

**Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the Stanley and District Community Council held on 13 May
2024 at 19:30 at Stanley Village Hall**

People present:

Community council: Neil Hardy, Ivan Carroll, Fiona Hepburn, John Graham, Joyce Jamieson, Katherine Rix, Suzanne Tattersall (minute taker), Jackie McLeod.

Councillors: Ian James, Grant Laing, Claire McLaren.

Members of the public: 3

Residents of Properties alongside Deer Pines, Elsbeth Coutts (West Stormount Woodland Group & Stanley Development Trust)

Apologies: None

1. Welcome and Introductions

This meeting is the first public meeting of the recently re-established Stanley and District community council. Introductions took place of all participants in the meeting.

2. Appointment of the Chairperson

JC nominated NH as the Chairperson of the Stanley and District Community Council. This was seconded by FH. NH accepted this role. NH took over responsibility for chairing the meeting from Councillor Ian James.

3. Appointment of Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and other positions.

Vice Chair – ST nominated IC and this was seconded by JG.
Secretary – KR nominated ST and this was seconded by JMCL.
Treasurer – JG nominated KR and this was seconded by NH.

4. Appointment of a Data Controller

NH advised that the CC would need to register with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) – there is likely a fee associated with this which he thinks is around £40. The Data Controller would be responsible for responding to any requests from the public about information the CC holds about them. The councillors confirmed that whoever takes responsibility for this could access guidance from Perth and Kinross Council.

NH suggested that it would be important that members of the community council access data protection training. ST asked councillors if this was something that could be accessed via PKC. GL advised that the Senior Elections and Community Council Officers would help in any way they can. Two main contacts are Christine Grant and Pam Rogalski. JMCL volunteered to take on this role.

5. Adoption of Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct for Community Counsellors

NH advised that he thought this was something the Counsellors would bring to the meeting. Agreed that this information will be read and agreed in advance of the next CC meeting. This should be available online. Any issues, IJ agreed NH can contact him and he can arrange for this information to be made available. Discussion that this is not negotiable, information is set by the Scottish Government. NH will forward this information for CC members to read and formally sign off at the next CC meeting.

Agreed that further discussion needs to take place in relation to standing orders on the agenda and this will develop to reflect the needs of the community as the CC becomes established.

Initial thoughts include:

- Planning
- Police commander report.
- Counsellor's update.

Noting we are using the pre-existing email address which was used by the previous Stanley and District Community Council (stanleycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com). NH confirmed that he has been able to access this and that we are still receiving the Police Commander Report and information about planning.

CMcL reported that there is a planning application for a phone mast near the Airtully Road, in a field. She advised that consultation with the community is important and noted that the last two proposals for the erection of a phone mast have been opposed.

If the CC puts in an objection, the planning application has to be put forward to the planning committee.

Counsellors explained that IJ and CMcL are unable to give a view in relation to planning. GL is neutral and will give advice to both sides. They stressed the importance of reaching out the whole community and listening to both sides. If there is not a sense of fairness, this can divide a community.

6. Financial Statement

NH has spoken to the former treasurer and believes there is some money in the old account. He proposed that a laptop is purchased for the secretary which would mean that all information would be stored on one place. If the secretary moves on, the laptop and all passwords can be passed on the new secretary.

Previous account was held by RBS and it is anticipated that there will be a delay/challenges accessing this account and changing over the signatories on the account.

7. Meeting dates and Venues

- AGM to be held in October 2024.

- Agreed that Stanley Village hall is a good venue to hold CC meetings. It was felt by the group that this is a neutral venue. NH will speak to Robert Baldie to establish when the hall is free (post meeting note-booking enquiries managed by Samantha Kelly on 07718921578).
- Discussed frequency of meetings and counsellors advised that the meetings do not need to be held every month. However, IJ highlighted that the demise of the last CC was the lack of opportunities for meetings and having a regular meeting enables better participation. He was of the view that although not essential, it was advisable to schedule monthly meetings. In reality, CC's often decide not to hold meetings at busy times such as Easter, Summer (June/July) or December).
- Counsellors also advised that the planning department aim to give CC's time to consider planning applications.
- NH suggested approaching Christine Grant and Pam Rogalski to find out when other local CC's are meeting.
- NH will set up a doodle poll to explore availability of CC members availability so dates can be scheduled for the rest of the year.
- Counsellors expressed that if possible, it would be helpful for them if meetings could take place earlier in the evening.

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8. AOCB

Concerns raised by members of the public in attendance at tonight's meeting in relation to the households on the B9099 on the stretch between Summerhill and Horsey Reach. They are reporting slumps in the gardens which they have previously had pins put in to stabilise. Recently they are observing cracks running through their gardens. They are concerned that this could be exacerbated by the construction works across the road being undertaken by Muir Homes. Concerns that there is water being released underneath and that the removal of trees and bushes will impact on the absorption of water. It was noted that there has been an increased level of flooding on the road and surrounding fields and around the quarry. Discussion took place regarding the land impact of the construction works. The residents reported that their house was shaking as result of some of the works and they contacted Muir Homes in relation to this and they agreed to send out a structural engineer but this has not materialised. Residents are looking for support from the community council to have this issue investigated properly. They feel there is a need for Borehole assessment to determine what is happening and the potential impact of the current works being undertaken and future development. Concerns noted that this is the main road in and out of the village and Muir Homes are still in the early stages of development (still have around 180 houses to build).

GL advised that he objected to the planning application, noting that the land being built on was a wet hole. GL agreed to take this forward, NH will email GL, CMcl & IJ to formally raise this as an issue.

Noted that this is a sensitive time for Muir Homes who are in the selling phase and most likely will not take kindly to people boring for water.

Discussion took place about the impact of the new development and traffic in the area.

FH raised concerns about the Ogilvie housing development noting that a HGV with a trailer recently blocked the road by the Mills. There was a serious incident where a child ran in front of a lorry at the school. Also issues with traffic lights not working resulting in a RTA when Scottish Water closed the road. FH has emailed Ogilvie housing's HS executive asking if they can stop HGV's entering the village until after

9am to ensure children can safely travel to school. Discussion took place about construction planning and that developers need to take reasonable steps to minimise disruption and promote safety of locals.

Counsellors were agreeable to taking this forward. FH to email them with details of concerns.

FH also raised about traffic in Mill Street asked about double yellow lines. CMCL advised that this is a lengthy process.

FH also raised that she has been made aware of problems with rats in the village., possibly disturbed by the works at the top of Mill Brae. She has concerns about the maintenance of some gardens in the area which may also be contributing to this. It was noted that some residents around Sheilhill Park had infestations of rats last year.

Invoice for the Village Hall to be sent to Christine Grant as the CC does not currently have access to funds.

NH thanked everyone for coming this evening.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the 1st open public meeting. Time and date TBC.