

Symington Community Council: minutes of meeting held on 21st February 2023 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.

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

Apologies: Stuart Pike, Cllr Stephen Ferry.

In attendance ; Cllr. Julie Dettbarn, Cllr. Duncan Townson, Jan McGarry.

1.	Declaration of interest: There we no declarations of interest.	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting (17th January 2023)- Proposed by Dave Houfe and seconded by Julie Howie.	
3.	<p>Matters Arising and outstanding items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bin collections /recycling – Cllr. Dettbarn has sent information confirming that SAC has a contract in place for all three waste streams with Lowmac Alloys. The law requires SAC to have an audit trail of all items sent for recycling- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Domestic glass waste goes to Allied Glass in UK where it is melted down and recycled. ➤ All card/paper is recycled back into paper by Palm Recycling. ➤ Plastic waste goes to Lowmac Alloys in Irvine – where the various grades are separated and sent for final recycling. • Bowling Club signage- ARA have agreed to put up official signs. • War Memorial names – no further action required. • Real time passenger information screens at bus stop – Secretary has written to head of planning – still awaiting a reply .Cllr. Townson agreed to contact Craig Isles to clarify the developer’s responsibility. • Accident at corner of Main Street- no further information available. Agreed to remove from outstanding items. • Following a complaint by Symington Community Council – it has been confirmed that Planning are in the process of reviewing some of the procedural matters around Regulatlory Panel 	

	<p>meetings. Further information will be provided by Craig Isles in due course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently two vacancies on the Community Council – awaiting information from Tracey Whiteford as to whether there have been any applications. Closing date was 16/02/23. 	
4.	Police Report: Nothing of note .	
5	<p>Traffic Calming – There followed a lengthy discussion regarding the proposals for traffic calming measures drawn up by ARA on behalf of the Symington Community. A summary of the main outputs from this discussion is available at the end of the minute - see Appendix 1. It is hoped that a final draft will be prepared as soon as possible and submitted to ARA for their consideration .</p>	<i>Julie Howie, Ailsa Paterson</i>
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £5724-45p in account . it was proposed that - £50-00p is given to the Scout Hall. £50-00p to the Friendship Group. £20-00p to be agreed. 	<i>John Mulholland.</i>
7.	<p>Planning Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting on a response from Planning Dept. re: our recent concerns regarding procedural changes to Regulatory Panel Meetings • Waiting on response from Planning regarding potential mis-representation by panel to ARA. 	<i>Julie Howie.</i>
8.	<p>Elected Members Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Dettbarn will follow up issues with SUDS pond at Sym1 • Cllr Dettbarn has been contacted by developers proposing a relief road and will meet them in the next few weeks. 	<i>Cllr. Dettbarn.</i>
10.	<p>Wildflower Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave informed the meeting that the wildflower verge project is being extended to 'Pollinator Friendly Symington'. It is hoped that anyone with a garden, a few pots, or a window box etc. will consider taking part in this initiative to encourage pollinators and wildlife- Workshops 	<i>Dave Houfe..</i>

	<p>will be held in April and information will be made available locally .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave will also email Cllr. Dettbarn regarding the issue of SAC cutting the verges during (particularly Kerrix Road) when wildflowers are in bloom. 	
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11.	<p>AOCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John raised the matter of Common Good Money. A sum of £3,400 was previously provided to assist with rental of the Bowling Club. This money is no longer forthcoming – Cllrs. Dettbarn and Townson agreed to contact the relevant dept. within SAC to enquire what has happened to this money. • There are numerous potholes within the village – again Cllrs. Dettbarn and Townson will pursue this matter with ARA. 	
13.	<p>Date of next meeting: 21st March 2023 630pm Community Councillors pre-meeting, 7pm Public Meeting.</p>	

Appendix 1.

Notes from Symington Community Council Meeting re: Traffic Calming – 21st February 2023.

1. The majority of those in attendance were in favour of a buffer zone at the three entrances to the village – (Symington Road South, Brewlands Road and Townend Road). This would consist of a 30mph sign, followed by a 20 mph sign as well as an electronic Slow Down sign.

It was suggested that the distance between the 30 mph and 20mph signs should be extended to be more effective. There was some concern expressed re: the number of electronic signs – however as these would only flash if a vehicle was exceeding the speed limit, this was not viewed as a significant problem. There was a suggestion that ARA should be asked for evidence re: efficacy of such electronic signs.

2. New electronic pedestrian crossing on Symington Road South – east of the Glebe- many thought this was too close to the corner and the general view was that this crossing point was not necessary.
3. Proposed change in priorities at Symington Road North and Main Street – would require the bus stop on Symington Road North to be relocated further northwards on Symington Road North. and it was thought that this could cause potential problems due to narrowing of the road .

It was suggested that a better solution might be to replace the Give Way sign at the junction of Main Street and Symington Road North/South by a Stop sign which would ensure drivers stopped before turning left or right and would slow down traffic. Everyone was in agreement with this proposal .

4. A member of the community suggested that perhaps a one way system from Brewlands Road / Main Street junction might help with speeding and parking problems but the general view was that this was not a viable option.

Some cars have been badly damaged outside residents' homes at this part of Brewlands Road.- but it was pointed out that this is due to poor driving /lack of attention from drivers .- rather than the road conditions.

5. Proposed pinch point /chicane outside the Church on Brewlands Road – not thought to be a good idea.
6. Removal of street parking opposite the church and widening of the pedestrian pathway—there followed a lot of discussion re: the pros and cons of this, but overall this was not supported. The impact of reduced parking outside the church would have a detrimental impact on those reliant on a car to attend

church, weddings, funerals and those residents on Brewlands Road opposite the church who do not have off road parking available. If implemented this would only serve to move the parking issue elsewhere. It was also pointed out that this lies within the conservation area. Widening of the footpath only, was deemed to be the best possible option for this section of the road.

7. A resident suggested that a permanent camera sited at the corner of Brewlands Road might help to slow speed – not sure if this is a realistic option.
8. Pinch point at 52 Main Street – giving priority to traffic from the SYM1 direction was not a very popular idea. It was pointed out that this lies within the conservation area and also that it might result in more people using the service road in front of the cottages to the south, when driving down Main Street.- General view was this is not required.
9. Pinch point /chicane on Brewlands Road opposite No 32. There is a significant problem with cars entering the village via Brewlands Road at considerable speed. An additional means of slowing traffic down at this section was generally thought to be a good idea.
10. Double yellow lines outside the Primary School on the Shaw Park side were thought to be a good idea and much safer for children and other road users. This section of Brewlands Road is particularly busy during school drop off and pick up times. Liz to contact the parent teacher council re: this. Duncan suggested that a monitoring system might be of benefit – classes would leave at different intervals to help reduce the number of cars particularly at the end of the school day.
11. Those in attendance were invited to submit additional comments via email to - symingtoncc@hotmail.com