

**Symington Community Council: Minutes of meeting held on Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.**

**Present:** Liz Kelly, Dave Houfe, Julie Howie, Sheila Murray, Ailsa Paterson, Rhona Duncan, Deborah Lochhead

**Apologies:** John Mulholland, Jillian Mulholland, Cllr Townson

**Declarations:** none

**In attendance:** Cllr Dettbarn, Cllr Ferry, Jan McGarry SAC.

<p>1.</p>	<p><b>Presentation by Tom McCartney and Paul Rae of Hallbar Homes regarding Coodham Estate</b>  Hallbar Homes presented proposals to the meeting to build 38 new homes within the Estate under Extant planning permission dating back to 2004. The houses were to be a mix of 6 designs although the exact designs had not yet been finalised. Hallbar advised that they do not need to comply with current regulations as the permission was granted in 2004 and they did not need to apply for full planning permission for the 38 homes due to the Extant planning permission. They showed a picture of a house style of a development they had done in Moray. Currently they do not have finance in place, they will sell off plan. When asked, Hallbar confirmed that they had been approached by Savills and that houses would cost between £500,000 and £700,000. There was no affordable housing provision as they were working on basis of the Extant planning (they “are not Barratt”) They were going to start marketing May/June 2024. Hallbar advised they have been established about 2 years “that makes no difference”. The previous developer “made a big mistake they should have done the houses prior to the main house”. The time frame for completion would depend on how many are bought. Estate management would be handed over to the 9 residents of the house. They will maintain the perimeter wall and trees.  There was a thought that they would need to return to SAC planning for consent.  Cllr Dettbarn confirmed that SAC planning policies had changed in last 20 years. Julie Howie (JH) agreed to check planning approval requirements under Extant planning permission.</p>	<p><i>Julie</i></p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LK asked if section1 regarding SPARK could be edited to reflect more accurately the discussion</li> <li>• Spelling of Knockendale to be amended.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amended minutes proposed by Dave Houfe and seconded by Sheila Murray.</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Matters arising and outstanding items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local bus service tracker screen at turning circle, enforcement of SYM1 planning condition: JH contacted ARA, and confirmed that this has been put back to developer.</li> <li>20 mph &amp; traffic calming measures – ARA confirmed that works to start July/August. Cllr Dettbarn advised that best to approach parents to lobby for a crossing guard (lollipop person) – parent power. LK to assist with contacts for parent group to take this forward to SAC.</li> <li>Spring allocation of ward money – All works have been included in the ward capital spending list, however, there are over 200 projects in SA, so we will need to await our turn. Items proposed: new sign and bench on Kerrix Road, Fingerposts on Symington Road North/Main Street and a bench in the playpark on Brewlands Crescent.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Julie</i></p> <p><i>Liz/Cllrs. Dettbarn/ Ferry</i></p> <p><i>Cllrs. Dettbarn/ Ferry</i></p>
4.	<p><b>Police Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violence – no incidents</li> <li>Drugs Supply – police welcome information on any drug dealing</li> <li>Safer Communities- No incidents</li> <li>Acquisitive Crime- Nil</li> <li>Community Wellbeing- welfare concerns continue to take up a considerable amount of time.</li> <li>Road Safety – One incident on A77</li> <li>There was a query from an attendee about why the Police no longer attend the CC meetings. Cllr Dettbarn advised that the councillors had regular meeting with senior police officers regarding the whole ward and if there were particular concerns, they could be directed there.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Secretary's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Could the SAC town centre team help regarding the lanes around village and maintenance requirements. It is thought that these are council owned. Jan McGarry to be notified of specific areas.</li> <li>CC registered an interest in completing a Place Plan, but have not received acknowledgment that our submission was successful. To be followed up with Planning Dept at SAC</li> <li>Sepa have requested information of areas liable</li> </ul>	<p><i>Liz/Dave</i></p> <p><i>Liz</i></p>

	<p>to flooding. This is to be submitted by 24 June. CC to look at vulnerable areas and where there is new flooding as advised by Cllr Dettbarn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CC have been asked by Ayrshire Link Community Advisory Group (active travel) if we still want to be involved or taken off database. LK advised not relevant to Symington at present but we should request to remain on mailing list for the time being</li> <li>• Letter from Morag thanking the CC for the £50 towards the hall door. Together with the proceeds of the fashion show (which was very successful) and another donation, they were able to raise £950</li> </ul>	<p><i>Dave</i></p> <p><i>Dave</i></p>
6.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invoices submitted for minute taking totalling £60. Individual invoices to be submitted to John.</li> <li>• There is a balance as at 31/3/24 of £2,602.81 in the Community Council account.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Ailsa/Sheila/Jillian</i></p>
7.	<p><b>Planning Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No current planning applications on SAC website</li> <li>• As a result of tonight's presentation JH to check on regulations re extant planning permission.</li> <li>• (Meeting attendee advised that she had had sight of a letter from SAC to owner of Coodham advising that full new planning application would be required to proceed with development proposals. Another attendee observed that the 2004 permission couldn't be honoured as since then, further planning was granted for 6 houses but only 2 were completed. What is the current situation with the school capacity and also, although the walled garden at Coodham is not listed, there are lovely features which the residents would not like to see destroyed)</li> </ul>	<p><i>Julie</i></p>
8	<p><b>Elected members Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Dettbarn advised there was nothing to add to previous meeting discussions that has not already been dealt with.</li> <li>• Cllr Dettbarn agreed to share the recently approved SAC Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP).</li> </ul>	<p><i>Cllr. Dettbarn</i></p>
9.	<p><b>Pollinator Friendly Symington (PFS):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our MSP, Elena Whitham, has presented a motion to the Scottish Parliament "recognising the work and achievements of Pollinator</li> </ul>	

	<p>Friendly Symington” A copy of this will be displayed in the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over Easter weekend, Jo Davis gave a talk on butterflies and moths, and showed us the moths trapped and identified overnight in Symington – 46 moths, 5 different species</li> <li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> April 7pm, Community Hall, Riverwoods documentary video, narrated by Peter Capaldi, a rallying call for restoring native woodland to Scotland’s river catchments &amp; life they support, reserve a seat at <a href="https://Riverwoods-Symington.eventbrite.co.uk">https://Riverwoods-Symington.eventbrite.co.uk</a>.</li> <li>• Pollinator Friendly Symington can offer support to gardeners to encourage pollinators. Please email <a href="mailto:symingtoncc@hotmail.com">symingtoncc@hotmail.com</a>., or talk to Dave for further information.</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>Place Planning/Community Action Plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CC had agreed to produce a Place Plan utilising previous resident survey results.</li> <li>• Dave confirmed that he had electronically registered Symington’s interest in completing one with SAC, but had received no receipt/acknowledgement (See Item 5)</li> <li>• A further amount of research would be undertaken to compile a Symington Action Plan. A Subgroup had been formed to take this forward with the assistance of Audrey Gatt of SAC. Further information will be provided as this progresses.</li> </ul>	
11	<p><b>AOCB:</b> David Dickson had been approached by a local farmer who was experiencing difficulty exiting Kerrix Rd onto Main St with a tractor and trailer. Could consideration be given to yellow lines on the Main St.at this junction? This is not helped by traffic cones and mechanical repairs being undertaken outside no 17. DD had support from other Kerrix Rd residents regarding this.</p> <p>Advice from previous meetings is to report any obstructions to the highway to Police in the first instance. ARA have already agreed traffic calming measures to the village and it would be hard to add extra works such as additional yellow lines. Cllr Dettbarn will push for a resurvey of this specific area. ARA are employing more staff which may improve communication. SCC to also contact Police.</p>	<i>Cllr Dettbarn/ Liz</i>
12	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> AGM Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024, Public Meeting in Hall 2 Symington Community Hall 7pm</p>	