

# SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF TEAMS MEETING

**Date of Meeting:** 12/07/2021 7.00pm

**Venue:** TEAMS

### PRESENT

Bill Purvis (Chair) BP, Jim Brown (JB),

Meg Reid (MR), Kenneth Morton (KM)

and Fiona Wilson (FW). Councillors Donald Moffat (DM) and Mark Rowley (MR).

### APOLOGIES

Robert Sloan, Michael Lawrence and Councillor John Greenwood

**Minutes taken by:** Fiona Wilson

**Next meeting:** 13/09/2021 7.00pm

### MINUTE

### ACTION

#### Minutes of last meeting 10 May 2021

Proposed by KM, seconded JB

#### Matters Arising:

- Crilor. Owner has returned briefly and secured the house with new doors and repaired windows.

#### Treasurers Report:

Balance as at 10/05/2021

**£723.05**

Scottish Power Bill

£45.27

Balance as at 12/07/21

**£677.78**

No expenditure needed on plants as Dorothy and Moira have grown everything from seeds so many thanks to them for a lovely display.

#### Police Report

Received 2 July 2021. No issues of note.

#### Planning Applications

21/00535/LBC, 21/00537/FUL no issues.

21/00899/FUL. No issues for Community Council although it was noted that the quality of the back walls on the north side of Main Street was very variable ranging from stone to corrugated iron. One resident has also removed a stretch of stone wall and we should check with SBC Planning Dept if this has been agreed.

### **Update on Planning Committee meeting decision on 18/01541/FUL**

The planning committee meeting of 5 July agreed that Phase 2 of the development can go ahead but some councillors did acknowledge that the village had been treated unfairly after one of the organisers of the petition asking for a delay until the delivery of an **accessible and usable community facility Village hall site was agreed**. Those councillors requested an amendment that, rather than in a planning condition which developers can ignore, an obligation for the community to be fully involved in the future use of the accessible and usable site that has been allocated, be mandated through a legal agreement. This was agreed by the committee. It was suggested that the CC ask to have sight of a draft of this legal agreement.

### **Update on current Phase's 1 and 2 of Everly Meadow development.**

There will be 6 families moved into the development by early August.

The infrastructure for Phase 2 cannot be started until all the documentation needed has been agreed by the planners and issued.

The Secretary had contacted Lewis Young, the site manager and Jamie Hudson about the SUDS basin which deals with the surface water drains from the development. This has been built to Scottish Water's spec. and should not have a deep water level unless in heavy rain, therefore will not require a high fence around it.

Also discussed was the matter of the complaints about the quality of the finish to the pavement which links the development to the School Gate area. This is because it is still unfinished, the lamppost currently in the path is to be moved and the big planting box at the School Gate will be removed to allow the verges to be repaired.

A traffic order will be issued in the autumn to allow moving the village boundary south of the new development along the Coldstream, so signs will be moved.

### **Update on Bus Stop:**

Jonathan Jones says all contractors are extremely busy at present, but he hopes one working at Swinton School soon will be able to take on the job.

### **Update on Cold Calling Refresh:**

Really good response of around 50%. Nick Walker will deliver the packs and new signs in August.

### **Complaints on hedges etc overgrowing pavements:**

The initial complaint at the Manse has been resolved but it is still an issue at the west end of Main Street.

### **Unkept land at the Telephone exchange.**

MR has contacted BT/Openreach. It was suggested that clearing the site of grass and replacing with stone chips would be a solution. Councillor Rowley told the meeting that the Community Relations manager who he has contacted in the past about this issue is not available at present.

### **Application to the Fallago Rigg Fund to purchase lawnmowers for village use:**

FW proposed this purchase to use on the lawned stretches of the right of way and on the Green when we have events in marquees. There was some discussion on insurance and use by volunteers and it was agreed that the Chairman and Secretary would investigate. Councillor Rowley said that a bid to SBC grant funding would be very reasonable.

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

Councillor Rowley:

- "Build back better" funds available to energise Borders post-Covid
- Borders with North Northumberland to look at bidding for UK City of Culture which can now include regions.
- A lot happening around Tweed Forum and Destination Tweed. We may be able to get funding and support from Destination Tweed for interpretation material for village including digital trail

Councillor Moffat:

- reported an upsurge in hare coursing around Swinton, Hume and Leitholm.
- The Hudson/Ladykirk developer contribution includes £500 per house for play equipment in the village. This would provide a match to draw down funding from other sources including the Build Back Better fund. We need to involve parents and children and FW will contact Helen Tims at the School after the holiday

### **Correspondence as previously circulated.**

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

- Complaint about the length of grass on The Green. It seems as if we are now on a 20-day mowing cycle and there are concerns when it is cut that all the grass is left behind. SBC have used weedkiller around the trees which just looks ugly.
- Queen's jubilee in 2022. Discussion on how to celebrate this, and possibly plant a commemorative tree. Councillor Rowley told the meeting there will be lots of community opportunities to participate.

All business concluded the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting (hopefully in person) on Monday 13 September at 7pm.