STANLEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of 24th Meeting
Held on 12th March 2019 in Stanley
Village Hall at 7:00 pm

Present: W. Reiche (Chairman)
P. Mackie (Vice Chairman)
E. Stobbie
D. Ross
C. Smith
N. Greschuk

Cllr G. Laing Cllr I James

1. Members of the public: 18

2. Apologies: Cllr A Jarvis, K. McKeown, Police Scotland

3. Opening Remarks by Chairman:

W. Reiche welcomed everyone to the meeting.
The meeting started with an informative presentation by Yvonne Bell, Waste Minimisation Officer, Perth & Kinross Council

4. Minutes of meeting held on 12.2.19:

These were adopted and proposed by C. Smith and seconded by D. Ross

5. Matters arising:

Strathord Park:
In the current phase of development there are only 2 houses that have not been sold
Soil testing has commenced at the Duchess Street site

Roads:
A productive meeting was held with representatives of Perth & Kinross Council's Roads Department.
New signage is to be put up warning motorists of their speed.
Speed monitoring is to be undertaken on various routes within the village

A letter is to be sent to Police Scotland to determine if they have made any progress on parking issues in the village as there was no police presence at the meeting.

Issues relating to Linn Road access have still not been resolved – a letter requesting what progress has been made is to be sent to the Roads Department. Local Councillors have requested to be copied in on this letter

It was reported that the hedge from the Buchan's Garage site to the Stanley Square is encroaching on to the pavement. An email has been sent to Perth & Kinross Council's

Road Department Blairgowrie asking for it to be inspected and appropriate action taken if required.

School Crossing Patroller – proposed removal
A letter was received from Perth & Kinross Council in response to questions by the Community Council stating that an audit had been carried out on the crossing in February 2017 and a further assessment will be undertaken prior to any crossing patroller being removed.
As an audit is different from a risk assessment the Community Council is writing to ask for clarification of what was actually carried out before making any decision on how to progress.

Both Councillors present agreed to support the Community Council and the community in trying to prevent the removal of the crossing patroller.

During the discussions on the above Councillor Laing stated as funding for the upgrade of the Stewart Tower road had been previously withdrawn, this would impact on the traffic movement through the village, to which Councillor Ian James indicated that the funding had been reinstated.

> **Footnote** – although not stated at the meeting a member of the Community Council was informed by the lady carrying out the patrol duties that, apparently, she has been told she will not be removed until a Pelican Crossing or similar has been installed. No timescale was given for the installation of the crossing.

A9 Dualling
Two representative of the Community Council attended a forum hosted by Balfour Beatty, the main contractors on the project. This forum will be held on a regular basis to keep communities informed of the works being carried out and any impact this may have on them.

It was stated that there is no intention to close off the junction that joins the A9 from the Duchess Street route from the village on any more than one or two occasions and only for short periods of time.

Core Path
Perth & Kinross Council has responded to concerns raised by the Community Council that walkers were being harassed while using the marked core paths. Perth & Kinross Council's representative has made it clear that the path must remain open and walkers are entitled to use it. Mrs McDonald of Culloden House, Station Road stated that they were not responsible.

Muir Homes will re-instate their work to join paths in the development to the core path.

It was noted that there is a considerable amount of dog fouling on the path. The Community Council will consider various options on how to encourage dog walkers to clear up after their pet(s).

In addition to the above, Perth & Kinross Council will be contacted to see if more dog bins and signage can be installed on the paths.

6. Police:

Police Scotland apologised for being unable to attend the meeting the chairman read out the latest Police report.

7. Secretary's Expenses: Nil

8. Planning Applications:

A planning application has been submitted for cycle tracks to be added to the Holiday Chalet development complex at Gowrie Quarry.

9. Report from Stanley Development Trust:

The confirmed chairperson, Mary Wyllie, gave a report from The Trust
It is the 6th anniversary of the Timebank and a celebration will held on the 20th March
The Community hub is moving forward and it was intimated it was hoped to submit a planning application in the next few months

10. West Stormont Woodland Group.

An update was read out by the Chairman. Please see adjoining notice on board.

11. Letters / Brochures:

The Scottish Affairs Committee wants to hear from you on your experiences of accessing financial services in Scotland.
The Committee is examining how access to financial services in Scotland has changed since last year, and what impact ATM and bank closures have had on rural communities. As someone who lives in a community that has recently had a bank branch closure, your experience would be welcomed. email engage@parliament.uk

Food and Health Festival 2019
17th to 24th March, events throughout Highland Perthshire & Strathtay
Come along and join in with this celebration of food, health and wellbeing.
The programme includes community-led activities such as walks, community gatherings, cooking, gardening, gentle exercise groups, lunch clubs and sometimes just a cuppa and a blether! The full programme of events can be found on the PKC website https://www.pkc.gov.uk/whatsoncld

A letter has been sent to the Stanley Development Trust requesting that a representative of the Community Council be allowed to attend their meetings. A reply is awaited.

12. A.O.C.B.

Developers' Contributions
A number of people in the community and a charitable group have been asking how developers' contributions are allocated. The Community Council will pursue this question with Perth & Kinross Council.

A complaint was received regarding the poor state of the fence bordering the railway line on Station Road that it might be a danger for young children. The Community Council will write to Network Rail reporting this problem.

13. Date of next Meeting:

A.G.M. Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7:00pm in the village Hall.

14. Meeting closed: 8.20pm