

# **SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Date/Time of Meeting :** 12/03/2018 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, Ali Sim

SBC Councillor Mark Rowley

SB Councillor Donald Moffat

**Minutes Taken By :** Fiona Wilson

**Next Meeting :** Monday 14 May 19:00

### **Minutes of Last Meeting :**

### **Action**

Proposed : Jim Brown    Seconded : Robert Sloan

### **Matters Arising :**

Core path weed killing. Mike Marsh has it on action list – funding dependent.

### **Treasurer's Report :**

Opening balance	£637.92	
Expenditure		
Wordpress website annual fee		£30.00
Closing balance	£607.92	

### **Police Report :**

There has been a conviction for hare coursing at Milnegraden. We are reminded to contact police for any suspicious activity.

### **Planning Applications :**

Swinton : 1-5 Duns Road. Updated plans have been submitted to SBC Planning Dept. to show the connection for the two properties via the orangery.

### **Regional Councillor Updates :**

Councillor Moffat currently involved in appointment of new Head Teacher for Swinton & Greenlaw primary schools.

### **AED/PAD Grant Application :**

Des Eggie reported that the grant application had not yet been considered. Councillor Moffat undertook to expedite with Grants Officer.

**DM/DE**

### **Swinton Public Transport Survey :**

No action to date or deadline confirmed.

**FW**

### **Community Transport :**

The meeting provided some useful contacts so this can be taken forward. Meg Reid suggested parents may be happy to become drivers.

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### **Berwickshire Area Partnership (BAP) :**

SBC facilitated meeting held 02 February 2018: It is increasingly evident that this is simply a “box ticking” exercise, ensuring SBC are in line with the Scottish government’s Empowerment Act. Topics for meetings are announced too late to allow CCs to send the most appropriate member. Next meeting (Eyemouth) will address youth education and skills.

### **Localities Fund Bidding :**

Voting on Round 1 now closed.

Fiona Wilson reported that the Duns Men’s Shed, which was bidding for funds, now has temporary premises in Gavinton Church Hall. She suggested that Swinton & Ladykirk CC prepare some “spade ready” projects (such as upgraded play equipment for the village green), for the next funding round. Meg Reid reminded the meeting that as play equipment is maintained by SBC, it would have to approve any plans.

### **End of CC Term :**

It was agreed that we end this CC term with the AGM on 14 May 2018. Chair to contact SBC’s Pauline Bolson regarding the election process, with the aim of having the new CC in place for the July meeting.

**VL**

### **Dog Fouling :**

Ali Sim reported that there continues to be unacceptable dog fouling along pavements & core paths, including the children’s route to school and the village green. It also appears to be the case that visitors to The Wheatsheaf Hotel and people driving through the village, view the village green as a dog toilet. Both the Chair and Vice-Chair reported that they have challenged individuals several times over recent months.

The new fine for permitting dog fouling is £150 and individuals can be reported anonymously. It also appears that SBC has abrogated any responsibility for dealing with an issue which really has residents incensed.

Robert Sloan, who farms at New Horndean, has had, at his own expense, decided to have notices produced, warning dog owners of the dangers of dog faeces in fields where crops are grown for human consumption ie Vining Peas/Beans.

### **Horndean :**

Two large aluminium “SLOW DOWN” signs have been procured by the CC, for installation at either end of the village of Horndean.

### **AOCB :**

Ali Sim reported that three CC TV cameras have been installed at Swinton primary school.

Swinton primary school has a team ready for the village litter pick.

The Swinton Gala Day is to be on Saturday June 2 2018. Following a consultation with the children, it has been decided there will be a **King & Queen of The Merse**. The CC marquee tents to be provided.

### **Next Meeting :**

Monday 14 May 2018 19:00 (followed by AGM)