

Symington Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tues 18th February 2025 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.

Present: Dave Houfe, Julie Howie, Deborah Lochhead, John Mulholland, Jillian Mulholland

Apologies: Liz Kelly, Rhona Duncan,

Declarations: none

In attendance: Jan McGarry, Cllr Stephen Ferry, Cllr Julie Dettbarn

1.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2024: approval proposed by John M, seconded by DL • The notes of the meeting held on 21st January were proposed by JH and seconded by DH 	
2.	<p>Matters arising and outstanding items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real time planner for bus – still ongoing – to be revisited next month. • 20 mph & traffic calming measures – works are imminent to include yellow lines either side of Kerrix Road exit. • Damaged wall at shops – Cllr Ferry confirmed that the area of concern is co-owned between the Council and the shop proprietors. The wall has been removed and will not be rebuilt. ARA are to monoblock the footpath and kerb it. • Footpath – Brewlands Dr → Shops – to be c/f to Capital Spend • Overgrown trees on roadways – Works to the trees are due to take place in Spring – anytime from now. • Mobile Phone Signal – No update – the CC agreed to engage with Cllr Townson again, and request a coordinated strategy through SAC as signal is also poor in Craigie and Dundonald leading to lesser resilience in these areas. • Knockendale corner safety – ARA have put this on the back burner. A clerk of works has been appointed to survey this area in the next “block” and will assess signage and road markings. It is noted that the road has become busier since the closure of the end of Symington Road North. • Christmas Tree and lights – JH enquired as to the costs incurred for Christmas light installation in other villages within the Kyle Ward. Cllr Dettbarn agreed to obtain this information. Cllr Ferry thought that some villages, including 	<p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>Cllrs. Dettbarn/Ferry</i></p> <p><i>Cllrs. Dettbarn/Ferry</i></p> <p>Cllr Townson</p> <p>Cllr Ferry</p>

	<p>Tarbolton, fund raised or had local businesses provide sponsorship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath Audit - JM prepared a report on the footpaths which has been sent to SAC. Cllr Dettbarn confirmed that this had been sent on the relevant team at SAC, but any works are delayed due to clear up of damage caused by Storm Eowyn. • CC Election – no nominations received. There is an option to co-opt, and approach potential candidates • It was noted that there was little buy in to community projects – which is a sign of the times. Cllr Ferry gave examples of other communities where they fundraised for various causes/items, and where there was higher turn outs at meetings. • Accessibility Assessment – this is due to take place • Spring Allocation of funds – it was noted by the councillors present that this should not be described as such. There is funding available but until the CAP has been taken forward, proposed works such as the installation of outside gym apparatus in Shaw Park should be put on hold. Items discussed and agreed in CAP will be funded • Increase in dog fouling – highlighted in CAP. 	
3.	<p>Police Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident notes – 1 x domestic abuse (referred to support agencies), 1 x house breaking – ongoing enquiries, 1 x fraud, 1 x traffic collision • DH advised that he would pursue the Police for pertinent details of the housebreaking and fraud incidents. 	DH
4.	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D&O Liability cover – invoice is en route • Various updates were received during Storm Eowyn - consideration should be given to preparing a resilience plan • Walker Hines Woodland Proposal at Burnbrae – DH updated the meeting of correspondence exchanges between Savills/Walker Hines and SCC (See SCC website for copies of same) including reading out the CC's proposed response to the latest communication. As a result of the latest correspondence DH concluded that SCC were unable to support the woodland proposal as is. 	DH DH

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equalities outcomes – a link to this is available on SAC website 	
5	Treasurer's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance is £2700.91. Expenditure since last month includes the cost of hiring the hall, website hosting, and stationery. 	DL
6.	Planning Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recent application for a new house behind Coates corner has been removed from website. Coodham – the judicial review findings have not yet been published. JH will email update once received. Access to the woods in Coodham has been restricted by the developer and the exit from the estate to the A77 to be closed off – Rachel Shipley, the SAC Accessibility Officer to review. 	JH
7	Elected members Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report 	
8	Pollinator Friendly Symington (PFS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAC are providing collars for new trees and the trees planted last year. Further hedge laying is in the works, however the areas to be done require further growth. Working in collaboration with Prestwick Community Council regarding the Pow Burn. email symingtoncc@hotmail.com., or talk to Dave for further information. 	DH
9.	Community Action Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data has been recorded from the survey responses. This is being analysed by SCC with the help of AG from SAC. 	AG/SCC
10.	AOCB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hall for All – A meeting is planned to talk about getting Wifi in the premises. Churchyard – maintenance of this falls with SAC – attention needed to cherry tree pollarding, gates maintenance and general grounds maintenance as highlighted by a member of the Kirk Session. Cllr Townson to update. Fence along Townend Terrace came down years ago, but still not resolved. It is thought that this is demised to Mactaggart & Meikle. Dog Fouling – the problem is worsening – (post meeting note – highlighted in CAP findings) 	Cllr Townson
11.	Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 18 th March 2025, Public Meeting in Hall 2 Symington Community Hall 7pm	