

**Symington Community Council minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the Hall for All.**

**Present: Liz Kelly (Chair), Charlie Cotchin (Vice-chair), David Houfe, Jillian Mulholland, John Mulholland, Julie Howie**

**Cllr. Spurling.**

**Members of the public.**

**Apologies: Ailsa Paterson, Paul McCluskey, Cllr. Campbell.**

**Apologies not received: Cllr Dettburn**

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1.	The committee introduced themselves to the public.	
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting (16<sup>th</sup> November 2022)</b> Minutes if the previous meeting were proposed by Charlie Cotchin and seconded by This was done after it was agreed to update, as suggested by David Houffe and Jillian Mulholland, the minutes for recycling by the Council. Cllr Dettburn was to report.	Cllr Dettburn
3.	<b>Matters Arising.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Bin collection report postponed.</li> <li>. The hedge alongside the path at Shaw Park needs attention.</li> <li>. The lights at Bogend have not been repaired. Cllr Spurling to raise the matter with ARA etc</li> <li>. Safety SLOW signs at Knockendale corner on hold as it appears that the work may proceed,</li> <li>. SAC Place Plans have a had a reasonable response online, approx 70 replies. There will be group chats on Thursday 20/1/22 in the Scout Hut. Liz highlighted what the plans were about.</li> <li>. Speeding in the village continues to be a problem. The police are to arrange a day of action in which Symington will be included. Police continue to get reports of Anti Social Behaviour</li> <li>. Traffic calming. Julie spoke to ARA asking for an update. Symington is in Tranche 3 but no reply as to when it will happen. Symington Road North should be included in the plans as there are no pavements.</li> <li>. Community Resilience Scheme should be taken off agenda.</li> </ul>	Cllr Spurling  Cllr Spurling

4.	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p>£2466.35 in account</p>	
5.	<p><b>Secretary's Report.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. VAT recovery. Liz sent info to local groups and hope to see improvements at Shaw Park.</li> <li>. There is a shortage of dog poo bins and the bin that should be on Main Street will not be reinstalled. There is a possibility that the existing poo bins will be removed and the public will have to use their green bins or the existing litter bins.</li> <li>. A member of the community has offered to make a documentary film on the wild flower project. David reports no progress so far.</li> <li>. Community Council elections. The present Community Councillors have to apply for re-election on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. Information can be found on the Community Council website (<a href="http://symingtoncc.co.uk">symingtoncc.co.uk</a>) and Facebook page and forms were available at the meeting. The Community Council is currently short 3 members and anyone wishing to join should complete an application form.</li> <li>. Cllr Spurling supplied us with an information leaflet on the changes to legislation regarding fire alarms to be implemented in February. A copy can be found on the Community Council web site.</li> <li>. Communities officer Tracy Whiteford has advised us of Employer Recruitment Incentives to help unemployed people of all ages to find employment. Information can be found on the Community Council web site.</li> <li>. Manager of Health and Social care for South Ayrshire has advised of a National Recruitment Campaign to address the shortage of care staff. Details are posted on the Community Council web site and Facebook page.</li> <li>. Sharon Dowey, MSP, is asking the Community Council to complete a survey, highlighting any issues or concerns we feel are important to our community. The issues include road maintenance, speeding, litter etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Spurling Julie</p>
6.	<p><b>Planning.</b></p>	

	<p>. <b>Spaceport</b> – An application for a horizontal launch spaceport at Prestwick Airport has been submitted to South Ayrshire Council. Local Community Councils have been advised of the application. Public events will be held at Prestwick Airport on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 23<sup>rd</sup> March.</p> <p>. <b>Local Development Plan</b></p> <p>. The Local Development Plan sets out what type of development should take place and which areas should be protected from development. The reporters have now completed their examinations into unresolved issues raised and the report has been submitted to the planning authority. The report will be published on the authority’s website at <a href="https://archive.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/planning/local-development-plans/second-local-development-plan.aspx">https://archive.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/planning/local-development-plans/second-local-development-plan.aspx</a> I am pleased to report that none of the sites contested by developers and landowners in and around Symington have been included in the new LDP. Banks Development now have no interest in the Stockbridge land. Their interest has been replaced by Barratt Homes. Although the LDP does not preclude these site from being brought forward in the future, it does help when it comes to making objections.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Community Health</b></p> <p>. A local shopkeeper, Imran Nasim, has wanted to lease a piece of ground next to his shop for a community garden. He has applied to SAC. A community garden was mentioned as a possible project which would be completely separate from that above. Liz has applied for funding from the Communities Mental Health and Well-being fund.</p>	Liz
8.	<p><b>Wildflower project</b></p> <p>. David reported and he will re-engage with Transport Scotland and ARA re their activities. TS &amp; Amey could use this project as a model for other sites.</p> <p>. Cllr Spurling reported that the Council have seeds and will contact Julie with further details.</p> <p>. David discussed grass cutting – we must clear the cut grass to help improve the soil conditions. A plant survey will take place this year and he will be seeking volunteers to help.</p>	David  Cllr Spurling  David
9.	<p><b>Any other Competent Business</b></p>	

	<p>. An email was received from a resident who lives across from the Community Hall regarding the terrible traffic conditions Main Street had to endure when the A77 was closed from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January. Much of the diverted traffic, including large artic lorries, came through the village instead of being diverted to the A77 north bound carriageway. The signage put in place for the diversion was completely inadequate. There was a suggestion, from a member of the public, that a letter of complaint should be sent to the Transport minister as well as Transport Scotland and the Police.</p> <p>. As from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 5 to 21 yr olds will travel on the buses for free.</p> <p>. There will be money available from the Council for the Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p>. Liz thanked Ailsa and Julie for their efforts in getting the Christmas tree.</p>	Julie
10.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> : Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 7pm in the Hall for All</p>	