



Swinton & Ladykirk Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Date : 08/05/2017	Time : 19:30	Venue : The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton
Present : Christina Faitclough (CF) (Chair) Bill Purves (BP) Robert Sloan (RS) Fiona Wilson (FW) Victor Lucas (VL) Moira Matthewson (MM) Des Eggie (DE) Councillor Donald Moffat		Apologies : Jim Brown Meg Reid
Minutes Taken By : Fiona Wilson		Next Meeting : Monday 10/07/2017

Item	Minutes	Action
1	Minutes Of Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2017 were read & agreed. Proposed by VL, seconded by MM. Matters Arising: Robert Sloan had attended the March meeting.	
2	Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance £818.44 Scottish Power £50.02 Closing Balance £768.42 MM & FW to be allocated £100 for plants.	
3	Planning Applications: Harcarse Hill Farm – Application by Avocet is an unauthorised development and is under investigation by SBC Planning Department.	
4	Community Resilience Plan: In the absence of Meg Reid, no further update.	
5	Update From Local Councillors: Following the election on 04 May 2017, Councillor Renton has lost her seat. A vote of thanks was given to Frances for all her hard work and support for the local community over the last decade, and it was agreed that the Secretary should send her a letter expressing our thanks and good wishes for the future.	



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6	<p>Community Council Website:</p> <p>DE has taken over responsibility for management of the website.</p> <p>Current content is being reviewed/revise (CF/DE) and new content is being considered.</p> <p>The new email address is to be used for all CC correspondence. DE reminded the meeting to send only PDF document files, rather than original MS Word files (except in the case of the circulation/approval of drafts).</p>	DE
7	<p>Purchase Of Marquee:</p> <p>The Chair is currently completing the grant application and meeting with SBC's grant officer. Key issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As we don't have a village hall, a marquee can be used for village events. • Insurance position to be clarified. • Fire extinguishers may be needed so Fire Brigade advice to be sought. • Michael Lawrence of the Wheatsheaf has offered to provide storage for the marquee, and make a contribution, if required. • The marquee could be used for events in the hotel garden. • Local businesses to be approached for support for toilets etc. 	CF
8	<p>Litter Pick:</p> <p>JB, VL & FW collected over twenty bags of litter in and around the village.</p> <p>There is an ongoing problem of litter on the routes to/from the school. However, it was accepted that this may be blown from litter bins. It was agreed that FW would have an informal word with the school secretary.</p> <p>RS continues to do sterling work around Ladykirk, where Macdonald's customers seem to finish their meals and dispose of the packaging in the hedgerows.</p>	FW
9	<p>Public Safety:</p> <p>The condition of the wall between Nos. 40 & 42 Main Street, Swinton had been discussed at the previous meeting. It was agreed to monitor as a public safety issue as it abuts the pavement at it's narrowest point.</p> <p>The issue of traffic speeding through Swinton had also been discussed at the previous meeting. The Council expressed its thanks to the drivers of Hislop's, for their safety consciousness in entering & leaving the yard. Councillor Moffat will progress a request for a speed monitoring exercise to be carried out in the village.</p>	



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10	<p>Comfort Scheme:</p> <p>SBC has announced that a 30p charge is to be introduced for 27 public toilets throughout the region. Local businesses such as hotels and pubs are being encouraged to sign up to a "Comfort Scheme", whereby they would receive some financial support to allow use of their facilities by non-customers. Community Councillors agreed that the provision of accessible toilet facilities is an essential service for both local residents and visitors.</p>	
11	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>The Council has been informed that a good quality defibrillator cabinet is available from Greenlaw. A defibrillator can be used without training, as clear & simple instructions are provided with the unit. It was agreed to approach Greenlaw Community Council as a matter of some urgency. If successful the cabinet would be positioned on the Green, beside the existing power supply.</p>	CF
12	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An upper rail has been removed from the Green fence. Daren Silcock has been notified and its replacement is in hand. • It was agreed to support a prize to be awarded at the Swinton Annual Flower Show for hanging baskets or front garden planting in the village. There would be no need to enter. • FW has been to see Alistair Hart at Berwickshire Wheels, to explore ways in which they could support villagers who cannot drive or have no access to a car. Berwickshire Wheels is also looking for additional volunteer drivers. FW will deliver an information leaflet and a brief questionnaire to identify transport needs in the village. • It was agreed that FW would cost an information/interpretation board to be located on the Green. 	FW
13	<p>Close Of Meeting:</p> <p>All business concluded, the meeting closed at 20:20, to be followed by the Annual General Meeting.</p>	