

## SYMINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.**

**Present:** Liz Kelly, Dave Houfe, Julie Howie, Deborah Lochhead, Rhona Duncan

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

**Declarations:** none

**In attendance:** Cllr Julie Dettbarn, Jan McGarry

1.	<b>AGM Minutes See Appendix 1 – 3</b>	
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b> The notes of the meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 and non-quorate meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 were proposed by DL, seconded by DH.	
3.	<b>Matters arising and outstanding items:</b>  Local bus service tracker screen – continue to pursue although has now been ongoing for 10years. Contacted enforcement officer who is still waiting for developer to respond. Cllr Dettbarn to check if there is a time limitation regarding enforcement.  Work to implement traffic calming have neared completion. Outstanding are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion of double yellow lines</li><li>• Placement of three electronic speed displays if possible</li></ul> Parking attendants were in attendance to enforce parking restrictions outside of Primary School. Concerns raised again regarding implementation of new parking laws. JH to contact ARA re above concerns and completion date for works to be completed by.  SAC have contacted resident in Brewlands Drive regarding overgrown hedge. Resident unable to complete the work therefore JDB to contact council for support in getting the hedge cut.  Village Resilience Plan regarding mobile phone cover - MSP Elena Whitham to be asked to raise our concerns regarding broadband coverage policy and analogue to	<i>JH</i>  <i>Cllr Dettbarn</i>          <i>JH</i>      <i>Cllr Dettbarn</i>

	<p>digital changes with the Scottish Government. Knockendale corner safety – no feed back to date re monitoring of usage and speed. JH to contact ARA for update.</p> <p>Allocation of Ward Capital Funding - Cllr Dettbarn reported that the cost for resurfacing the carpark adjacent to Symington Bowling Club would be approximately £150,000. After discussion it was agreed that this project should be implemented, and replacing/repainting fingerposts on Main Street /Symington Road North be pursued.</p> <p>The wooden fence between the playpark on Brewlands Crescent and the neighbouring house completely fell during Storm Eowyn and needs replaced to make the playground safe and give the homeowner privacy and security. Resident has requested that the replacement fence be like for like.</p> <p>Wifi (community hall) – Symington Projects Ltd are applying for funding to support this project.</p> <p>Pavement parking and speed restriction – see above.</p> <p>Pavilion rebuild has started but has been delayed due to a bereavement. SCC would like to know what, if any, amendments have been made to the internal structure. Cllr Dettbarn agreed to contact Planning Department.</p>	<p><i>DH</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>Cllrs. Dettbarn/Ferry</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Dettbarn</i></p>
4.	<p><b>Police Report (by email):</b></p> <p>This month, two domestic incidents, one motorcyclist driving above speed limits reported.</p> <p>Two members of the public reported that they had made several calls to the police during the last month regarding a neighbour misusing a substance and driving under the influence. It was also noted that there had been a stolen/burnt out car that was not part Police Scotland monthly report. DH to contact Police Scotland to ask why these reports have not been noted in their monthly police report.</p>	<p><i>DH</i></p>
5.	<p><b>Secretary's Report (DH):</b></p> <p>It was reported that the Gaelic sign on Brewlands Road adjacent to Lomond View may be incorrect. Cllr Dettbarn to investigate.</p>	<p><i>Cllr Dettbarn</i></p>

	<p>It was reported that a hedge on Dankieth Road is overgrown. Cllr Dettbarn to investigate.</p> <p>Walker Hines informed SCC that they are applying for a forestry grant for the Burnbrae Woodlands project.</p> <p>Chair for Symington Community Projects has contacted SCC to request that a sign for the Hall for All could be added to the finger posts as new users of the Hall are not able to find it easily.</p>	<p><i>Cllr Dettbarn</i></p> <p><i>LK/ SCC</i></p>
6.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report (DL):</b> Balance is £1889.01. Annual audit completed (see Appendix 3)</p>	
7.	<p><b>Planning Report (JH):</b></p> <p>Planning applications – nothing new to date.</p> <p>Outstanding: Coodham Development; Burnbrae Woodlands Project</p> <p>Hallbar Homes have contacted LK regarding minutes from meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and raised concerns of inaccuracies in reporting from the meeting. The minutes have been accepted as an accurate record earlier in this meeting. LK to reply to Tom Macartney, Hallbar Homes.</p>	<p><i>JH/DH</i></p> <p><i>LK</i></p>
8.	<p><b>Elected Members' Reports:</b></p> <p>Councillor Dettbarn had nothing further to report.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Pollinator Friendly Symington (PFS):</b></p> <p>DH reported workshop on 26/04/25 was well received and also recruited a few new members. Bat walk due to take place at the end of April 2025 was postponed for a couple of months. Ongoing collaboration with Prestwick CC working on Powburn project.</p>	<i>DH</i>
10.	<p><b>Community Action Plan (LK):</b></p> <p>Audrey Gatt has prepared a draft Community Action Plan fo Symington. SCC to meet in July'25 to complete</p>	

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	the Action Plan based on the identified community priorities. Once completed SCC will focus on the community's Local Place Plan.	SCC
11.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>Evie Tougher, a young resident from the village, spoke about becoming a youth representative for SCC. Evie is a member of SAC's Youth Parliament and would like to represent the young people of the village.</p> <p>JH asked Cllr Dettbarn to investigate the cost of Xmas decorations allocated to other villages against those for Symington.</p> <p>Query made regarding when Remembrance Day wreaths are removed from war memorial. Cllr Dettbarn stated that these were removed just before the next Remembrance Day by The Royal British Legion, and that SAC checked all local war memorials prior to each Remembrance Day.</p>	Cllr Dettbarn
12.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in Hall 2 Symington Community Hall at 7pm (Community Councillors at 6pm)</p>	

## **Appendix 1**

### **Annual General Meeting**

1. Annual Report presented by the Chair – see attached Appendix 2
2. Treasurer's Accounts prepared by DL and presented by the Chair – see attached Appendix 3.
3. Election of Office Bearers - presided by Cllr Dettbarn  
Chair: Liz Kelly  
Vice Chair: Dave Houfe  
Secretary: Dave Houfe  
Treasurer: Deborah Lochhead  
Planning Contact: Julie Howie
4. Chair advised the meeting 2 seats are available within Symington CC, and to approach either the Chair or SAC for more information.
5. Chair advised the Community Council is looking for a minute taker and that payment was available for the position.

## **Apepdix 2: SYMINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM 20th May 2025**

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Symington Community Council's activities during the past year include: -

- Monitoring and responding to local planning applications by our Planning contact.
- Continuing to pursue real time bus tracker which was a planning condition for SYM1.
- The website has been kept up to date with agendas and minutes of meetings, links and information forwarded to Community Council by other agencies. Everyone is encouraged to check out the website, and we would welcome any comments you have for further improvements.
- A wreath for Remembrance Day was laid at the village war memorial by Ian Hannah on behalf of the village.
- Grants have been allocated to local organisation: Friendship Group, Symington Gala, and the Scout Hut each benefitted from £50 grants.
- The Community Action Plan for Symington is being developed with support from Audrey Gatt. It is anticipated that the draft will be available for comment by members of the public by September. Thank you to everyone who completed questionnaires or took part in focus groups.
- Community Councillors have had meetings with MacMic, Walker Hines, and Savills regarding the proposed woodland planting at Burnbrae.
- Traffic issues, particularly speeding along Main Street and Brewlands Road, are still of concern and remain on the Community Council's agenda. The impact of the traffic calming measures recently introduced in the village will be carefully monitored.
- Pollinator Friendly Symington (PFS) continues to develop led by Dave Houfe. Activities have included a bat walk, moth trapping, and a Spring event. Members are currently supporting Townend Nursing Home and Symington Primary School in their projects to make their outside areas more attractive to pollinators. Further information on the project is available from Dave Houfe.
- Ward Capital funding allocation for projects in Symington has yet to be confirmed which has been frustrating since this has been outstanding for over two years.

I should like to say 'thank you' to Symington Community Council members: Dave Houfe (Vice Chair and Secretary), Deborah Lochhead (Treasurer), Julie Howie (Planning contact), Rhona Duncan, Jillian Mulholland, John Mulholland, and to Sheila Murray and Ailsa Paterson who resigned from Community Council during the past year for all your time, hard work and support. We have appreciated the attendance of Councillors Julie Dettbarn, Stephen Ferry, and Duncan Townson, Jan McGarry (Link Officer), and members of the public who have attended our meetings.

There are currently two vacancies on Symington Community Council which we are really keen to fill. If anyone is interested in joining us as a co-opted member until next March, please get in touch.

Liz Kelly, Chair – Symington Community Council May 2025

**Symington Community Council**  
**Income and Expenditure Account 1/4/24 to 31/3/25**

2024		2025
£5,373.85	<b>Opening Balance</b>	£2,662.81
	<b>Income</b>	
£ 414.60	SAC Grant	£ 600.00
£ -	SAC Reimbursement	£ 182.25
£ -	Income from Bowling club - re Youth Club	£ 50.00
£ 264.13	Jubilee Grant SAC	£ -
£ 86.00	Ayrshire Insurance Payment	£ -
£1,000.00	Holmes Farm Grant	£ -
£ 248.40	Pollinator Grant (Coop)	£ -
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£7,386.98		£3,495.06
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
£ 60.00	Minute Secretary Fees	£ 60.00
£ 60.00	Audit Fee ( 2 years)	£ 30.00
£ 50.80	Remembrance Expenses	£ 41.40
£ 20.00	Rights of Way Membership	£ -
£ 182.25	Hire of Community Hall	£ 323.00
£ 40.00	Information Commissioner	£ 40.00
£ 20.00	Scout Hut Lets/Gala Committee	£ -
£ 50.00	Scout Hut Grant	£ 50.00
£ 50.00	Friendship Group Grant	£ -
£ 30.00	Symington Magazine /Let Symington Bowling Club	£ 30.00
£ 137.48	Party Palz Community Day Hire /Community Garden Purcha	£ -
£1,203.35	Scout Hut Hire Community Day Hire/Bench Comm M Health	£ -
£ 475.89	Mental Health Project	£ -
£ 366.16	Community Day/Natural Flower Projects Let	£ -
£1,000.00	Grant Youth Club/Holmes Farm Community Mental Health	£ -
£ 97.20	Zurich Municipal Insurance	£ 97.20
£ 23.00	Let Community Hall (Pollinator Project)	£ 48.00
£ 248.40	Pollinator Project	£ -
£ 59.99	Microsoft Subs	£ -
£ 12.46	Domain Subs	£ 12.46
£ 53.82	Ink Cost	£ 110.69
£ 50.00	Community Hall Grant	£ -
£ 313.37	Website	£ -
£ 70.00	Cann Print	£ -
£ 50.00	Mothers and Toddlers Grant	£ -
£ -	Travel Expenses	£ 48.60
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£2,662.81	<b>Closing Balance</b>	£2,603.71
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£2,822.81	Balance At Bank	£2,603.71
£ 160.00	less outstanding cheques	£ -
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£2,662.81		£2,603.71

The above statement of Income and Expenditure for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 has been prepared from the records, receipts/vouchers and other information (including bank statements) provided and has been found to be completely correct and in order.

Appendix 3

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