

## Symington Community Council

**Minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.**

**Present:** Dave Houfe (Secretary), Gareth Lees (Vice Chair), Deborah Lochhead (Treasurer), Liz Kelly, Shelagh Miller, Jan McGarry (SAC)

**Apologies:** Julie Howie, Cllr Julie Dettbarn

**Declarations:** None

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| 1. | <b>Approval of previous meeting</b><br>The minutes of the meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2026 were proposed by GH, seconded by DH.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                           |
| 2. | <b>Real-Time Bus Tracker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3 real-time bus trackers were previously agreed – a new application has been submitted to amend this to 1 tracker.</li><li>Application submitted is for retired bus stop, SAC to be made aware of this</li><li>There are no timetables on bus stop for Glasgow travel, contact to be made with Stagecoach</li></ul> <b>ARA Electric Signage at entrance of village</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ARA have these signs on agenda and they have been ordered, although no date for installation</li><li>Car park resurfacing, which is capital spend for this year, will encompass the approach road to the bowling club carpark and the order was being placed today (15-09-2026).</li></ul> <b>SPT Community path fund</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No response from communication with ARA or SAC, so no update from last meeting</li></ul> <b>X77 Bus route</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gareth has put together a proposal that suggests more accessible bus stops for this service for Symington residents, that incorporates existing infrastructure</li><li>X77 and X77K already stop at Fenwick, so include village stops therefore precedence set in that respect</li><li>Suggestion for south bound bus stop in acceleration lane at flyover, again precedence has been set for this at Bog End/Coodham where bus stop is in a much shorter acceleration lane. This would allow pedestrian access to the village safely over the flyover. North bound suggestion at existing bus stop at Halfway House.</li></ul> | <div>JH</div> <div>GL</div> <div>DH</div> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal to be sent to Transport Scotland, Stagecoach and SAC</li> </ul> <p><b>Disabled Parking Space outside Brewlands Drive Shops</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instruction has been given for refresh of painting disabled bay, although no timescale given. Case number 42679</li> </ul> <p><b>Overgrown Hedge at Brewlands Drive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JD not present for update</li> <li>noticed that residents appear to be cutting back their hedges</li> <li>Some hedges are still a bit wider than they could be, but it seems they are under better control.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ward Capital Spend Update -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finger posts GL has sourced a company that will carry out repairs to the cast iron. The problem noted is that this company probably has not been approved by SAC</li> <li>Quote to be submitted to SAC for repairs and request consideration of addition of this company to SAC's approved contractor list</li> </ul> <p><b>EV Charging</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update</li> </ul> <p><b>Pavillion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JH contacted Sac for an update. Due to confidentiality SAC are unable to disclose who is taking over the pavilion until the legal process is completed</li> <li>SAC could confirm that it would be the intention to offer the Pavillion for the use of the wider community, schools, gala days etc</li> <li>Cllr JD also contacted SAC for an update, but no information available due to confidentiality/data protection.</li> </ul> <p><b>Funding Opportunity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community council have received funding from Prestwick Locality Partnership of £700, following an application made by JH</li> <li>This is for mental health and social wellbeing, so will be used with this in mind over Christmas for villagers</li> <li>It needs to be spent within the year and spend reports require to be submitted to PLP.</li> </ul> | <p>GL</p> <p>GL</p> <p>JH</p> |
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|    | <b>Plastic Tree Guards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The question was asked if the plastic guards surrounding the trees in the turning circle will be removed.</li> <li>DH explained it is one of the projects that is being addressed by the Pollinator Friendly Symington Project.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | DH |
| 3. | <b>Police Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serious organised crime and violence: 1 assault reported and detected with no threat to the wider community.</li> <li>Antisocial behaviour: 3 neighbour disputes, with two reports of vandalism made in the same report.</li> <li>Hate crime: 1 reported and detected</li> <li>Children and young people: 1 report for this period</li> <li>Welfare concerns: 1 reported incident for this period</li> <li>Road Safety: 1 reported dangerous driving 2 reports of road traffic collisions</li> <li>Question raised it was possible to ask local and/or transport police to see and been seen in the community a bit more frequently.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |    |
| 4. | <b>Secretary's Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Correspondence:</b> From SAC Occupational Therapist Carmen Hughes Help on offer for people at risk of falls. Occupational Therapist can do a home visit for a free wellbeing review to assess and help reduce risk of falls. Department can be contacted on 01292665699. Information to go on CC website.</li> <li><b>Burnbrae Woodland / McTaggart &amp; Mickel:</b> MacMic had submitted plan to Scottish Forestry regarding paths. DH contacted them for update. They have no budget to comprehensively update paths but will mow them. They claim to have done that already, but on inspection this doesn't seem to be the case, they are untidy. They informed DH that their budget for this was to mow annually, so this is as much as they will do. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DH will continue to follow up as gates for access have chicken wire, but this is broken detached and dangerous, so need to be addressed</li> <li>Community council have a subscription to Scotways, a charity that keeps rights of way open, DH to contact to explore this particular position.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Public consultation on taxi and private hire policy.</b> SAC considering implementation of new policies for</li> </ul> | DH |

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|    | <p>drivers. CC could respond to consultation. Decision made this is not something for CC to get involved in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email from Alexandria Currie to ARA regarding pedestrian safety at Main Street with Deer Meadow and the CoOp, requesting a formal assessment of safety situation. CC to support this request</li> <li>• <b>Website, 2 enquiries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PRA group offering volunteers to the village. PRA = Portfolio Recovery Associates. CC feel not appropriate at this time. DH to respond</li> <li>○ Local resident complaint regarding excessive noise and rude behaviour from Drug and Alcohol facility residents. DH to respond to advise contacting police and environmental health. In the meantime any complaints of noise made to CC will be logged and submitted to police.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>SPEN Winter ready</b> Helping communities to prepare for winter. DH to attend info session on 23 September and will report back.</li> <li>• <b>Community Hall</b> working with Rotary Club of Prestwick to deliver a Symington Together event in the hall on 21 October 7pm, requesting representation from CC and Pollinator Friendly Symington to promote their groups. Limited availability, registration recommended. Free for all Symington residents.</li> <li>• <b>Community Council Vacancies</b> The community council currently has 3 vacancies</li> </ul> | <p>DH</p> <p>DH</p> <p>DH</p> <p>DH/LK</p> |
| 5. | <p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank balance: £1282.07 with a reimbursement due from SAC of £1200</li> <li>• Money from previous grant money has now been ringfenced for preschool outdoor learning of £420.</li> <li>• In 2021 a grant was received for £2600, some of which was used for Xmas lights. Leaving a balance of £1200 which has now been ring fenced</li> <li>• £700 grant due from Prestwick Locality Project</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                            |
| 6. | <p><b>Planning Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further planning applications at this time.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                            |
| 7. | <p><b>Elected members Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No elected members present</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |
| 8. | <p><b>Pollinator Friendly Symington and Pow Burn Riverwoods:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat walk, led by Ayrshire and Arran Bat Group. Invited wider community, all 25 places taken.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAC Climate change and biodiversity officer met with DH. Discussed enhancement to SAC's mowing regime to ensure the trees planted over the past few years are not mown down. They will also provide some more trees for planting.</li> <li>• Partnering with Stepping Stones initiative, could they fund some or all of the outdoor learning Pollen Power Project with the primary school. Biodiversity officer suggested project could be part of its Footprint Challenge, which also involved secondary schools.</li> <li>• Pow Burn Riverwoods DH pursuing potential funding opportunities with SPEN for the next stage of the project.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | DH                  |
| 9. | <p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Broken fence between Brewlands Crescent and Townend Terrace</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fence has been removed, brambles and weeds have been cut back and grass tidied.</li> </ul> <p><b>Railing around school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires painting JH has raised with Community Service Team</li> </ul> <p><b>Local Place Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To-date, there have been no submissions to SAC from any other CCs. Initial Symington draft submitted by JH.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thank You</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to all Symington volunteers, of which there is 10. They have been litter picking and weeding. Anyone else who would like to join the group please get in touch</li> </ul> <p><b>Speeding survey update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of cars during the period of the survey had more than doubled from the previous survey. ARA had been unaware of this, so now they will carry out further tests to clarify the situation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Broken wall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broken wall reported last month has been fixed</li> </ul> <p><b>Shrubs and plants in the turning circle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are now badly overhanging and blocking walkways. This is also a problem at the doctor's surgery. SAC to be contacted re removal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thriving Communities Youth Award</b></p> | <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> |

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|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan McGarry asked if there are any young people, usually secondary age group in the community that has gone above and beyond, exceptional volunteering or faced adversity they could be put forward for this award, there are different categories.x`</li> </ul> |  |
| 10. | <b>Date of Next Meeting:</b><br>Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |