

SYMINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes 21st November 2023 19.30pm Hall for All

1. Present - E Kelly, D Houfe, Jo Mulholland, S Murray, A Paterson, Ji Mulholland,
In attendance - J Dettbarn, S Ferry
2. Apologies – J Howie, S Robertson
3. Declarations of Interests – E Kelly / Planning application adjacent to Knockendale Cottages
4. Approval of Minutes – Proposer D Houfe, Seconder A Paterson.
5. Youth Club Presentation by Sandra McMath from Thriving Communities. She advised the meeting about the values attached to different age groups and that any sort of evening club might be best targeted at the teenagers. The issue of youths hanging about with nothing to do was discussed along with the problems of engagement with youths who in part do not wish to engage. Sandra identified a need for adult involvement in establishing any form of youth club. Parents and volunteers needed to establish the youth requirements, with details on numbers, age groups through the likes of surveys and taster sessions. The involvement of groups like the PTA and investigation of direct support could be examined following the formation of some kind of adult group the support a youth initiative.
6. Matters Arising –
 - 6.1 Bus Realtime, advised by ARA, update at next meeting. ARA
 - 6.2 20mph traffic calming. No update. JH
 - 6.3 Signs/Bench Taken to next round funding. Main Street sign – SAC to cover up Community Centre.
 - 6.4 Churchyard Maintenance – Under the Fiona Ross team
 - 6.5 Kilmarnock Road Pavement – Sorted, new sign other side of the road – outstanding
 - 6.6 John Nimmo laid wreath on behalf of the village.
 - 6.7 Travel strategy survey off the website now.
 - 6.8 Shaw Park Pavilion – To be reinstated as previous – there is a need to identify interested community groups to achieve new agreements and some kind of community Asset Transfer was acknowledged
7. Police Report – 2 minor calls (youth activity, Deer Meadow)
8. Secretary Report
 - VASA Newsletters distributed to community groups
 - SUDS area to be maintained
 - Colin Love (SAC Community Asset Transfer) offer to attend CC Meeting – to be invited to attend the February meeting. EK
 - Police monitoring area for underage drinking / vaping

- Scam / Rogue traders in village. Trading Standards information van at shops 24th Nov 11.30-12.30
- Christmas Tree installed, decorations attached
- Julie tendered her resignation as secretary but will continue as planning contact.

9. Treasurer's Report - Current balance £3694.48. John intimated his intention to resign as treasurer at the end of the current financial year and not seek re-election to the CC.

10. Planning Report – Regulatory Panels Procedures, awaiting response
Julie continues to pursue the outstanding SYM1 planning conditions not complied with by the developers.

(D Houfe took the chair)

Planning application (3 cottages at Knockendale Farm)

Dr M Kelly made a presentation of the application details to the meeting. He highlighted the nature of the road at that point and the narrow double bend with high banking and hedges that prevent pedestrians from getting clear of the road. He highlighted previous incidents and near misses and indicated that in his opinion 4 exits for thirteen houses represented an unacceptable to all road users at that point. These factors including sight line issues need to be considered by the roads authority before any approval for development is given. Waterflow through the chicane and icing due to the lack of any sunshine in that area in winter only add to the adverse effect of more housing. After discussion the CC agreed to make a submission on the matter to the regulatory Panel. Councillor Ferry also pledged to forward community concern on the matter to ARA

(E Kelly resumed as chair)

11. Elected Members Reports – Nothing further to report.

12. Wildflower Project

- SWT and Ayrshire Rangers are tree planting (45) within the village on 30th November and 2nd December.
- Co-op provided funding for additional 'Pollinator Friendly' signs

13. Memorial Garden – SAC to produce plan to plant up in February.

14. Applications for Minute Secretary – Non received – co-opting members of the CC.

15. A.O.B.

- Liz to complete / submit RAG self-assessment form. EK
- Member of public raised safety concerns on car maintenance on the Main Street. EK
- Polling stations request to use the Hall. No objections rose. EK

- Light outside the hall on Main Street still not working despite being reported for some time. SF
- Overflowing bins at shops and park reported – situation at shops now resolved – to be monitored.
- The question as to the purpose of the camera recently spotted on Main Street at the entrance to SYM1 at Coats corner. Cllr Dettbarn agreed to investigate if this is a SAC mobile camera. JD

16. Next Meeting – Tuesday 16th January 7.00pm Hall for All (6.30pm Pre-meeting for Community Council members only)