

Symington Community Council: minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2019 in the Hall for All, Symington.

Present : Liz Kelly (Chair), Dave Houfe (Secretary), Charlie Cotchin (Vice-chair), Julie Howie, Ailsa Paterson, Jillian Mulholland, John Mulholland.

In attendance: Cllr Andy Campbell, Cllr Julie Dettbarn, members of the public.

Apologies: Paul McCluskey, Community Policing Team.

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1.	<p>The meeting began with a brief presentation from Seonaid Lewis - Community Engagement Officer with South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership who explained that small grants can be made available to local groups. Previously some groups within the village such as Mothers and Toddlers, Symington Caledonian and the Gala Committee have been successful in acquiring funding from SAC. There followed some discussion re: groups within the community who might be interesting in applying for funding such as - Symington SPARK, Symington Bowling Club, the Community Newsletter team, The Hall for All, Symington Caledonian and the Mothers and Toddlers Group: this list is not exhaustive. By way of taking this forward it was suggested that a small event within Symington in early 2020 for Symington and Monkton communities only, might be considered as means of ensuring greater equity of access to funding. This information will be disseminated to as many groups as possible within Symington. Next steps – interested groups to work up costings for potential bids. Seonaid also informed the meeting that the Health and Social Care Partnership plan to increase dementia awareness via a local event in the New Year.</p>	<p><i>Liz Kelly</i></p>
2.	<p>Public Forum: Concerns were raised regarding the effectiveness of the trial traffic calming measures undertaken recently at Coates Corner. The community council is awaiting the results from the trial and it was agreed that a letter would be sent on behalf of the community council to Kevin Braidwood at ARA requesting an update. It is considered vital that the community as a whole has an opportunity to contribute prior to any implementation.</p> <p>There continue to be problems with vehicles speeding throughout the village. Of particular concern is the blind bend on Brewlands Road at Schoolhouse. As a result of going too fast, traffic often stray into the path of oncoming vehicles and a resident's car has been severely damaged on several occasions leading to costly repairs. Cllr .Campbell agreed to take this matter up with SAC/ARA.</p> <p>The on-going problems with vehicles speeding throughout the village will be highlighted when ARA next attend our meeting.</p> <p>A question was asked re: proposals to renew the cladding on some of the Scottish Special Houses in the village. It is understood that the Scottish Govt. will release money to enable progression of this work. It was agreed that Cllr. Campbell will seek clarification from housing on this matter and that a letter will also go from the community council.</p>	<p><i>Dave Houfe</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Dave Houfe</i></p>

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4.	<p>Matters Arising Thanks to Davie Ronald for laying the wreath on behalf of the community council at the remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10th November. As several cars went past during the service it was suggested that this might be managed in a sensitive way to ensure motorists are not able to do so in the future. It was agreed that the community council will seek advice from the community policing team.</p>	Dave Houfe
5.	<p>Police Report –written report read out by Dave Houfe in police absence. Violence and Disorder- 2 vandalism reported and 2 reports of disturbance, 1 assault. No incidents of youth disorder observed by plain clothes patrols. Alcohol and Drugs- no reports of drug or alcohol related calls. The police are continuing to monitor the issue of children drinking in public places and continue to adopt a firm stance with off-licence premises. Residents are encouraged to report any incidents of concern: mobile patrols with regard to youth disorder will continue over the coming weekends. People at Risk- No report of missing persons, two reports of concern for individuals, no hate crimes. Road Safety- 7 road traffic related incidents reported, one resulted in a crime report for damage to a vehicle. Acquisitive Crime- . One theft report and one incident of vandalism to a vehicle. Up-coming events- The locality policing team are currently carrying out a road traffic action plan in Prestwick which they hope to extend to the surrounding villages including Symington. This will involve tackling speeding and other road safety matters. The community council and residents are encouraged to contact the team if there are any issues they would like to see included in the action plan. Email – michael.mcclymont@scotland.pnn.police.uk</p>	
6.	<p>Planning Julie Howie provided a detailed update on all planning matters including planning applications -Still awaiting a final decision from the Reporter re: the Gladman application for the Brewlands Road Site. The community council is opposing the Gladman appeal in accordance with the opinions expressed by the local community. Should permission be granted, the community council remain unclear as to whether SAC are likely to consider requesting a judicial review and if not why not? There are currently no further appeals re: other sites in Symington, however this could change. The community council has submitted its support to SAC re: the emerging LDP2 although due to conflicting information from planning it is unclear how much weight can currently be attached to LDP2 which is disturbing as we know several developers have their sights set on Symington as a preferred area for housebuilding.</p>	

7.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>ARA are currently looking at traffic calming proposals throughout the village. The community are broadly in favour of the built out kerb at Coates Corner.</p> <p>The Community Council Consultation Phase 2 has been extended. A meeting of the community council will be arranged to respond to this consultation</p> <p>Meeting of Rural Forum – took place on 18th November in Coyton.</p> <p>Advanced training for community councillors will be delivered by PAS.</p> <p>Letter received from residents of Schoolhouse, Brewlands Road regarding problems with drivers' attitudes and lack of consideration towards them parking outside their home.</p>	Liz Kelly
8.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Community Council account £503.43</p> <p>SPARK account £9460.03p</p>	
9.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The matter of problems with ambulances being unsure where to take Symington residents in cases of emergency ie. Ayr Hospital or Xhouse Hospital was raised and a letter regarding this matter was also sent to the community council. Cllr Dettbarn agreed to look into this.</p> <p>SPARK AGM - will be held on 5th Dec at 7pm in the Bowling Club. The matter of community assets transfer will also be on the agenda.</p>	Cllr. Dettbarn
10.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 21st January 2020- 7pm the Hall for All.</p>	