

# **SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Date (Time) of Meeting :** 13/08/2018 (19:00)

**Venue :** The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

### **PRESENT**

Des Eggie (DE) (Chair), Jim Brown (JB)  
(Secretary/Treasurer), Bill Purvis (BP), Robert  
Sloane (RS), Michael Lawrence (ML)  
SB Councillor Donald Moffat (DM)  
One member of the public

### **APOLOGIES**

Victor Lucas, Fiona Wilson,

**Minutes Taken By :** Bill Purves

**Next Meeting :** 12/11/2018

### **Welcome:**

DE opened meeting by expressing, on behalf of all present, deep sadness at the death of Community Council member Christina Fairclough.

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

Proposed : JB    Seconded : RS

### **Action**

### **Matters Arising :**

None

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

Balance as at 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2018		£457.71
<b>LESS</b>		
12/6/18 W Purves Electrician (Connect Defib)	£147.20	
19/6/18 Lawnmower Centre (Strimmer Service)	<u>£108.00</u>	<u>£255.20</u>
Balance 290/6/2018		£202.51
<b>ADD</b>		
11/7/18 Environmental Enhancement Grant (SBC)	£100.00	
27/7/18 Annual Support Grant (SBC)	<u>£630.00</u>	<u>£730.00</u>
		£932.51
<b>LESS</b>		
11/7/18 Scottish Power	£ 43.74	
27/7/18 SBC Insurance Premium	£127.74	
10/8/18 Blachere Illuminations	<u>£240.36</u>	<u>£411.84</u>
Balance 13/08/2018		£520.67

### **Police Report:**

Already circulated via S&LCC e:mail.

### **Planning:**

- 18/00890/AMC – Permission for 4 houses on former Agricultural Engineers site at Swinton Mill – No objections.
- 18/00962/PPP – Permission for one house at entrance to Woodland Services Management yard at Swinton Mill – No objection but ML suggested that a “Farm use restriction” be imposed.

### **Updates From SBC Councillors:**

DM advised that, in view of recent vandalism at Swinton primary school, the school gates could possibly be closed outwith school hours. DM to follow-up with SBC.

**DM**

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### **Swinton Christmas Lights:**

JB advised that 5 new transformers are being purchased and that an electrician had been asked to test/repair sockets on the village green.

BP advised that he had tested all the lights and, where possible, repaired any breakages.

### **Public Transport Survey:**

In the absence of FW, this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

### **Swinton Flower Tubs:**

Moira Matthewson has confirmed that she, along with Margaret Turner, will continue to look after the village flower tubs.

### **Swinton Gala Day Bunting**

This was deferred until the next meeting.

DM suggested we approach either Duns or Coldstream Civic week committees to see if they would be willing to lend some out.

### **SBC Localities Bid Fund:**

JB advised that this was again open for applications. To be discussed at the next meeting.

RS reported that the public bench opposite Ladykirk Toll House, requires repair.

**JB**

### **Dog Fouling (Swinton):**

JB reported that, once again, there had been dog fouling on the school grass play area. It was the consensus view that issue would be resolved if school the gates were closed outwith school hours and during school holidays (*refer to item Update From SBC Councillors*).

### **On-Line Transport Survey:**

JB reported that he had completed the online survey (via S&LCC e:mail) and suggested that other members may also wish provide their input.

### **Charitable Donation:**

It was agreed that, in honour of Mrs. Christina Fairclough, the Community Council will make a £30 donation to Cancer Research at her funeral on Wednesday 15 August 2018.

**JB**

### **Correspondence:**

Apart from items already circulated, a letter from the residents of Horndean village was handed in, by a member of the public, at the beginning of the meeting.

The letter stated that, in their discussions with Mr. Gary Haldane, Assistant Engineer, SBC Road Safety & Traffic Management, he had suggested that they approach S&LCC with a request to purchase road safety signs "*Welcome to Horndean, Please Drive Carefully*", to be produced and installed by SBC. Before taking the matter further, it was agreed that the CC speak with Mr Haldane on the matter.

Given the S&LCC annual budget, the cost of the signs, estimated at £600/700, would be a major consideration.

RS suggested that, in the meantime, in the interests of road safety, the overhanging hedges in Horndean be cut back. JB to contact Horndean residents.

**JB**

Rumble strips were also discussed, though not considered appropriate in this instance.

### **AOCB:**

BP reported that the 30mph signs on the Berwick road entry to Swinton are obscured by overgrown hedges. JB to contact landowners involved.

**JB**

### **Next Meeting:**

Monday 12 November (19:00)