

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date (Time) of Meeting : 13/05/2019 (19:00)

Venue : The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

PRESENT

Des Eggie (DE), Victor Lucas (VL), Jim Brown (JB), Bill Purvis (BP), Robert Sloan (RS), Fiona Wilson (FW), Michael Lawrence (ML), Kenneth Morton (KM) & Meg Reid (MR).

SBC Councillors Donald Moffat , Mark Rowley & John Greenwell

One member of the public.

APOLOGIES

Minutes Taken By : Fiona Wilson

Next Meeting : 08/07/2019 (Special Meeting)

MINUTE

ACTION

Minutes of Last Meeting :

Proposed by ML & Seconded by MR.

Matters Arising :

None

Police Report :

Reports of 09/09/2018 & 27/10/2018 previously circulated to CC members by e:mail.

Treasurer's Report :

Balance on 11/03/2019 £443.00

Debits

Scottish Power electricity bill £71.81

BCCF subscription £10.00

Total Debits £81.81

Balance as at 13/05/2019 £361.19

Planning Applications :

No new applications for consideration at this time.

Re. 18/01540/FUL & 18/01541/FUL, confirmed progress awaiting survey report from Scottish Water.

Regional Councillor Updates :

Councillor John Greenwell:

As part of Mental Health Awareness week, there will be a series of events at the Volunteer Hall in Duns, 15 to 21 May.

Poppy Scotland's BUD vehicle will tour the region promoting veteran services

Councillor Mark Rowley:

Swinton Primary School to be upgraded, in order to facilitate the provision of Early Learning & Childcare (nursery) facilities (target date Autumn 2020).

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There was discussion on the potential to include accessible community facilities as part of the upgrade. Councillor Mark Rowley will contact the school to suggest liaison with S&LCC at an early stage in the planning process.

**Councillor
Mark
Rowley**

Councillor Donald Moffat:

With reference to the Police Report, confirmed the increase in hare coursing locally, which Police Scotland believe is linked to organised crime. Anyone witnessing such incidents, should report them by calling 101.

A programme of pothole patching is underway in the area. SBC Roads Department have confirmed that the Swinton/Norham road is the required width but that, due to increasing use by heavy/wider vehicles, verges are being eroded and will require continuous repair.

Swinton Village Green Electricity Cabling/Sockets

Funding application currently in process as part of SBC Localities Bid Fund 2.

Community Council concerns are:

- Difficulty of online voting process.
- Smaller communities would appear to be at a disadvantage.
- Berwickshire's Voting Day in Eyemouth on 25 May 2019.

Swinton Village Hall

Various possible options discussed. However, no further action planned until after planning applications 18/01540/FUL & 18/01541/FUL have been granted approval by SBC.

SBC Community Council. Scheme Review

Currently on hold pending EU Elections.

A.O.C.B.

- Marquee for Swinton Gala Day to be erected late afternoon Tuesday/Wednesday 28/29 May.
- Defibrillator : DE confirmed that scissors are included in the defibrillator pack.
- CCTV : Following a recent report, MR expressed concern that only 19 of the 70 CCTV cameras installed in the Scottish Borders are working. Councillor Moffat explained that funds for initial purchase/installation were raised by communities and monitored by Police. Cameras in Duns is still fit for purpose. £40K is provided by Scottish Government for maintenance.
- Berwickshire High School : Discussion regarding recent reports, from education authorities and in the local press, regarding issues regarding leadership, teaching standards and discipline at Berwickshire High School (Duns).

Next Scheduled Meeting :

Monday 08 July 2019 (19:00) in The Wheatsheaf Hotel., Swinton.