STANLEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of 2nd Meeting
Held on 10th May 2016 in Stanley
Village Hall at 7:00pm

Present: W.Reiche
N. Greschuk
E.Stobie
K.McKeown

Clr. J. Kellas, Clr. G. Laing & Clr. B. Vaughan

Members of the public: 6

1. **Apologies:** P. Mackie

2. **Previous Minutes approved:**

3. **Matters arising:**

3.1 Church Update:

The Community Council welcomed Reverend Lough to the meeting to give an update on the present position regarding the church closure.

Three general trustee representatives visited the church and met with representatives from the Kirk session and a report has been forwarded to the general trustees meeting which took place on 10th May 2016. The Reverend informed the meeting that he is awaiting the report of this meeting.

Reverend Lough explained how the community ownership worked. As much as the community owns the church in a legal sense the church, land and all its contents are owned by the trustees of the Church of Scotland.

He went on to explain that the Church was originally built and owned by the Mill in the 1830's, it was then sold in the 1870's and at that time the Church, all its contents and associated land was sold to the trustees of the Church of Scotland.

A question raised was could funerals be carried out in the village hall, Reverend Lough did not see this as a problem because it was formally a church. But bookings would be required.

At present Sunday Services will continue as normal.

Reverend Lough has agreed to keep Community Council updated and a public consultation will take place when more information becomes available.

W. Reiche thanked Reverend Lough.

3.2 Emergency Plan:

W. Reiche explained that the plan is now completed and will be issued in due course. The Community Council which chairs the Emergency Planning Group will be applying to the SSEB for a grant resource to purchase items such as high vis-jackets/ storage boxes, thermal blankets, torches etc.

As the Village Hall is the main facility to be used in the event of an emergency situation W. Reiche will be contacting the Village Hall committee to identify any improvements to the hall that would assist in its use during an emergency.

It was suggested by Clr. J. Kellas that we could for example look at a standby emergency power supply similar to the one installed in Bankfoot. E.Stobie has already looked into this, Stanley would not be considered for this as there is more than one electricity supply that feeds the village and a complete blackout would be unlikely.

3.3 Murray Place Path:

An order has been placed with PKC Reparation group to trim the overgrown bushes and tidy up the path.

3.4 Post Office:

Stan Middleton kindly gave the following update in relation to the Post Office:

A modernisation programme underpinned by government investment has resulted in reduced the subsidies and increased opening hours for post offices. The options for the post office remaining in its present location are currently not economically viable. It used to be that the post office services created a large footfall, this is now been turned on its head due to increases in technology for instances online communications, this has resulted in a general decline of the numbers using the counter service. Stan therefore has taken the difficult decision to agree to the Post Office moving to the Spar Store.

The Post Office move to new premises & branch modernisation information leaflet is available from the post office with dates of the proposed public consultation.

W. Reiche thanked Stan Middleton for coming along to the meeting and clarifying the situation.

4. Police:

At present we are we are still awaiting a reply from the police with regards to local consultation documents.

Within the Local Commanders Bulletins it was stated that a 44-year-old male has been apprehended and has appeared at court. He has been remanded in custody pending trial for five crimes in the P&K area and a number of crimes in Dundee & Angus.

A reminder that the e-mail address https://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk/ will allow you to receive daily e-mails regarding crime reports/how to protect your property in your local areas.

5. Secretary's Expenses: Nil

6. Planning Applications:

45 King Street, Stanley - Erection of Replacement Garage is still awaiting approval.
42 King Street, Stanley - Chimney Alteration
Watermill Cottage, Stanley - Alteration/ extension to dwelling houses – Approved

Muir Homes: Consultation was held on the 28th April, which was very informative and was well attended by the public. It was surprising to note that on an average working day in excess of five thousand vehicles pass through the village W. Reiche raised concerns regarding the additional amount of heavy traffic which will be generated when the new development starts
This was discussed and it was agreed that this would be raised at a later date.

7. Report from Stanley Development Trust:

Community Day

There is a Community Day on the Sunday 5th June 2-4pm at the village hall. Local groups will be there to offer information and guidance to the public, showing what the local groups have to offer and to explain what they do.

Please note: Unfortunately since the meeting an e-mail was received stating the Community Day is no going ahead on the above date, there are plans to reschedule the event for late summer/ early autumn.

Stanley Directory

Is still in working progress.

Cycle Track

The feasibility study will start on 11th May 2016 on the track between Stanley & Luncarty.

Sports Hub

Is nearing the final stages of a proposal. Once the decisions on viability and feasibility have been reached the proposal will be placed before the community for consultation with business plans, costing, drawings etc.

Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust

The Heritage Trust have started a feasibility study to find a new use for the East Range of buildings at Stanley Mills and are looking for ideas for new uses for the area which could complement or fulfill the needs of the community. James Brown stated there had already been a proposal put forward for a Community Orchard

W. Reiche thanks James Brown for his report.

8. Letters

Letters of Thanks have been e-mailed to J. Hardy, P.Liddle & A.MacWhinnie for Donations received to fund the commerative coins for the Queens 90th birthday. Thanks

have also been given to W. Reiche, E. Stobie, P. Mackie & N. Greschuk for their donations.

A Rural Crime Event being Held on 11th May at the Huntingtower Hotel for farmers and rural businesses has been forwarded on to relevant parties many thanks to W. Lindsay at Taymount for his assistance in the distribution of the notice.