

Minutes of meeting held on 19th August 2025 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.

Present: Liz Kelly, Dave Houfe, Julie Howie, Deborah Lochhead, John Mulholland, Jillian Mulholland

Apologies: Rhona Duncan

Declarations: none

In attendance: Cllr Julie Dettbarn, Jan McGarry

1.	Minutes of previous meeting The notes of the AGM and public meeting held on 17th June 2025 were proposed by DL, seconded by DH.	
2.	Matters arising and outstanding items: Local bus service tracker screen – continue to pursue although has now been ongoing for 10years. Contacted Planning Department several times Jul-Aug, transport consultant stated that Mactaggart & Mickel are raising Section 42 amendment to reduce real time tracker screens from 3 to 1. Cllr Dettbarn to check if there is a time limitation regarding enforcement. No update on traffic calming completion, ARA contact on paternity leave till September. Outstanding: • Completion of double yellow lines • Placement of three electronic speed displays if possible Ongoing concerns re non-adherence to new traffic calming measures. As speed/parking issues are police matters, they'll monitor success of new measures. Double yellow lines at corners, as identified by the community – request submitted to ARA (such requests take 18 month legal process) Brewlands Drive overgrown hedge. No update if any council support in getting the hedge cut. Cllr Dettbarn to investigate reported overgrown hedge on Dankeith Road. Village Resilience Plan regarding mobile phone cover, MSP Elena Whitham received reply from SG Minister responsible for Digital Connectivity re current cover. (Symington not involved in current upgrade plans) EE – 4G good (2 masts, 1 faulty under investigation) Vodafone 3 - outdoors cover good, indoors vary	<i>JH</i> <i>Cllr Dettbarn</i> <i>JH</i> <i>Cllr Dettbarn</i> <i>Cllr Dettbarn</i>

	O2 – outdoors cover good, indoors weak, 4G only avail, 3G withdrawn. Minister to provide update when further information known. Knockendale corner safety –No feedback re monitoring of usage and speed. JH to contact ARA for update. Allocation of Ward Capital funding. Cllr Dettbarn confirmed that sealed tarmac surfacing of Shaw Park carpark, adjacent to Symington Bowling Club/MUGA and replacing/repainting fingerposts on Main Street /Symington Road North will be implemented Wooden fence between the playpark on Brewlands Crescent and the neighbouring house now replaced. Parking restrictions/pavement parking – member of public has written to ARA regarding small piece of land purchase for car parking – Cllr Dettbarn suggested they write to SAC Asset Management department too. Pavilion rebuild - due rebuild delay, request for temporary path to the playground Cllr Dettbarn agreed to contact Fiona Ross regarding what, if any, amendments have been made to the internal structure Discussions took place regarding community involvement subsequent to the rebuild, noting the wishes and desires of a substantial number of people interested in the future of a gym facility. Gaelic sign on Brewlands Road adjacent to Lomond View with possible minor spelling/accent error, agreed to remove item from agenda.	<i>DH</i> <i>JH</i> <i>Cllr Dettbarn</i> <i>Cllr Dettbarn</i> <i>Cllr Dettbarn</i>
3.	Police Report: Police Scotland responded to why two incidents not noted in last month/s police report. Substance abuse/driving under influence – ongoing investigation, no answer why not present in report, individual has now moved out the village Stolen car – issue not reported by public, but by police reporting direct to car owner of discovered burnt car This month, one drugs supply incident, quantity of Nitrous Oxide recovered from property – ongoing investigation, two anti-social behaviour incidents at private addresses, one domestic abuse incident, one	

	housebreaking (suspect known to victim, no wider risk to the public) one case of welfare concern, and one driving incident (driver arrested, charged with driving under influence of drugs, whilst disqualified, no insurance, careless driving) reported.	
4.	Secretary's Report Further correspondence from Hallbar Homes regarding the minutes from meeting on April 15th, 2025. LK to reply to Tom Macartney, Hallbar Homes with details of SAC's community council complaints procedure, which will clarify the concerns they have and enable the SCC to respond accordingly. ARA service review online survey – deadline 5th Sept, SCC will submit feedback to survey, any members of public wishing to respond are referred to ARA website	LK
5.	Treasurer's Report: • Balance is £2655.54 • Last year's costs reimbursement received • Hall hire invoice due	DL
6.	Planning Report: Planning applications – nothing new to date. Outstanding: Coodham Development; Burnbrae Woodlands Project	JH/DH
7.	Elected Members Reports: Councillor Dettbarn reported SAC has new interim Chief Exec, with interviews being held next month for permanent Chief Executive. The revised Scheme of Establishment paperwork should be in the public domain today (19 Aug 25) It is disappointing that no reports are received from the Cllrs who are unable to attend the meetings.	
8.	Pollinator Friendly Symington (PFS): Update deferred till next meeting due time restraints Ongoing collaboration with Prestwick CC working on Powburn project.	DH

9.	Community Action Plan: Draft Community Action Plan, based on identified community priorities, being finalised (layout being amended for improved clarity) – draft will be presented at the next meeting. Once completed SCC will focus on the community's Local Place Plan (LPP), which is being drafted by JH. Cllr Dettbarn agreed to find out if any LPPs are already in place	SCC <i>Cllr Dettbarn</i>
10.	AOCB LK to contact Liz Dillon re role specification for Evie Tougher (youth rep). Cllr Dettbarn to investigate costs of Xmas decorations allocated to other villages against those for Symington. Concerns noted from members of the public regarding Townend House conversion from a care home to drug/alcohol rehab establishment. Inappropriate location within rural village, limited amenities, on a private road with no lighting, no requirement to apply for change of use, were some of the issues raised. Cllr Dettbarn agreed to find out more with Social Work & Drug Abuse Services, and also discuss change of use rules and community consultation with Planning. It was agreed that Cllr Dettbarn would ask Townend House organisation to attend next meeting and provide the community with details of these apparent plans. Prestwick and Villages Locality Planning Partnership free event 'Your Health & Wellbeing – Your Future' on Friday 29th August 11am-1pm in Community Hall Friendship Group, meets Wednesdays 12.30-2.45pm, sends out invite to community to join the group Anyone wishing item added into agenda, to submit question to the Community Council website in advance of meeting so it can be included.	LK <i>Cllr Dettbarn</i> <i>Cllr Dettbarn</i> <i>Cllr Dettbarn</i>
11.	Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 16th September 2025, Public Meeting in Hall 2 Symington Community Hall 7pm	