Symington Community Council: minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 22 in the Hall for All.

Present: Charlie Cotchin (Vice chair), Julie Howie, Paul McCluskey, John Mulholland, Jillian Mulholland, Dave Houfe, Ailsa Paterson.

In Attendance:

Apologies: Liz Kelly, Arthur Spurling.

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1.	There were no declarations of interest.	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting (15 th February2022) Were proposed by Julie Howie and seconded by Charlie Cotchin.	
3.	Matters Arising:	
	 Bin collections/Recycling – no update available. Path at Shaw Park – no update available. Traffic Calming – Brewlands Road – still awaiting feedback from ARA. Place Plan- no information available. Furniture Brewlands Drive- no update available . Lighting on footpath from Main Street to parish Meadows – no update available . 	Cllr. Dettbarn Cllrs. ARA SAC Cllr.Dettbarn. Cllrs.
	In light of the absence of all of the above reports and following a question from a member of the community regarding littering along stretches of Tarbolton Road and Symington Road South, there followed a lengthy discussion on the problem of littering both within the village and surrounding area. It was recognised that this seems to be a perennial problem and while members of the community often undertake litter picking activities, more help /input from SAC/ARA would be appreciated.	
4.	 Police Report: Anti-social behaviour – following a previous report of anti-social behaviour within the village the police will give some extra attention to the area. Amey are currently dealing with a previous complaint re: poor signage during recent traffic diversions on A77. 	
	 Day of Action re: speeding within the village still to be carried out. 	Police

5.	 Secretary's Report: Notification from VASA re: funding opportunities has been forwarded to relevant organisations within the village. Queen's Platinum Jubilee- funding available for any group wishing to hold an event- contact secretary for application form. New SAC External Funding Officer appointed-Melissa McCulloch. Upgrade to play equipment in Shaw Park has been approved by SAC. Replacement bins – Main Street, bins should be in place this week. SAC are compiling a data base of any local organisations planning to make donations to the Ukraine crisis- Symington Bowling Club are hoping to raise funds when members both playing and social/ non-playing enrol for the new season. Free Health and safety training available to local community groups. Spaceport project – project lead willing to provide an update at a future meeting. SAC Health and Social care – holding an event on 25th March re: end of life care/bereavement. 	
6	 Planning Report: The new SAC LDP (Local Development Plan) will become extant from the day it is adopted-probably April/May. Public consultation event re: Prestwick Spaceport 22nd March 12.30-2.00pm and 24th March 7.00-8.30pm. Planning permission granted for house at Dyke farm. Planning application has been received for first of two plots at Knockendale Farm. Request received from residents re: Community Council view on this as design not in keeping with neighbouring properties. Community Council will formulate a response to planning. 	Julie Howie
7.	Treasurer's Report: There is £2,406.55p in account and John will arrange for the accounts to be audited.	John Mulholland
9.	Wildflower Project: Surveys to start soon- looking for volunteers. Regular weekly surveys will be undertaken between April and September to identify what wildflowers are growing and	

	how the habitat has developed with regard to insects/pollinators. A further meeting will take place between AMEY, ARA and SWT(Scottish Wildlife Trust) and it is hoped that future roadside management techniques will reflect the work undertaken by the project and will support the maintenance of these valuable wildlife corridors.	Dave Houfe
10.	AOCB: John (Treasurer) proposed the disbursement of £120 of funds to some organisations within the village .	John Mulholland
11.	Date of next meeting : Tuesday 19 th April 2022 7pm in the Hall for All.	