

Symington Community Council: Minutes of meeting held on Tues 18th June 2024 at 7pm in Symington Community Hall.

Present: Liz Kelly, Dave Houfe, Julie Howie, Ailsa Paterson, Rhona Duncan, Deborah White, Jillian Mulholland, John Mulholland.

In attendance: Jan McGarry SAC.

Apologies: Local Police.

1.	Declaration of interest: There were no declarations of interest.	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting (16th May 2023) Proposed by Debs White and seconded by Julie Howie.	
3.	<p>Matters Arising and outstanding items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of real time bus tracker to be actioned by MacMick. • Traffic Calming – still on track, work should start July/August. • Lollipop person at school - ongoing. • Poor state of footpath leading from Brewlands Drive to the shops was raised by a member of the public 	<p><i>Mac/Mick</i></p> <p><i>Julie Howie</i></p> <p><i>Cllrs</i> <i>DettbarnTownson</i></p>
4.	<p>Police Report :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serious and organised crime- no incidents drug supply – Police continue to welcome any information. 2. Safer Communities. One report of youths fighting , but no trace when police arrived. Domestic abuse continues to be an area of focus. 3. Acquisitive Crime- nil 4. Community Wellbeing- police continue to respond to high number of welfare concerns. 5. Road safety- nil 6. Up-coming events – Symington Gala Day. 	
5.	<p>Secretary’s Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compass – a one stop shop for those affected by drugs/alcohol- now open at 7-9 James St. Ayr 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns raised by member of public re: tree/shrub residue left from work at Bowling Club. Bowling Club will deal with this. Housing Policy and Strategy at SAC have commissioned Arneil Johnston to carry out research, to better understand housing needs of rural communities. Details will be placed on Community Council website. Creation of potential woodland – Burnbrae – project is at an early stage and when there is a firm planting design a presentation will be made to Community Council. My Magic Kids – resource available to support children overcoming anxiety issues. For more information email mymagicmindkids@gmail.com 	<i>Bowling Club</i>
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurers Report: £2,542.81p in account Accounts still to be audited. 	<i>John Mulholland</i>
8.	<p>Planning :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application for 4 dwellings in a redundant farm steading at Dyke Farm has been refused by planning. Coodham – proposed development – to date no application from Hallbar homes has been made. 	
9.	<p>Pollinator Friendly Symington:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April the feature- length documentary Riverwoods was screened in the Community Hall. As well as Symington residents, people from Dundonald, Tarbolton, Prestwick, Craigie, Belmont and Kincaidston were in attendance. The event prompted a subsequent meeting with members of Prestwick CC to discuss potential collaboration on the Pow Burn and there will be another meeting in a couple of weeks to further these discussions. Bat Walk- a second bat walk was held in the vicinity of Shaw Park and the Churchyard with support from SAC Ranger Service. Pipestrelle bats and a larger Noctule bat were recorded. Pollinator Surveys- monthly surveys are underway to identify the number of bees and butterflies that use the wildflower verge. Anyone who wishes to garden with pollinators in mind is invited to contact Dave Houfe or symingtoncc@hotmail.com 	<i>Dave Houfe</i>

10.	<p>Community Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audrey Gatt from SAC is providing support. • Rhona is linking with the school. • Questionnaires will be made available from Imran's, the Co-Op, the library and online. <p>Local Place Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John has been working on this and provided an update, stressing the need for a balanced approach. There is still work to be done before submission to SAC. 	<p><i>John Mulholland/ Community Council</i></p>
11.	<p>AOCB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue of overgrown trees at Brewlands Road - to be passed to SAC, Neighbourhood Services. 	<p><i>Julie</i></p>
12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 20th August 7 pm 2024, Public meeting Hall 2 at 7pm.</p>	