

**Symington Community Council: Minutes of meeting held on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.**

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

**Apologies:** Felicity Thomson.

**In attendance:** Cllr. Dettbarn, Cllr Townson, Jan McGarry SAC, Tracey Whiteford SAC.

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Presentation from Marie Oliver CEO VASA: Ayr Friendly Communities, The Ageing Well Champions Board and work of VASA:</b> Marie explained that in South Ayrshire the % of the population over 75 years of age will rise to over 20% in 2023. This will impact on a range of services such as NHS, Care homes, domiciliary care etc. Marie described how age friendly communities will proactively enable people of all ages to live healthy and active later lives. The South Ayrshire Champions Board has 64 active members – bi-monthly meetings are held in both Ayr and Girvan and there are links to the HSCP/SAC. Marie encouraged members of the public to join the Board. Liz thanked Marie for her informative talk.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting ( 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023):</b> Proposed by Jillian Mulholland and seconded by Dave Houfe.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Matters arising and outstanding items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SUDS at Sym1 – this matter has now been resolved</li> <li>• Cutting grass verges- ARA state that the verges are only cut back to 18 inches from the road edge.</li> <li>• 20 mph- ARA are currently awaiting the appointment of a contractor to undertake the agreed work. An online survey undertaken by Symington PS Parents Association(PA) gave double yellow lines on the Shaw Park side of Brewlands Road as the preferred option. PA to explore additional options including a walking bus. Cllrs. Dettbarn and Townson to explore the possibility of a Lollipop person in the village. Some members of the public raised additional concerns re: volume of traffic on Main Street, lack of suitable parking and the speed of some</li> </ul>	<p><i>Cllrs. Dettbarn/Townson</i></p>

	<p>drivers, in particular on Mount Avenue- all causing significant safety concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next allocation of ward money – Cllr. Dettbarn confirmed it is hoped this will be sufficient to cover the cost of a new bench on Kerrix Road , Fingerposts on Symington Road North/Main Street and a bench in the playpark on Brewlands Crescent.</li> <li>• Place Plan- Tracey Whiteford confirmed that an new appointment had been made and the previous work undertaken will be carried forward. Community Council will be provided with an update.</li> <li>• Minutes Secretary- there has ben no response to our advert – members of the Community Council have agreed to undertake this work on a rotational basis meantime.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Tracey Whiteford.</i></p>
4.	<p><b>Police Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence – no incidents</li> <li>• Drugs Supply – no incidents of note.</li> <li>• Safer Communities- Anti-social behaviour - one report of disturbance .</li> <li>• Acquisitive Crime- Nil</li> <li>• Community Wellbeing- welfare concerns continue to take up a considerable amount of time.</li> <li>• Road Safety – No issues.</li> </ul> <p>The committee noted that there was no mention in the police report of the recent fire at Symington Pavilion.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Secretary's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of churchyard including grass cutting – Cllr. Dettbarn agreed to contact Fiona Ross SAC for clarification.</li> <li>• VASA funding opportunities continue to be disseminated to various groups within the village.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Cllr. Dettbarn.</i></p>
6.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John will order wreath for Remembrance Sunday and Sean has agreed to take delivery of same.</li> <li>• The account held by the Community Council on behalf of SPARK has now been closed and monies transferred to Spark's Virgin Money account.</li> </ul>	<p><i>John Mulholland/ Sean Robertson</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a balance of £3,795 in the Community Council account.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Planning Report;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The procedural changes at the Regulatory Panel are still ongoing.</li> <li>• Accountability of Planning Dept remains unclear as they appear to investigate complaints against themselves- Tracey Whiteford has agreed to contact the complaints team at SAC for clarification.</li> </ul>	<i>Tracey Whiteford.</i>
8.	<p><b>Elected members Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Dettbarn confirmed the structure of the Pavilion could be rebuilt, however before this can happen a purpose for the building must be found. A working group is currently looking at different options.</li> <li>• Community Councillors and the public are keen that the local community is involved in the discussions.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Pollinator Friendly Symington (PFS):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 gardens have now signed up- some gardens still to be visited.</li> <li>• Seeds and leaflets have been distributed</li> <li>• Lynne form Nectar Network continues to provide support.</li> <li>• Co-op have agreed to fund another batch of signs.</li> <li>• Bat walk in Shaw Park in August, led by Joanne from SAC Ranger Service was well attended and more are planned.</li> <li>• A moth trap was used in 9 different gardens.</li> <li>• PFS will be showcased by Scottish Wildlife Trust.</li> <li>• Tree Planting -54 trees are to be planted at identified and approved sites in the village.</li> <li>• The wildflower verge on Symington Road South will be cut on 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – volunteers welcome.</li> <li>• A workshop and celebratory event will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> September.</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>Mental Health Project:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project has now been signed off.</li> <li>• The plan for the Memorial Garden still to be worked out.</li> </ul>	
11.	<p><b>AOCB:</b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is one remaining vacancy for a Community Councillor.</li> <li>• Tree to be taken down behind Bowling Club.</li> <li>• Cllrs. Dettbarn and Townson to investigate state of pavement on Kilmarnock Road.</li> <li>• It was agreed that the banners to advertise Community Council meetings should be replaced.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Cllrs. Dettbarn/Townson.</i></p> <p><i>Julie/Ailsa</i></p>
12.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 6.30pm Community Councillors pre-meeting. 7pm Public Meeting in Hall 2 Symington Community Hall</p>	

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