

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date / Time of Meeting: 09/03/2020/ 19:00

Venue: The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

PRESENT

APOLOGIES

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

SBC Councillor M Rowley

SBC Councillor Donald Moffat (DM)

Minutes Taken By: Fiona Wilson

Next Meeting: 11/05/2020 @ 19:00

MINUTE

ACTION

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Proposed by JBL & Seconded by ML.

Matters Arising:

Potholes at both East and West ends of Main Street are becoming more eroded. We have received no response to JB's email to Paul Matthewson (SBC Roads Dept.), with a request that the appropriate Roads Dept officer contact the CC to discuss the likely timetable for resurfacing in Swinton. JB to contact Paul Matthewson again.

JB

Concerns that issues raised by S&LCC, to SBC, are not being actioned/escalated.

Councillor Moffat stated that the practice of using contractors for pothole work is very unsatisfactory, as there is no active supervision/oversight.

Police Report:

Received and circulated on 03 February 2020.

FW undertook to contact Community Beat Officer, regarding possible establishment of "No Cold Calling Zones" in Swinton & Ladykirk.

FW

Treasurer's Report:

Balance at 13/01/2020 £310.24

Balance at 09/03/2019 £310.24

Planning Applications:

20/00189/RCC application for construction of roads & drains for the Hudson Hirsell development in Swinton likely to be decided in June.

No further information on Hudson Hirsell development Phase 2. Discussions regarding treatment of surface water as part of Phase 2 of the development ongoing.

Update from SBC Regional Councillors:

D. Moffat

Additional £2 million Scottish Government funding allocated to SBC. Current budget will be reviewed & revised accordingly.

Number for reporting dog mess is 0300 100 1800.

Holyrood is considering a change to bylaws, to allow prohibiting dogs from play areas and sports fields.

The meeting expressed concern at the increased amount of dog fouling in Swinton, especially on The Green.

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Swinton Christmas Lights 2020

Because of the increased height of the trees, the layout of the lights will be redesigned, probably around the tree trunks.

Swinton Traffic Volume/Speed Survey:

Survey conducted 25 September – 01 October 2019.

- Total 8,824 vehicles during the period (4,439 eastbound : 4,385 westbound).
- 301 vehicles 30mph – 35mph.
- 55 vehicles 35mph – 40mph.
- 2 vehicles 40mph – 45mph.

Councillor Moffat told the meeting that Community Police officers can now carry out random speed checks with handheld devices.

Telephone Exchange Land:

JB undertook to escalate the issue with SBC Councillor Mark Rowley.

JB

Dog Education Officer Talk:

Postponed to late Spring/early Summer.

Path/Grass Areas Maintenance:

Stephen Eggie (SE) to take over from George Blythe. JB to contact SE to review timings/equipment/etc.

JB

Bus Service 87:

This is the Wednesday only service to Berwick, which will be withdrawn in April.

JB & FW attended a joint Whitsome/Allanton/Swinton Community Council meeting with Gordon Grant & Jan Pringle from SBC. At the meeting, it was proposed SBC, on behalf of the communities, invite companies to tender for a twice weekly "Ring & Go" service, to run from Swinton, via Whitsome & Allanton, to Chirnside, in order to allow connection with service 60 to Berwick and BGH/Galashiels.

Projects 2020/2021:

The following possible projects were discussed and will be actively explored.

FW

- Replacement of public notice boards in Swinton and Ladykirk
- Installation of "Historical Information Boards" in Swinton & Ladykirk.

Correspondence:

All correspondence received had been circulated to members.

A.O.C.B.:

- JB to attend meeting on 18/03/2020 re. School Travel Plan (*subsequently cancelled*).
- Swinton Primary School has received 105 trees and would welcome suggestions for planting locations. It was suggested that villagers could have some as garden trees.

Next Meeting:

Normal Meeting : Monday 11/05/2020 @ 19.00 **AGM** : Monday 11/05/2020 @ 20.30