

**Symington Community Council: minutes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.**

- **Present: Dave Houfe, Julie Howie, Sheila Murray, Stuart Pike, John Mulholland, Jillian Mulholland, Sean Robertson, Ailsa Paterson.**

**Apologies: Liz Kelly.**

**In attendance: Cllr.Julie Dettbarn, Jan McGarry, Cllr.Stephen Ferry, Locality Policing Team.**

1.	<b>Declaration of interest:</b> There we no declarations of interest.	
2.	<p><b>Police Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug supply – no intelligence re: any drug supply in Symington.</li> <li>• Safer Communities- one issue of anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>• Housebreaking – one incident –public house/restaurant broken into- enquiries ongoing.</li> <li>• Locality officers will be attending 2 day music event in Ayr end of April .</li> </ul> <p>In addition Symington Community Council has received a written reply in response to questions raised regarding future proposals for communication with Community Councils. Proposed meetings will be per Council Ward and will be at 12 weekly intervals, however the locality policing team confirmed that they will continue to attend our Community Council meetings whenever possible and that members of the community should continue to contact the locality policing team based in Troon at any point with concerns.</p>	
3.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting (21<sup>st</sup> March 2023)-</b> proposed by Dave Houfe and seconded by Sheila Murray.	
4.	<p><b>Matters Arising and outstanding items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Bowling Club signs have been ordered- one to be placed at bus turning circle and one beside Recycling sign.</li> <li>• Real time bus timetable – awaiting response from SAC planning. Elena Witham has been</li> </ul>	

	<p>contacted re: this lack of response and has written to SAC Chief Exec. Eileen Howat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAC Planning response to Regulatory Panel Hearing – still waiting on a response.</li> <li>• Community Council vacancy- we still have one vacancy – the position has been advertised on our website with cut off date - 4<sup>th</sup> May2023.</li> <li>• SUDS at SYM1- ongoing</li> <li>• Common Good Fund-Bowling Club, lease arrangement and clarification of rental ( £3,400) still to be agreed.</li> <li>• Cutting of grass verges on Kerrix Road- not undertaken by SAC.</li> <li>• Responsibility for maintaining playpark area and equipment in Stewart Milne development lies with the developer.</li> <li>• Traffic calming proposals have been sent to ARA.</li> <li>• Symington Sign on Kerrix Road – ARA have been notified – awaiting response.</li> <li>• Bench on Kerrix Road - ongoing</li> <li>• Redundant notice boards at Health Centre and Bus stop have been removed. Finger posts still to be addressed.</li> <li>• Brewlands Crescent playpark-is used frequently by children and there are concerns over overall safety of the area. Cllr. Dettbarn to contact David Lowdon SAC re: this</li> <li>• Place Planning- still awaiting report back from SAC which will include proposals for action.-</li> </ul>	<p><i>Cllr. dettbarn</i></p> <p><i>Cllr. Dettbarn</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Dettbarn</i></p>
5.	<p><b>Secretary's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julie contacted by member of public requesting signs to be updated on the C93 to reflect the new build entrance – it was agreed that the member of the public contact ARA in first instance.</li> <li>• Member of public has contacted secretary re: overgrown footpath on Bogend side of A77- again agreed member of public should raise with Transport Scotland in first instance. Cllr. Dettbarn offered to assist with this matter .</li> <li>• Litter picking event organised by member of public – provided with contact details for necessary equipment.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Julie Howie</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Dettbarn</i></p>
6.	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erection of house at Gorsehill Corraith.</li> <li>• Cllr. Dettbarn confirmed prospective meeting with developer has not yet occurred.</li> </ul>	

8.	<p><b>Treasurers Report :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants have been given as follows- £50 Scout Hall, £50 Symington Youth Group, £60 Secretary, Community Council .</li> <li>• Balance of £5,378.85p is left which includes money for Mental Health Project and Christmas Tree Money.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Elected Members Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No specific matters to report.</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>Wildflower Verge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is hoped that surveys will be carried out to identify plants and pollinators.</li> </ul>	
11.	<p><b>Pollinator Friendly Symington</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop held 5<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• 4 gardens in the community have been assessed and we hope to visit other gardens in and around the village in the next few weeks. Anyone interested in supporting this project is asked to get in touch.</li> <li>• We are also hoping to plant trees in and around some spaces in Symington- local school children will be invited to take part in this, if possible.</li> </ul>	
12.	<p><b>Mental Health Project:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funders have agreed that funding can be carried over to the end of May.</li> <li>• Sleepers for the community garden are due to be delivered this week, seeds donated and basic tool bought. Dates will be advertised for sowing and planting once compost and soil has been sourced.</li> <li>• Picnic table for Shaw Park has been ordered and will be installed within the children's play area.</li> <li>• VASA has agreed that the underspend can be used to fund the sessions held re: the Pollinator Friendly project and to renovate the Memorial Garden. Fiona Ross SAC has been contacted re Memorial Garden – still awaiting response.</li> </ul>	
13	<p><b>Social and Healthcare Partnership: Prestwick, Monkton and Symington Locality group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place Planning – the person collating the report for Symington has now left the post which remains vacant. The consultation is now 18</li> </ul>	

	<p>months out of date, consequently the Health and Social Care Partnership Locality Group will ask SAC if funding could be made available to enable communities to undertake their own consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three projects in Symington have been awarded funding for 2023/4 by the group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Money allocated to transport people living in Symington and Monkton to join the weekly walks followed by tea/coffee organised by Dementia Friendly Prestwick. Posters will be displayed soon within village.</li> <li>➤ A Carers' Day will be held in Prestwick Academy- more information available soon.</li> <li>➤ South Ayrshire befriending Service is seeking volunteers over 18yrs. Who would spend a couple of hours a fortnight with a young person aged 8-18years or help with group outings. More info available from <a href="http://www.bfriend.org.uk">www.bfriend.org.uk</a> or telephone 01292 264000.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
14.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symington Gala Day will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June</li> <li>• Following a question from a member of the public re: King's Coronation, it was confirmed that no community event is being held.</li> <li>• Defibrillator training Hall for All – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1pm.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 630pm Community Councillors pre-meeting. 7pm Public meeting.</p>	