

## Symington Community Council

**Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.**

**Present:** Liz Kelly (Chair), Deborah Lochhead (Treasurer), Julie Howie (Planning), Rhona Duncan, Sharon Johnston,

**Apologies:** Dave Houfe (Secretary and Vice Chair), Gareth Lees, Jillian Mulholland John Mulholland, Jan McGarry

**Declarations:** None

**In attendance:** None

<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Approval of previous meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were proposed by DL, seconded by JH, subject to two minor amendments.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Matters arising</b> <b>Change to bus stop.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARA knew nothing about this. In the meantime, drivers seem to be stopping at both stops until the shelter is removed.</li> <li>• Drivers are requested to stick to the timetable provided.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JH met with ARA to discuss C93 road (Knockendale)</li> </ul> <p><b>Townend House</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing has been received from Enhance Healthcare despite requesting an update from them since the last meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fraud report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmed that this had been an online crime with no particular risk to other residents</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Outstanding</b> <b>Local Bus Service Real time tracker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JH emailed and phoned new planning contact. There should be an update in April</li> </ul> <p><b>ARA 20 mph Proposal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All signage is in place. ARA are to undertake a further speed monitoring exercise in a better location in May.</li> <li>• Traffic calming measures to be discussed, but the idea of extended sleeping policemen at various locations was agreed. JH to raise with ARA</li> <li>• Electronic speed signs were still to be installed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Footpath at Brewlands Drive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Dettbarn to advise on current position re overgrown hedge.</li> </ul>	<p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Dettbarn</i></p>

	<p><b>Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further update from MSP regarding mobile phone network provision in the village</li> </ul> <p><b>Knockendale corner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bend warning signs to be installed as and when ARA programme permits</li> </ul> <p><b>Ward Capital Spend.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whilst the Shaw Park car park surfacing has been approved, further written support has been requested by Audrey Gatt from CC, Bowling Club and Spark.</li> </ul> <p><b>Replacement Trees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAC have advised that these were not available last month, but will be provided in April.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pavilion Rebuild and Pathway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pavilion is to be leased out or sold by SAC, as there is currently no local interest.</li> </ul> <p><b>Double Yellow Lines at School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of ARA's visit, they met with JH, the school Head and the PTA. The outcome was everyone agreed that school drop off and pick up time was mayhem, with no regard to double yellow lines. The Head agreed to issue a notice to all parents. The children are doing posters re safe parking and speed.</li> <li>A cycle shelter was discussed by PTA, however, they will need to apply for their own funding for this.</li> <li>The Prestwick Academy bus should stop elsewhere, suggested the turning circle. ARA are to contact SAC and SPT.</li> </ul>	<p><i>DH</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Dettbarn</i></p> <p><i>DH</i></p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Police Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No violent incidents or drugs issues reported in the period</li> <li>No Anti Social behaviour incidents reported</li> <li>No Domestic abuse incidents reported</li> <li>No Hate crime incidents reported</li> <li>No housebreaking, robbery or fraud reported</li> <li>No welfare concerns or substance use reported.</li> </ul>	<p><i>DH</i></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Secretary's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CC elections have concluded. The results are posted on the notice board by the school and on the news page of the CC website. John and Jillian Mulholland have decided to retire from SCC after many years. This leaves 3 vacancies on CC.</li> <li>Correspondence to the CC included a query about public transport directly to Troon/Dundonald not being included in the CAP. There had been insufficient support for this in the consultations. Also, the routes available (narrow country roads) may not be suitable,</li> </ul>	

	<p>and the option remains to travel via Monkton or Kilmarnock.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CC had been copied into an email from Symington Primary PTA to Scott Mulholland (Assistant Director – Education at SAC), and Cllr William Grant regarding Safeguarding concerns on the proposed drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility within Symington</li> <li>• CC had been copied into an email from Symington Primary PTA to Scott Mulholland (Assistant Director – Education at SAC), and Cllr William Grant regarding Safeguarding concerns on the proposed drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility within Symington.</li> <li>• Information had been received from Heartstart charity regarding free CPR training – to be posted on CC website.</li> </ul>	<i>DH</i>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank balance: £2,260.86 (CR)</li> <li>• Funds received by CC are grants, so no ability to fund items not related to source of grants awarded.</li> </ul>	<i>DL</i> <i>SCC</i>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Planning Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application received for a new build dwelling in Main St, which was originally rejected by SAC Planning Dept. An appeal was made, but this has been rejected once again as it is too big for the site.</li> <li>• Hayes Garden Centre have received temporary permission for a marquee, wc’s and café</li> <li>• Coodham still ongoing. The developer, Hallbar Homes continue to issue newsletters, however SAC have not made a decision on planning. HH will need to apply for a s42 , equivalent to a full planning application.</li> <li>• Townend House – there had been a site meeting since the last CC for the regulatory panel. Those attending outside the panel were not allowed to speak or give information. JH and DH attended along with 4 residents of neighbouring properties.</li> </ul>	<i>DH</i> <i>JH</i> <i>SJ</i>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Elected members Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None present – no reports received</li> </ul>	<i>All Cllrs</i>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Pollinator Friendly Symington (PFS):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 3 March DH gave a presentation to a SWT “Ayrshire Nature Pioneers gathering”</li> <li>• DH was interviewed in support of South Ayrshire Rangers “Stepping Stones” project, which encourages community action for nature, and which considers Symington and PFS to be a model community.</li> <li>• DH will present on PFS to the Prestwick Gardeners Club</li> </ul>	<i>DH</i>

9.	<p><b>Community Action Plan (CAP):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is now at the printers, with copies to be made available at the next meeting. Link to document to be posted on CC website and Facebook</li> </ul> <p><b>Local Place Plan (LPP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A draft plan has been prepared. LK will forward the draft to CC members and look at how issues raised in CAP can fall into the LPP. C/f to April meeting</li> </ul>	LK/AG/ SCC
10.	<p><b>AOCB Justice Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting suggested that the memorial gardens at Brewlands and the park at Brewlands Cres could be offered for Community Service.</li> </ul>	JH
11.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026, followed by Public Meeting in Hall 2 - Symington Community Hall 7pm.</p>	