



Swinton & Ladykirk Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Date : 10/07/2017	Time : 19:30	Venue : The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton
Present : Chair : Victor Lucas (VL) Vice-Chair : Des Eggie (DE) Secretary & Treasurer : Jim Brown Fiona Wilson (FW) Bill Purvis (BP) Robert Sloan (RS) Moira Matthewson (MM) SBC Councilor Donald Moffat (DM) SBC Councilor Mark Rowley (MR)		Apologies : Christina Fairclough Shirley McIntosh Meg Reid
Minutes Taken By : Fiona Wilson		Next Meeting : Monday 11/09/2017

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1	<p>Minutes Of Last Meeting:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 08 May 2017 were read & agreed. Proposed by BP, seconded by RS.</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Councillor Moffat reported that Swinton is on the waiting list for speed monitoring equipment. However, as it has been used in the village three times in the past, it are not a priority. The average speed on the last survey was 28mph.</p> <p>Fiona Wilson stated that large vehicles thundering past pedestrians, even within the 30mph speed limit, can make those pedestrians feel very vulnerable, but there are apparently no plans by SBC to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Borders villages and towns. Some members of the CC are not in favour of such a scheme.</p> <p>It was agreed to send a letter to Mr Hislop to pass on our thanks to his drivers for their courteous & safety conscious driving through the village.</p>	JB																
2	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Opening Balance</td> <td style="width: 40%; text-align: right;">£786.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Annual SBC Grant</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>£630.00</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Scottish Power</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>£23.42</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Planter Flowers (MM)</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>£100.00</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>BCCF Annual Subscription</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>£10.00</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,264.98</td> </tr> </table>	Opening Balance	£786.42	Income		<i>Annual SBC Grant</i>	<i>£630.00</i>	Expenditure		<i>Scottish Power</i>	<i>£23.42</i>	<i>Planter Flowers (MM)</i>	<i>£100.00</i>	<i>BCCF Annual Subscription</i>	<i>£10.00</i>	Closing Balance	£1,264.98	
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3	<p>Police Report:</p> <p>Received too late to circulate prior to the meeting.</p> <p>No incidents of note in our locality between May and June.</p> <p>A reminder of Police Scotland's current robust stance on speeding drivers, inconsiderate driver behaviour and antisocial behaviour.</p>																	



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4	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>Harcarse Hill Farm – Application by Avocet approved by SBC Planning Department. Milnegraden West Mains : No CC comments/objections</p>	
5	<p>Community Resilience Plan:</p> <p>Report from Meg Reid is that, as far as is possible, this is ready to go, in the event of heavy snow or a prolonged power outage.</p>	
6	<p>Update From Local Councillors:</p> <p>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.</p>	
7	<p>Purchase Of Marquee:</p> <p>A grant of £2,958 towards the purchase of a marquee for village use has been approved by SBC, leaving approximately £300 to be met from CC funds.</p> <p>Following some discussion, it was agreed to continue with the purchase. We will check with the owner of The Wheatsheaf Hotel that the marquee can be stored on his premises.</p> <p>The CC is covered by SBC insurance for any village events, though as it will be a “high value item”, there may be an addition small cost.</p> <p>Any private individual using the marquee shall need to demonstrate that they have obtained their own insurance.</p> <p>A “test run” of the erection & taking down of the tent will be organised by the CC as soon as possible following delivery of the marquee (VL).</p> <p>A review of the use & perceived benefits of the marquee will be carried out, and reported to the CC by BP.</p> <p>Councillor Rowley mentioned the new Localities Bid Fund of £500,000. SBC have agreed that the five new Localities Committees (formerly Area Forums) will accept bids for funding which will be assessed by Locality Committees and Council officers before going to a community vote.</p> <p>It was agreed that the CC purchase new football goal nets for the village green (VL).</p>	<p>VL</p> <p>BP</p> <p>VL</p>
8	<p>Public Access Defibrillator:</p> <p>DE reported that, although Scot-Mid Co-op supports the purchase of community defibrillators, this is not the case with Co-operative Group, which covers the Borders area.</p> <p>Councillors Rowley & Moffat both mentioned a charitable organisation called “Scottish H.A.R.T.”, which it is understood is involved in assisting the funding of public access defibrillators. The councillors also advised that SBC be approached, in order to establish whether or not they could provide financial assistance for the purchase.</p> <p>DE undertook to further investigate and report back on procurement & set-up costs and sources of funding.</p>	<p>DE</p>



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9	<p>Dog Fouling:</p> <p>Councillor Moffat offered to provide more dog fouling notices for The Loaning & Cath's Walk. He reminded the meeting that any "repeat offender" should be reported to the SBC Wardens.</p>	DM
10	<p>Swinton Planter Tubs:</p> <p>MM & FW proposed the following enhancements to Swinton village green:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relocate the litterbin from the entrance. 2. Install flower tubs on either side of the entrance. 3. Install a new bench to the east of the entrance. 4. Add climbing plants to the fence around the War Memorial (to be discussed with the War Graves Commission). <p>MM/FW to report back on costs.</p>	MM/FW
11	<p>Swinton Christmas Lights:</p> <p>To be tested on Friday 18 August (18:30)</p>	BP
12	<p>Updates from Regional Councillors:</p> <p>Councillor Rowley asked that as many people as possible respond to the Scottish government's consultation on how the transport network could be improved for road, rail & bus users, cyclists & pedestrians.</p> <p>To take part go to</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Borders_Transport_Corridors_Study</i></p>	
13	<p>AOB:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swinton Bottle Bank: Councillor Moffat agreed to talk to the relevant SBC officer. A possible site could be the parking area by the sewage works. 2. Fence Rails on Swinton village green have not yet been replaced. 	DM
14	<p>Close Of Meeting:</p> <p>All business concluded, the meeting closed at 20:40.</p>	