flow through Village. Questions were also raised about the true purpose of wanting to create a new road.

Correspondence

No correspondence had been received

Emergency Plan

This was now at draft stage and expected to be finalised in the next few months.

A.O.C.B.

The legality of overnight parking at the Thistlebrig car park just outside the village. As there was no signage in place to deter this there was no valid reason why it should not happen.

Date of next meeting: Monday 30 September at 7pm in the Village Hall