

SYMINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 16th June 2026 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington

Present: Julie Howie (Chair), Dave Houfe (Secretary), Gareth Lees (Vice Chair), Deborah Lochhead (Treasurer), Sharon Johnston, Liz Kelly.

Apologies: Rhona Duncan, Shelagh Miller, Jan McGarry (SAC)
Noted that there had been no communication from Cllrs Julie Dettbarn, Stephen Ferry, or Duncan Townson

	<i>Item</i>	<i>Action by</i>
1.	Declaration of interest: None	
2.	Minutes of previous meetings 21st April 2026: Proposed by DH , Seconded by LK 19th May 2026: Proposed by: DL, Seconded by JH AGM minutes were not available for agreement for approval at AGM 2027 – to be circulated by email.	DH
3.	Matters Arising: • Community Police Visit (JH) JH and SM met with Paul Tomkinson, local community police officer, to discuss concerns of residents. The team (5 officers) cover Road Traffic Incidents, speed checks, local complaints, citation deliveries and fraud in Troon, Prestwick, Dundonald, Monkton and Symington. Unable to attend CC meetings on Tuesday evenings due to shift pattern, but will continue to submit reports. These cannot include details which might lead to individuals being identified. Speeding issues – Police opinion is that traffic engineering is the main/only effective way to address. DH suggested that a community-led initiative such as school pupils' posters should also be considered. Advised that minor concerns regarding Townend House should be recorded and collated by residents and reported to police if necessary. Any major concerns should be reported directly to Police. A similar facility elsewhere has not led to increased police intervention. Local non-urgent issues 'phone 101 or email: ayrshirelpstprestwick@scotland.police.uk • Community Council Vacancies (JH) Two vacancies remain on Community Council and SAC have confirmed that one co-opted member can be appointed. Anyone interested, please contact symingtoncc@hotmail.com	

	• Real time 'bus tracker- Planning Condition SYM1 (JH) Craig Iles has contacted Enforcement Team and MacMic have now agreed to submit a planning application for one unit within 21 days. • Main Street traffic survey result (JH) Results not available. However, the location was not altered as requested so another speed check will be undertaken. Main St residents requested to identify (by lamppost ID numbers) area of most concern. • Electronic signs Contractor has been appointed. Allocation of funding awaited. • Signs for C93 Knockendale corner (JH) Date for installation still awaited (April minutes) • Overgrown hedge – Brewlands Drive (JD) Cllr Dettbarn not in attendance • Ward Capital spend (JD) As above • Litter picking equipment JH confirmed that this is available for uplift from Library	<i>Main St residents</i> <i>JH</i> <i>JH</i>
4.	Police Report: (DH) as attached Two reports of vandalism - DH to request further information. One case of domestic abuse. Complaint forwarded to CC by Cllr Dettbarn to be referred to police.	<i>DH</i> <i>DH</i>
5.	Secretary's Report (DH): • Enhance Healthcare (EH) - further information supplied by EH is available from CC on request. • New Powers for Community Councils – survey to be posted on CC website; deadline for response is mid-August. • Alan Gemmell (MP) – thanking all CC members for their voluntary contribution to the community. • SPT Community Path Fund – for new paths or improving existing paths. Guidance to be checked (DH), and if relevant for Shaw Park or Main Street, to share with members	<i>DH</i> <i>DH</i>
6.	Treasurer's Report (DL): Balance (May): £2273.07 Payment made to Undersky for outdoor activities provided at Symington PS £500+VAT Current balance: £1655	

	Administration grant (£600) - application to be submitted to SAC.	<i>DL</i>
7.	Planning Report (JH): No significant new local applications. Local Review body considering appeal in respect of 62A Main Street. Result due later this month.	
8.	Elected members' reports (JD,SF,DT): Cllr Dettbarn, Cllr Ferry, Cllr Townson None available.	
9.	Pollinator Friendly and Pow Burn Project updates (DH): • Primary School activities Positive feedback received from school regarding activities provided by UnderSky and funded through Community Council. • Pollinator Friendly Symington (PFS) friends gathering Successful garden event hosted by Dave and Maureen Houfe attended by 15 residents • Stepping Stones (launched 28 March 2026) PFS is a partner in the SAC Ranger Service's 'Stepping Stones' project. Involved with planting of replacement trees and providing wildflower seeds in the village. See Underfoot leaflet available from Library. • Powburn Project - DH attended Monkton Gala which was beneficial. Stall at Symington Gala (possibly) and Prestwick Promenade to follow. The project has two new community volunteers, who are currently helping with online presence and publicity material	
10.	Events/Fundraising (SJ): SJ and SB are looking for ideas on fundraising to support local groups, and social events Discussion on ways that advertising to increase awareness and avoid clashing of events within the village could be undertaken e.g. dedicated Facebook page, tab on CC website.	<i>All</i>
11.	AOCB: • Grass cutting/littered cans Member of public reporting said they would discuss the matter with contractor/ARA. • Memorial garden State of the garden and seats raised – possible support to be discussed with Dean Barlas (Community Justice Service) • Parking on pavement on A77 flyover Concerns about distraction of drivers and obstruction of pavement by Scottish Independence supporters flying flags had been raised with police by a resident. No action to be taken by Police. • X77/X77K	JH

	GL to prepare a paper with options on improving access to X77 and X77K 'bus services for Symington. • Prestwick, Monkton and Symington Locality Planning Partnership LK informed that applications for funding (£500 to £3K) will be opening in July –information to be circulated to local groups when available. Vacancies exist for community interest and community Council reps (or Deputy) – anyone interested contact LK for further information. • Burnbrae Woodland A 'bridge' has been constructed over the Rumblin' Burn. DH to contact Savill's to ask when client will be instituting footpaths and reasonable access to the site. • Disabled parking bay at Brewlands Road shops Noted that the disabled parking bay at the Brewlands Road shops is poorly defined. ARA has been contacted by GL. • Report a Fault – residents are reminded that information is available on Symington Community Council website, and cover of the Symington Community Action Plan.	GL DH
12.	Date of next meeting: 18th August 2026 at 7pm in Hall 2, Hall for All, Main Street, Symington	