

# **SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Date / Time of Meeting:** 11/11/2019 / 19:00

**Venue:** The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

### **PRESENT**

### **APOLOGIES**

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  
SBC Councillors J. Greenwell & D. Moffat

SBC Councillor Mark Rowley (MR)

**Minutes Taken By:** Fiona Wilson

**Next Meeting:** 13/01/2020 / 19:00

### **MINUTE**

### **ACTION**

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

Proposed by ML & Seconded by BP.

#### **Matters Arising:**

None

#### **Police Report:**

DE welcomed PC Joanne Swindells (JS) to her first S&LCC meeting.

PC Joanne Swindells (JS) presented the Police Report.

The current campaign is Online Fraud. A proposed attendance at the January Coffee & Chat from representatives of Police Scotland & Community Banking was welcomed. JS & DE to finalise.

**DE/JS**

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

**Balance at 09/10/19                    £971.84**

#### **Expenditure**

<i>SP Electricity</i>	<i>£49.28</i>
<i>Moira Matthewson (Flowers)</i>	<i>£6.29</i>
<i>Jim Brown</i>	<i>£9.99</i>
<i>SBC Insurance</i>	<i>£127.68</i>
<i>George Blythe (Path Strimming)</i>	<i>£379.04</i>

#### **Income**

<i>SBC Community Grant (The Green Cabling)</i>	<i>£2,241.00</i>
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**Balance at 11/11/2019            £2,640.56**

#### **SBC Regional Councillor Updates:**

None.

#### **Planning Applications:**

19/01339/FUL (Old Manse, Ladykirk). No Issues

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### **Swinton Village Green Electricity Distribution:**

DE reported that work is scheduled to commence on 18 November and will take 2 - 3 days.

### **Hudson Hirsal Development:**

Phase 1 (13 houses) approved by SBC Planning Committee on 04 November 2019.

It is planned that Phase 2 will incorporate the building of a further 13 houses on the existing site and the development of Wellfield (a mix of house types, including affordable homes, and the allocation of a site for a possible Village Hall). The development of Wellfield is contingent upon:

1. Successful completion of the purchase of the land by Hudson Hirsal.
2. Resolution of issues relating to the integration of the foul/surface water drainage system with the existing Scottish Water infrastructure.

Hudson Hirsal have assured SBC Planning Department that all housing on Wellfield would have the same style and quality of external finish, thereby rendering the affordable homes indistinguishable from larger units.

### **Swinton Vehicle Volumes/Speeds Survey:**

DE presented the key results of the recent seven day survey conducted by SBC Roads Planning Department (refer to the appended documents).

### **Telephone Exchange (Swinton):**

MR expressed disappointment that the BT Openreach Community Engagement Manger has not yet responded to his proposal that he meet with S&LCC representatives to discuss the possible future development/enhancement of the site. MR to expedite further.

**MR**

### **SBC Audit & Scrutiny Committee:**

DE/JB expressed disappointment that SBC has neither acknowledged, nor responded to, S&LCC's formal proposal that the SBC Community Fund assessment & approval process be the subject of review by its Audit & Scrutiny Committee.

DE/JB stressed that the situation was particularly disappointing, as our proposal had been provided in response to an invitation from SBC, issued to all Community Councils, to propose subject for review.

### **Updates from SBC Regional Councillors:**

MR reported that:

- The South of Scotland Economic Area Partnership (SSEAP) will have, from April 2020, Community Development Officers, who will initially be based in the larger towns, in the region, but that it is hoped to widen their remit in the future.
- SSEAP's initial campaign will focus on tourism in the Borders – Tweed Trail.
- MR provided clarification of the fact that, in addition to Community Councillors, the SBC Area Partnership meetings should also involve other stakeholders (e.g. BAVS, BHA, Police Scotland, etc.) in addition to key SBC officers.
- MR reported that the SBC Community Fund currently stands at over £100,000, which will be available to community groups until the end of the current financial

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years (end March 2020). MR recommended that initial inquiries be made to Ms. Jan Pringle, SBC's Communities & Partnerships Manager. *Nota : DE subsequently contacted Ms. Pringle, requesting confirmation of what would happen to applications presented before the year-end deadline, but still under assessment by SBC. Ms. Pringle confirmed that such applications would be continued to completion (either rejection or award of funds, but stated that S&LCC is ineligible to submit an SBC Community Fund application during Q3/2019/Q1 2020, as it has already been provided £2,241.00 for the Swinton village green cabling project.*

### **Marquee Tents:**

Agreed that Swinton Horticultural Society will not be charged for the provision of the marquee tents..

### **Swinton Christmas Lights:**

Lights to be installed during the weekend of 30 November – 01 December..

Switch-On ceremony to be held at 18:30 Friday 06 December 2019, with the current King & Queen of The Merse officiating.

### **SBC Dog Education Officer:**

The new Dog Education Officer will provide a presentation in Swinton Kirk during the first week in February 2020 (date & time to be confirmed at the January meeting).  
Action FW.

**FW**

### **Correspondence:**

- Training for CC councillors and post holders
- Heath and Social Care Integration Group

### **A.O.C.B**

None

### **Next Scheduled Meeting:**

Monday 13/01/2020 at 19:00 in The Wheatsheaf Hotel.