

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date (Time) of Meeting: 08/07/2019(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)

SBC Councillors Donald Moffat & Mark Rowley

APOLOGIES

Meg Reid & Kenneth Morton

SBC Councillor John Greenwell

Minutes Taken By: Fiona Wilson

Next Meeting: 09/09/2019

MINUTE

ACTION

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Proposed by JB & Seconded by RS.

Matters Arising:

BP requested that minutes of meetings be circulated to all CCs before they are published on social media. Agreed.

DE

Police Report:

Previously circulated to CC members by e:mail 05/06/2019.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on 13/05/2019 **£361.19**

Debits

Scottish Power electricity bill £71.81

Moira Matthewson (Tub Plants) £17.00

Dorothy Brown (Tub Plants) £67.07

Total Debits **£81.81**

Credits

SBC CC Annual Support Grant £630.00

Marquee Tent Hire £120.00

Total Credits **£750.00**

Balance as at 08/07/2019 **£971.84**

Planning Applications:

19/00854/LBC : Alterations to Swinton Primary School.

No planning issues.

However there are concerns that the creation of the Early Learning Unit will replace an area currently used for the successful Breakfast Club and arts/creative activities.

Regional Councillor Updates:

Councillor Mark Rowley:

Tour of Britain (Stage 2) on Sunday 08 September will, for the first time, start and finish in Kelso. Refer to the *Tour Of Britain website* for route & times.

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The newly created Jim Clark Museum opens in Duns on Thursday 11 July and a Jim Clark tourist route will be created throughout the area. Jim Clark Rally confirmed during November 2019, thereafter during early summer.

The £150 million investment from the Borderlands Growth Deal will assist in the funding of a new exhibition & conference in Berwick, replacing the Maltings as a venue for such events. £20 million will be spent on tourism infrastructure, including a new walking route from the source of the River Tweed, to its estuary in Berwick.

Councillor Donald Moffat:

Swinton Green confirmed as maintained by SBC

Ramrig residents have complained about 51 potholes along what is an adopted road. Jet patching to be undertaken.

In their Community Action Plan, residents of Coldstream confirmed the need for a Caravan Park with touring facilities. Site and operator are identified and planning process has begun. Could open by Summer 2020 though one issue is the discovery of a Scheduled Monument on site.

S&LCC Constitution:

Agreed, adopted & signed by all CCs present.

SBC Community Councillors Code Of Conduct:

Agreed, adopted & signed by all CCs present.

S&LCC Marquee Tents:

It was confirmed that the area of availability for the marquees is the S&LCC area only.

Swinton Village Green Electricity Cabling/Sockets:

The SBC/LBF2 bid was unsuccessful was successful.

Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed by all CCs, regarding the unfair and/or undemocratic nature of the LBF2 process.

Councillor Mark Rowley confirmed that the LBF process had been a pilot, aimed at meeting SBC's legal obligation to ensure a certain percentage of the funds provided by the Scottish government is allocated by means of participatory budgeting at regional area level.

DE will complete and submit an SBC Community Fund application form, and all supporting documentation, by Friday 19 July 2019 at the latest.

DE

Swinton Village Green Tree:

A letter has been received from a Swinton resident, whose property is on the perimeter of the green, raising concerns regarding one of the trees which is blocking daylight into their property.

Post-Meeting Note: DE & BP conducted a site visit, with SBC Councillor John Greenwell and Mr. Neil Pringle of SBC's Estates Department, at 13.30 on Tuesday 11 July 2019. Mr Pringle clearly stated that, though the tree appeared not to be as healthy as others on the green, it could not be removed. However, he did commit to ensuring that some of the major limbs of the tree would be lopped, as part of normal annual tree maintenance.

Berwickshire Area Partnership (BAP) Meeting (06 June 2019):

JB attended and has already circulated the minutes received from SBC.

Concern was expressed that, in those minutes, none of the of the Community Council or SBC Partner organisations/representatives attending the meeting had been named

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and that, since budget allocation decisions are made at the BAP meetings, this should not be the case. Councillor Mark Rowley undertook to raise the issue with SBC's Communities & Partnerships Team.

Post-Meeting Note : SBC has given an assurance that this oversight will be rectified in all future minutes of BAP meetings.

SBC Community Council. Scheme Review - Update

JB, who attended the latest SBC meeting on this issue, expressed concern that no minutes of the meeting had been received.

The membership of the SBC Review Group shall be:

SBC Councillor Sandy Aitchison (Chair);

Five SBC Councillors (one from each SBC Area);

Five Community Councillors (one from each SBC Area).

Rural Transport Conference 28 June 2019:

FW attended and had circulated briefing notes (also published on the S&LCC website & Facebook page).

Further consultation on rural transport will take place as part of forthcoming Area Partnership meetings. Bus Users Scotland will disseminate information on the Scottish government's new transport strategy.

Catherine Johnston:

It was agreed that a letter of congratulation be sent to Catherine Johnston, following her award of the British Empire Medal for services to her community of Ladykirk.

JB

Correspondence:

Previously circulated by e:mail.

A.O.C.B.

ML reported that he had contacted BT/Openreach, regarding the overgrown and unsightly condition of the ground surrounding the telephone exchange at the eastern end of Main Street. He further reported that it had taken four weeks for grass cutting to be carried out, but that the cuttings had simply been left to rot. Councillor Mark Rowley undertook to approach BT's Community Engagement Officer, to request that the broken concrete fence posts be replaced and the surrounding ground gravelled.

**Cllr
Mark
Rowley**

Complaints have been received regarding access to graves in Swinton Kirkyard, as a result of the grass no longer being cut. It was agreed that, because of the presence of Commonwealth War Graves, some paths should be mown. BP to raise the issue with Swinton Parish Kirk Session.

BP

Complaints have been received regarding an overhanging hedge within the Wellfield development. JB to contact BHA.

JB

Horndean – overhanging trees in traffic sight line. Council has no obligation outside 30mph zone. No action.

JB

Next Meeting:

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