



SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date : 11/09/2017	Time : 19:00	Venue : The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton
Present : Victor Lucas (VL) Des Eggie (DE) Jim Brown (JB) Bill Purves (BP) Robert Sloan (RS) Moira Matthewson (MM) Shirley McIntosh (SM) Meg Reid (MR) Christina Fairclough (C) Councillors Donald Moffat & Mark Rowley Three members of the public.		Apologies : Fiona Wilson (FW) Councillor John Greenwell
Minutes Taken By : Bill Purves		Next Meeting : 13/11/2017

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1	Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of the meeting on 11/07/2017 were read and approved. Proposed: DE & Seconded: JB																			
2	Matters Arising All action points had been attended to, except that Cllr. Donald Moffat had still to contact Council Official regarding a possible bottle bank for Swinton. JB requested Cllr. Donald Moffat to provide further dog fouling notices.																			
3	Police Report The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Other from a hit and run incident, involving a cyclist and a white van, there were no incidents of note in our locality.																			
4	Treasurer's Report <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Opening balance</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£1,264.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S.B.C. Grant</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,958.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,222.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gala Tents Ltd.</td> <td style="text-align: right; color: red;">£3,252.47</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>M Matthewson (Plants)</td> <td style="text-align: right; color: red;">£15.59</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,268.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing Balace</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£954.92</td> </tr> </table>	Opening balance		£1,264.98	S.B.C. Grant		£2,958.00			£4,222.98	Gala Tents Ltd.	£3,252.47		M Matthewson (Plants)	£15.59	£3,268.06	Closing Balace		£954.92	
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5	Planning Applications Swinton Church: Concern expressed at the use of wood cladding on an extension to a listed building; House at Swinton Mill: No objections. 32 Main Street, Swinton: Replacement windows and garage door. While there were no objection, there appears to be some ambiguity regarding the use of plastic windows in a conservation area (some approved, but others rejected).																			



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6	<p>Community Resilience Plan</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
7	<p>Regional Council Updates</p> <p>Cllr. Mark Rowley advised that the Local Development Plan is now available but SBC are already looking for responses for the next update.</p>	
8	<p>Swinton Christmas Lights</p> <p>The Christmas lights have been checked by VL & BP.</p> <p>JB expressed concern that the trees on the village green were now encroaching onto the pavement & road. He has requested D. Silcock (SBC) to arrange for the trees to be trimmed.</p> <p>It was felt that the Christmas tree on the green was being dwarfed by the other trees and, after a vote, it was agreed that we dispense with the Christmas tree in future. JB to contact Finlay Mitchell to thank him for providing trees in past and advising him that this will no longer be required.</p> <p>Battery operated Christmas lights are to be purchased (CF) for the two trees on the top side of the green.</p> <p>The wooden board within the electricity box on village green, which holds the meter etc., has virtually rotted away. JB to contact Scottish Power and/or electrician to have this replaced.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>CF</p> <p>JB</p>
9	<p>Swinton Village Marquee</p> <p>One of the marquees was used for the recent Wheatsheaf Garden Party, which gave us an idea of what was required to erect/dismantle it.</p> <p>Insurance cover has been arranged, and will result in an additional annual premium of approximately £100.</p> <p>It was agreed that a sub-committee be set up to draw up a plan for the use and/or hire of the marquees and a recommend a scale of charges. Members to be VL, JB, DE, MR Ewan Know (co-opted). VL to convene initial meeting.</p>	<p>VL</p>
10	<p>Swinton Village Defibrillator</p> <p>DE has done a considerable amount of work on this, having contacted various charitable organisations to see if any funding available. However, he has not met with any success and so we will require to seek SBC Community Grant funding. The estimated capital outlay is £2,000 but DE will obtain formal quotes for the AED/PAD, cabinet & installation, in order that the required Project Plan can be produced, to support a grant application to be made.</p>	
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>None to report.</p>	
12	<p>Football Nets</p> <p>CF is dealing with the purchase of one new net. As we are looking for something quite sturdy she has approached a local football club coach to enquire where they obtain theirs.</p>	<p>CF</p>



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13	<p>Swinton Village Green</p> <p>JB has contacted Darren Silcock (SBC) on the matter of repairs to the roadside fence, and has been assured the work should be carried out by the Criminal Justice Scheme shortly.</p>	
14	<p>Swinton Planters & Tubs</p> <p>It was agreed that two climbing red roses be purchased, to be planted & trained along the fence at the War Memorial (MM).</p>	MM
15	<p>Cycle Track</p> <p>A cycle track has been built, by local youngsters, in the wood at the west end of Swinton. We understand that Finlay Mitchell, who manages the wood on behalf of the landowner, has no objections but has informed the owner. Assuming he has no objections to them using the wood for this purpose, there should be no problems. <i>It was unanimously agreed that the young lads involved should be congratulated on their initiative & hard work.</i></p>	
16	A.O.C.B.	
16a	<p>Speeding Traffic</p> <p>A member of the public, along with some members of the Community Council, repeated previously expressed concerns regarding the speed of traffic travelling through Swinton.</p> <p>The village is on an SBC waiting list for speed monitoring equipment, but as it has been used here three times before, so we are not a priority.</p> <p>SM undertook to investigate the possible purchase of signs for either end of the village encouraging traffic to slow down.</p>	SM
16b	<p>Potholes</p> <p>The issue of numerous potholes in the roads in and around both villages was again discussed.</p> <p>It is recommended that anyone encountering a large pothole should report it to the SBC Roads Department.</p>	
16c	<p>Swinton Street Lights</p> <p>The street lights at the west end of Main Street are coming on approximately 30 minutes later than the rest of the lights in the village. Also, light No. 23 is not working. This has been reported to SBC.</p>	
16d	<p>Public Transport</p> <p>A member of the public again raised the issue of a lack of public transport in Swinton. Leitholm has a bus service to Kelso, while Paxton, Hutton & Fishwick have a service 5 times per day from Berwick, which appears to halt at Fishwick for about 15 minutes each trip. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the bus operator(s), copying SBC, requesting them to extend these services to Swinton.</p> <p><i>continued</i></p>	FW



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16d <i>cont'd</i>	<p>Community Councillors & members of the public are asked to respond to the Scottish Government's transport consultation on how the transport network (road, rail, bus, bicycle & pedestrian) in our region could be improved.</p> <p>To take part go to: -</p> <p>www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Borders_Transport_Corridors_Study</p>	
	<p>Close & Next Meeting</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.15.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held in the Wheatsheaf Hotel, at 19.00 on Monday 13 November 2017.</p>	