

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date/Time of Meeting : 08/01/2018 / 19:00

Venue : The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

PRESENT

Victor Lucas (Chair), Des Eggie, Jim Brown, Christina Fairclough, Moira Matthewson, Meg Reid, Robert Sloane, Fiona Wilson, Ali Sim

APOLOGIES

Shirley MacIntosh, SBC Councillor Donald Moffat

Minutes Taken By : Fiona Wilson

Next Meeting : 12/03/2018 (19:00)

Minutes of Last Meeting :

Proposed : Christina Fairclough

Seconded : Des Eggie

Action

Matters Arising :

Refer to AOCB

Treasurer's Report :

Opening balance	£864.87
Expenditure	
Plants and bulbs	£33.98
Electricity supply repair	£49.86
Light Switch on expenses	£44.05
SBC additional insurance premium	£14.44
Football nets and clip	£34.98
Slow down signs	£64.00
Posts for signs and Christmas lights	£27.75
Scottish Power	£29.97
Income	
Manager's charges refund	£12.08
Light switch on collection	£60.00
Closing balance	£637.92

SBC Councillor Reports :

No reports.

Police Report :

None received.

S&LCC Members :

Ali Sim becomes a co-opted member of S&LCC, responsible for liaison with Swinton Primary School.

Proposed by Fiona Wilson.

Seconded by Jim Brown.

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SBC Planning Application :

1. Swinton Bridgend Cottages – no issues.
2. Horndean – Jim Brown & Des Eggie attended a meeting of Horndean residents, convened to discuss an application in principle for the erection of a dwelling house on a site south of Rossleigh Cottage.

Community Resilience Plan :

Following a request from the Head of Swinton School that CC volunteers help with gritting and clearing school paths, Meg Reid reiterated to SBC that this is its responsibility. The issue is exacerbated by the loss of janitorial time. It was agreed that Community Resilience would not be a regular agenda item in future, but on A.O.C.B. if necessary.

Swinton Village Defibrillator:

Des Eggie presented a SBC Community Grants Scheme Feedback Form (Marquee Tents Grant) for signature by the Chair and stated the document would be sent immediately to SBC Grants Team. Acceptance of this form by SBC is the final pre-requisite prior to their consideration of our application for grant funding of a defibrillator.

Swinton Public Transport Survey :

Fiona Wilson confirmed that the survey has not yet been carried out and that she is to request SBC to print the survey questionnaire to be distributed to all Swinton residents.

S&LCC Meetings :

It was agreed that the current frequency of meetings (every two months) would be retained.

SBC Berwickshire Area Partnership (BAP) :

In December 2017, SBC circulated to all Berwickshire CCs, a document outlining the structure, membership & role of the BAP (to replace the Berwickshire Area Forum). BAP core membership will comprise the six SBC Councillors for Berwickshire, plus four CC Councillors, to be selected from among the twenty-one CCs in the county.

S&LCC have sent a document to SBC, listing a number of questions/concerns regarding BAP. Awaiting possible feedback from SBC.

SBC Localities Bid Fund :

The launch of this funding source has been deferred by SBC, to allow a suitable bid voting process to be established/implemented. Awaiting further information from SBC.

Correspondence :

1. Finlay Mitchell – a proposal to reintroduce the Swinton Gala Day and Queen of the Merse with a “Gig on the Green” and games, such as quoits, with a proposed date of 9 June 2018. It was agreed the Secretary contact Mr. Mitchell offering support and suggesting that Swinton Primary School should also be contacted.
2. Another proposal from Swinton Events, is for a book exchange in Swinton Kirk.

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It's also proposed that jigsaws be included. Fiona Wilson to liaise with Mr. Mitchell.

3. Email from Cameron Buttle of BBC Radio Scotland asking for stories from the Borders and giving contact e-mail addresses for events which are cameron.buttle@bbc.co.uk or selkirk.news@bbc.co.uk

AOCB :

1. It was agreed to do a litter pick again this year, try to involve the school and purchase some lettered hi-vis so we can be *seen* doing something for the village. ACTION Jim, Victor, Fiona and Ali, Robert (Ladykirk/Horndean)
2. Slow down signs have arrived. Jim Brown and Robert Sloan to put up at the East and West approaches to Main Street and The Green on Wednesday 10 January. It was agreed to do a press release for the Berwickshire. ACTION Jim Brown
3. Ally told the meeting about further vandalism at the School by boys on bikes, again damaging items purchased by the Parents Association for the benefit of the children. All incidents are logged with the Police and CCTV to be purchased. However, this does point out the lack of activities for young people. Meg Reid told the meeting about a scheme in Gala, where young people in villages are picked up by community transport bus to go to youth clubs. ACTION Fiona Wilson to contact Berwickshire Wheels
4. Core path. ACTION Fiona to contact Mike Marsh to book in spring weed spraying
5. Issue of flooding at Horndean. ACTION Jim Brown to contact SBC Roads Team and ask them to check culverts in the area.
6. Issue of potholes in Swinton. Jim Brown to contact SBC Roads Department regarding two large potholes (West end of Main Street & first corner on Kelso Road)
7. Complaint re speeding in Horndean. It was agreed that we would look at purchasing "Slow Down" signs for Horndean if they are successful in Swinton at reducing speed.

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Next Meeting :

Monday 12 March 2018 (19:00)