

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date (Time) of Meeting : 14/05/2018 (19:00)

Venue : The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

PRESENT

APOLOGIES

Des Eggie (Chair), Jim Brown, Bill Purvis, Moira Matthewson, Meg Reid, Robert Sloane, Fiona Wilson.

Victor Lucas & Christina Fairclough.

SB Councillor Donald Moffat.

Two members of the public.

Minutes Taken By : Fiona Wilson

Next Meeting : Monday 09 July 2018 19:00

Minutes of Last Meeting :

Action

Proposed : Jim Brown Seconded : Robert Sloan

Matters Arising :

Core path weed killing. Fiona Wilson attempting to establish from SBC the cost of this work and the process for payment. Other issues dealt with as A.O.C.B.

FW

Police Report :

There has been a clear police presence in Swinton village recently, relating to speeding, which continues to be an issue throughout Berwickshire.

The CC obtained & installed large "SLOW DOWN" signs in Horndean. A members of the public expressed disappointment that the residents of Horndean had not been directly consulted in relation to the nature & location of the signs, and hoped that residents would be consulted on any future speed management measures.

It is hoped that the new allocation of six police constables and a sergeant to the area will improve community policing.

There have been further incidents at Swinton primary school school. The School Secretary has requested that anyone witnessing activities (e.g. gatherings of youths) on school premises during the evening/night, should report it to the police.

Treasurer's Report :

Opening balance	£607.92	
Expenditure		
Horndean S:OW DOWN signs		£67.25
Scottish Power		£43.41
BCCF annual subscription		£10.00
Defib Store Ltd. (Swinton AED)		£2,020.80
E. J. Olah ((Defibrillator post/board)		£129.75
Income		
SBC Environmental Enhancement	£100.00	
SBC contribution to Swinton AED	£2,021.00	
Closing balance	£457.71	

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Planning Applications :

Avocet application at Harcarse Hill : As of 14 May 2018, 12 objections have been lodged.

Horndean 18/00438/FUL : During an open discussion, between Community Councillors and members of the public, the Chair confirmed to the meeting that the Community Council cannot lodge a formal object if an application meets planning criteria, even if it is known that a number of residents have raised private objections.

Councillor Moffat confirmed that ALL formal objections are considered by the SBC Planning Committee.

Regional Councillor Updates :

Councillor Moffat undertook to follow-up on the issues of speeding in Swinton and vandalism at the primary school..

DM

Swinton Defibrillator (AED) :

Des Eggie reported that the post, mounting board & cabinet for the AED is now in situ, but that the unit itself will not be installed until the situation regarding insurance cover has been confirmed with SBC (*Action : Jim Brown*).

JB

Des Eggie undertook to :

- Explore what explanatory material could be published on the SLCC website & Facebook page;
- Discuss with the Wheatsheaf Hotel management the possibility of some basic (DVD) “awareness training” for staff;
- Attend a Swinton Primary School assembly, in order to provide pupils with a brief presentation of the AED unit (*scheduled for Thursday 04 June 2018*).

DE

Swinton Public Transport Survey :

No action to date or deadline confirmed.

FW

Dog Fouling :

Christina Fairclough has obtained a large number of poo bags, left over from the WOOFs scheme. They will be distributed to WOOFs members.

It was agreed that, although the prohibition of exercising dogs on Swinton village cannot realistically be enforced, the signs should remain.

The Wheatsheaf now has information on suitable walking routes in its dog-friendly rooms.

AOCB :

- The weekly visit of the RBS mobile bank to Swinton (opposite the green) is now on Tuesdays, from 11.35 to 12.05. Since the RBS Duns branch will be closing in June, it's more important than ever that people use the mobile unit, or it will also be withdrawn.
- It was agreed that, in the absence of a Community Council over the ensuing weeks, George Blythe would continue to cut paths and await payment.
- It was confirmed that the small parking area on the southeast corner of Wellfield is not a private car park for BHA tenants, and that anyone may use it.
- Swinton Gala Day. A squad of volunteers will erect & dismantle the marquee tents on the afternoons of Monday/Tuesday 28/29 May (*Action : Fiona Wilson*). Darren Silcock (SBC Operations Manager) will be requested to arrange for the grass to be cut as close as possible to the event date *Action : Fiona Wilson*.

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- New Community Council: SBC Candidate Nomination forms were circulated for those present. Des Eggie undertook to make the form available on the SLCC website & Facebook page. Meg Reid is to be Presiding Officer.

DE / MR

Next Meeting :

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:30. The next meeting, the first of the new Swinton & Ladykirk Community Council, will be held on Monday 09 July 2018.

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