

Symington Community Council: minutes of meeting held on 15th November 2022 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.

Present: Liz Kelly (Chair), Dave Houfe, Julie Howie, Ailsa Paterson, Paul McCluskey, Sheila Murray.

Apologies: John Mulholland, Jillian Mulholland, Stuart Pike.

In attendance : Cllr Stephen Ferry, Cllr Duncan Townson, Jan McGarry.

1.	Declaration of interest: Liz Kelly re: Knockendale Planning .	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting (18th October 2022) Proposed by Dave Houfe and seconded by Julie Howie.	
3.	Matters Arising and outstanding items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bin collections /recycling – no update available Cllr Townson offered to liaise with Cllr. Dettbarn re: this. • ARA- 20MPH we are still awaiting clarification from ARA re: public consultation, design etc. Cllr Ferry has offered to liaise with ARA on our behalf. • Bowling Club – location of signage- Julie has contacted ARA and is still awaiting a response. • Bus Service – and installation of real time time table - Cllr. Townson will follow this up. • Erection of telegraph poles on Kerrix Road. Julie has contacted Open Reach and is awaiting a response. 	<p><i>Cllr. Townson.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr. Ferry.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Townson</i></p>
4.	Police Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 2 incidents of anti-social behaviour relating to neighbour dispute. • Welfare concerns – police continue to respond to these type of incidents as required . • No information available re: car accident at junction of Symington Road South /A77. Julie will follow this up on our behalf. 	<p><i>Julie Howie.</i></p>
5.	Secretary's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names are still to be added to war Memorial. • Stuart Pike was thanked for laying the wreath at the War Memorial on 13th November on behalf of the community. • Notified of roadworks on A77 Northbound 	<p><i>Julie Howie</i></p>

	<p>between Symington and Bogend. These involve widening the shared footway adjacent to the A77 Northbound carriageway for pedestrians and cyclists and will last for approximately 15 weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas tree- still trying to establish if we will receive a tree from SAC this year and if SAC will cover the costs of light installation. • Communication received regarding an NHS Scotland initiative – SHARE, This is a register of people happy to be sent information about health research projects. Details are on the Community Council website. 	<i>Julie Howie</i>
6.	<p>Planning: <i>[Liz Kelly stepped down as chair for this section of the meeting, and Dave Houfe took over the proceedings.]</i> The Community Council recently supported residents who expressed concerns over a request for Planning permission at Plot 2, Knockendale. The scale and design of this proposal is not in keeping with the existing cluster- and in particular the sightlines are inadequate which will only serve to exacerbate already dangerous road safety issues. Despite this, SAC Planning are recommending approval. There followed general discussion with most in attendance expressing disappointment that Planning appear to pay little or no attention when a community expresses legitimate concerns. The majority of those in attendance supported the Community Council in attending the meeting of the Regulatory Panel on Thursday 20th October on behalf of the Symington Community.</p>	
8.	<p>Treasurers Report: No report available.</p>	
9.	<p>Wildflower Verge Project: The Scottish Wildlife Trust and Nectar Network continue to work in partnership with Symington Community Council on this project. It is hoped that it may be possible to introduce other sites such as local gardens which will help bumblebees and other pollinators. Dave Houfe continues to lead on this and is in discussion with partners as to how this may be taken forward – workshops may be held sometime in the New Year.</p>	<i>Dave Houfe</i>
10.	<p>Mental Health Project: 24 people from our community attended the 2 Dementia Awareness sessions. The aspiration is that Symington will become a dementia aware village. Establishment of a community garden is the next item that will be taken forward.</p>	

<p>11.</p>	<p>AOCB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional funding for local groups is available from South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership - this information has been shared with groups in the village, on local Facebook pages, and was available at the meeting. • The final edition of the Newsletter will be distributed within the next few weeks. • Liz proposed that a new member is co-opted to the committee to bring the Community Council membership up to full complement. A draft proposal will be presented at the next meeting for consideration. 	<p><i>Liz Kelly</i></p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meetings: 17th January 2023, 6.30pm Community Councillors pre-meeting, 7pm Public Meeting.</p> <p>[Thereafter, the third Tuesday in each month to June 2023]</p>	

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