

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date & Time of Meeting : 13/11/2017 (19:00)

Venue : The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

PRESENT

APOLOGIES

Victor Lucas, Des Eggie, Jim Brown, Bill Purvis, Christina Fairclough, Moira Matthewson, Meg Reid, Robert Sloane, Fiona Wilson, Shirley MacIntosh.

None

SBC Councillors Donald Moffat, Mark Rowley & John Greenwell.

Two members of the public.

Minutes Taken By : Fiona Wilson

Next Meeting : DD/MM/YYYY

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Action

Proposed by Des Eggie. Seconded by Robert Sloan

Matters Arising:

1. Christmas lights are not to be bought for the two trees at the top of the Green. Battery operated lights have been bought for the commemorative tree opposite the War Memorial.
2. Planting of roses at the War Memorial to be postponed until spring
3. Councillor Moffat has identified the SBC officer with responsibility for bottle banks and will update us regarding our inquiry at the next meeting.
4. Councillor Greenwell asked that a report of a pothole should include a clear location.
5. There was discussion regarding when minutes should be made available to the public. It was agreed that as all community councillors can agree the draft minutes by email within a few days of the meeting, we can continue to display them on the board and publish on the web, using the new DRAFT template, before the formal approval at the next meeting.

Police Report:

1. School shed broken into on 16 October with contents (paid for through Parents Association fundraising) damaged. School to consider CCTV
2. Verbal report also given by the Chair and Secretary from a recent meeting.
3. Continued emphasis on speeding.
4. Fire service to be restructured and recruiting additional retained firemen

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance	£954.82
Income	
<i>Cheque from SBC footpath maintenance</i>	<i>£160.06</i>

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Expenditure

<i>Bags for marquee</i>	<i>£7.00</i>
<i>G. Blythe footpath strimming</i>	<i>£160.06</i>
<i>Zurich additional marquee insurance</i>	<i>£55.83</i>
<i>Scottish Power</i>	<i>£27.22</i>

Closing Balance **£864.87**

Planning Applications:

I Duns Road. Proposal for an orangery extension at rear. No objections were raised.

SBC Councillor Updates:

Councillor Greenwell:

If events for Remembrance Day 2018 are planned, Police should be notified as soon as possible in 2018 to request Road Traffic Orders or additional police presence. Lack of manpower means this could be an issue.

Councillor Rowley:

Reminded the meeting about the possibility of funding for good projects from Localities Bid funds

Councillor Moffat:

If hedges overhang verges and pavements more than a metre from the road, hedge owners will be written to and asked to cut back. If they don't respond, the hedge will be cut and the owners billed by SBC. Robert Sloan reminded the meeting that farmers are unable, by law, to cut hedges until end of August, other than for safety reasons.

Christmas Lights:

1. The Christmas tree, usually kindly donated by Finlay Mitchell, will be erected opposite Jim Brown's house, decorated with battery lights.
2. Scottish Power have replaced the rotten plug board in the power box on the green.
3. Trees to be trimmed before lights go up on 24 November at 9.00am. Jim Brown to progress with Daren Silcock.
4. Switch on – Friday 8 December at 6.00pm Take down – 5 January 9.30
5. Arrangements:
 - Fiona – Flier distribution, Santa sweets and gift, mulled wine.
 - Jean Eggie – Shortbread.
 - Meg – Book Santa.
 - Moira – Ask Michael of the Wheatsheaf if he would switch on the lights.

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Swinton Defibrillator:

1. An "S&LCC Equalities Statement" required for the grant application to proceed
2. We must apply for permission from SBC (Estates) to erect board on the green.
3. It was agreed CC would be responsible for annual running & maintenance costs.
4. Des Eggie to confirm the possibility of obtaining funding from the Berwickshire Quality Of Life Fund.

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Swinton Speeding Signs:

1. Shirley MacIntosh presented two possible designs for consideration. It was agreed to order two of each. Signs to be mounted on fence posts at either end of the village green.
2. The feeling of the meeting was that the CC's earlier request to SBC, for an illuminated speeding sign for Swinton, warranted further action with SBC's Traffic Engineers. Councillor Rowley undertook to expedite.

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Marquee Tents Sub-Committee:

1. The sub-committee's "Gala Marquee Tents Guidelines" document was reviewed/agreed.
2. Jim Brown to negotiate the storage charge to be levied by The Wheatsheaf Hotel.
3. Work is underway to establish a squad of volunteers who will erect/dismantle the tents.

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Swinton Bus Services:

1. Fiona Wilson reported that she had met with John Dellow, SBC's Transport Officer, to examine ways in which the bus services available in Swinton can be improved.
2. A "Bus Service Survey" has been produced, and will be distributed in the village within the next few weeks.

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Football Nets:

New nets have been purchased. Shirley McIntosh to arrange for them to be set-up.

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Cycle Track:

Jamie Swinton has confirmed that he has no issue with the track. However he suggested there should be a sign clearly stating that use of the track is "at the users' own risk". Following discussion, it was agreed that such a sign would not be erected..

Correspondence:

As previously circulated

AOB :

1. BCCF meeting 16 November will focus on training for CC office bearers.
2. It was reported that fireworks, used over four evenings, had caused considerable anxiety to dogs, and so their owners. It was agreed that, in early October 2018, the CC would place a notice in the notice board, and on the CC website & Facebook page, asking residents to restrict the use of fireworks to Bonfire Night.
3. Fiona introduced a resident of Swinton, and proposed that she be co-opted on to the CC, Swinton School Liaison. To be reviewed at our next meeting (agenda item), once any possible constitutional issues have been identified.
4. Some CC members have received a publicity triptych "Swinton Village Events" detailing events at the Kirk (films, talks, formation of a choir) and possible village improvements. CC to discuss working with Swinton Village events to maximise its success at our January meeting. Agenda item.

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Next Meeting:

The meeting closed at 21:20. Next meeting to be held on Monday 08 January 2018

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