

Symington Community Council: Minutes of meeting held on Tues 19th March 2024 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.

Present: Liz Kelly, Dave Houfe, Julie Howie, Sheila Murray, Ailsa Paterson, John Mulholland, Jillian Mulholland.

Apologies: none

Declarations: none

In attendance: Cllr Townson, Jan McGarry SAC.

1.	<p>Presentation from Colin Love, Team Leader Community Asset Transfer, South Ayrshire Council:</p> <p>Colin gave an overview of Community Asset Transfers (CATs) and the processes involved. Community Empowerment Act, taking responsibility for council owned assets, either lease or ownership transfer, allowing more opportunity for grants/funding, if under community management. 6 completed within SAC, 4 – ownership, 1 – lease, 1 – refused, 10 more in progress. Examples: Pinwherry & Pinmore old school into community hub (ownership, £30k funding from Scottish Land Fund), Friends of Dundonald Castle (ownership). Advice & support available from SAC, VASA & COSS (Scot Gov funded).</p> <p>Q&A session followed, regarding local CAT projects, particularly rebuild of pavilion following fire. Symington Community Gym and SPark group are in discussion with SAC. If there is no community interest, the rebuilt premises will be independently valued for open commercial market.</p> <p>Symington Bowling Club also investigating a CAT, already submitted Stage 1 note of interest, and working on Stage 2, which includes informing the community of the intention to do a CAT to allow the public to respond.</p> <p>Liz thanked Colin for his informative talk.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting (16th January 2024): Proposed by Dave Houfe and seconded by Ailsa Paterson. Notes from 20th February 2024 (non-quorate) retained</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising and outstanding items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local bus service tracker screen at turning circle, enforcement of SYM1 planning condition: ARA to contact developer. Bus timetable inaccuracies now resolved. 	Julie

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 mph & traffic calming measures - ARA have intimated work progress during the summertime. Cllrs. Dettbarn and Townson to explore the possibility of a Lollipop person in the village. • Spring allocation of ward money – awaiting update - items proposed: new bench on Kerrix Road, Fingerposts on Symington Road North/Main Street and a bench in the playpark on Brewlands Crescent. (See later) • Community Council members election – two nominations have been received: Rhona Duncan and Deborah Lockhead. • Camera (MainSt/Deer Meadow) – no update 	<p><i>Cllrs. Dettbarn/ Townson</i></p> <p><i>Cllrs. Dettbarn/ Townson</i></p>
4.	<p>Police Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence – no incidents • Drugs Supply – 1 incident & arrest. • Safer Communities- Anti-social behaviour - one report of rubbish fire setting/fire services attended to extinguish fire. • Acquisitive Crime- Nil • Community Wellbeing- welfare concerns continue to take up a considerable amount of time. • Road Safety – Numerous RTC's road traffic issues on A77 near to Symington, nothing within the village. 	
5.	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hallbar Homes request to attend April meeting re application for 38 eco-homes at Coodham. Agreed for attendance at April meeting. • South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership survey, scan QR codes to access. • Community advisory group (forum of community councillors) to discuss Ayrshire topics, travel routes, climate, etc. 	<p><i>Liz/Dave</i></p>
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council awarded grants to: Hall for all (fire door replacement), Scout Hut and Mothers & Toddlers, £50 each. • There is a balance of £3,138 in the Community Council account. 	<p><i>John Mulholland</i></p>
7.	<p>Planning Report;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The procedural changes at the Regulatory Panel are still ongoing. • ARA monitoring traffic activity at Knockendale. 	<p><i>Julie</i></p>

8	<p>Elected members Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Townson confirmed capital spend projects can't have legacy costs i.e. must be 1 off cost. Proposals for projects as follows: car park at MUGA/Bowling Club end of Shaw Park needs resurfaced (potholes only get filled with gravel, which crumble again within months, needs proper tarmac resurfacing), bench along Kerrix Road, wall crumbling opposite Wheatsheaf, replace coping stones and widen pavement, wall near shops after RTC (check if under insurance), Shaw Park widen path through to bus turning circle, areas near garages in village run down & overgrowing hedges throughout village. 	<p><i>Cllrs. Dettbarn/ Townson</i></p>
9.	<p>Pollinator Friendly Symington (PFS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nectar Network & community volunteers completed laying of hedgerow behind wildflower verge, aim to create richer wildlife hedgerow. • 54 trees planted at 3 village locations, to form basis of wildlife hedgerows. • Attended NPF4 event at Scot Gov to describe work of PFS to minister & MSP's. • Scottish Wildlife Trust PFS video, Community Action website, includes a page about PFS, https://community.scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/ • Ayrshire Climate Hub Networking event 26 Mar. • How to encourage pollinators through the seasons talk, 7pm, 30 March, Community Hall, then Sun 31st March 10.30 at bench by bowling club, see the moths trapped overnight. • 23rd April 7pm, Community Hall, Riverwoods documentary video, narrated by Peter Capaldi, a rallying call for restoring native woodland to Scotland's river catchments & life they support, reserve a seat at https://Riverwoods-Symington.eventbrite.co.uk. 	
10.	<p>Community Action Plan (CAP) Subgroup Report :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of community council and community have met twice, working with feedback gained at end of 2022, and will gauge further input via online survey, analysed by Thriving Communities, SAC (Audrey Gatt). • Concept is for Community Action Plan (CAP) to feed into the Local Place Plan (LPP). • Funding available. • Deadline date to feed into LPP is September 	

11.	<p>Local Place Plan (LPP) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions followed , agreement that an LPP is desired, but undecided how to proceed i.e. use the 2022 LPP report produced by SAC, or due to limited community input to this report, do further community survey, taking ownership and build on the 2022 report. Audrey Gatt has provided a form which can be adapted to allow feedback. Further discussion re way forward required. Register expression of interest to submit a LPP. 	<i>Dave</i>
12.	AOCB: None	
13.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 16th April 2024, Public Meeting in Hall 2 Symington Community Hall Includes Presentation from Hallbar Homes, regarding their proposed planning application at Coodham</p>	