

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF TEAMS MEETING

Date of Meeting: 14/03/2022 7.00pm

Venue: TEAMS

PRESENT

Bill Purvis (Chair) BP, Jim Brown (JB), Meg Reid (MR), Kenneth Morton (KM), Robert Sloan (RS), Michael Lawrence (ML) and Fiona Wilson (FW). Councillors Donald Moffat and John Greenwell.

APOLOGIES

None

Minutes taken by: Bill Purvis

Next meeting: 09/05/2022 7pm

MINUTE

ACTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies for Absence: None

Minutes of last meeting 10/01/2022

Proposed by KM, seconded MR

Matters Arising: None

Treasurers Report:

Balance as at 10/01/2022	-	£647.25	
Scottish Power DD's	-	£ 68.01	
S Eggie – R.O.W. Maint.	-	£152.37	
R.O.W. Maintenance Grant			£152.37
Insurance Premium	-	£173.51	
Website & Email Subs	-	£ 35.00	
Balance as at 14/3/2022	-	£370.73	

Police Report:

Received 3rd March. No issues of note.

Planning Applications:

22/00170/FUL - No objections

22/00179/AGN – No objections

22/00247/FUL – No objections.

Updates from Regional Councillors:

Councillor Moffatt:

- Police have been made aware of our concerns re speeding traffic through Swinton and will monitor when in area.
- Play equipment funding – Apart from £13k available from building scheme other funding could well be available and suggest that Jason Hedley at SBC be contacted who will advise. Would recommend that a separate committee be set up to take this forward although this could be regarded as a sub-committee of the Community Council. FW and MR will take this forward and will co-opt members of public as necessary.
- Norham Road – Council officials maintain road is wide enough for purpose although verges damaged due to width of commercial and agricultural vehicles. A list of works on roads in this area for the coming year is available and will send us a copy.

Councillor Greenwell:

- 20mph speed limit pilot is coming to an end and final speed monitoring is being carried out so we should see this shortly. A reduction in speeds of 2% to 5% is predicted.
- Berwickshire High School - The latest report has shown a vast improvement and a huge lift in moral they are also having a re-look at curriculum.

Changes to Bus No. 32 timing

For the present this service continues to run at existing times. However, from 1st May a DRT service will be introduced.

Tree Planting for Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Mr F Mitchell has offered to provide tree free of charge, but we still await permission from SBC Parks Dept.

The local school has, in view of current restrictions, nothing planned for Jubilee.

Mr Mitchell has also indicated that this will be the last time he will produce Newsletter, but Mrs Tims has offered to compile if we wish to produce in future. MR recommended we look into this even if we only produce in black and white.

Possible Removal of Telephone Kiosk at Upsettlington

RS had received a letter from a resident at Upsettlington who, after speaking to a BT engineer, is concerned that the telephone box there will be removed. D Scott at SBC is fighting to retain all the remaining phone boxes and JB will liaise with RS and then contact him in regard. The recent storms where there were power cuts, and no mobile coverage only reinforced the need for public phone boxes in case of emergencies especially in rural areas.

Update on Bus stop Swap stop:

Hold up due to problems with contractor but funding has been ringfenced so can be carried forward to next financial year.

Possible plantings to enhance Cath's Walk benches:

- KM and FW undertook to plant bulbs etc

Grass Strimming.

- Job had been advertised both on Notice Board and Facebook but no response. Therefore, Mr Stephen Eggie will be employed by C.C.

Correspondence as previously circulated.

A.O.C.B:

- BP advised that BCCF AGM would be held in Eyemouth Golf Club on Thursday, 31st March 2022 at 7.00pm. He will attend and is willing to take anyone else who wishes to attend along.
- BP also reminded members of the three recent Consultations/Campaigns and recommend member to respond to these; a) Feedback on plans for Tweedbank to Eyemouth active travel route; b) Public consultation on kerbside waste and recycling services, and c) Scottish Water's 'Nature Calls' customer engagement campaign.
- 20mph digital sign is being replaced and hopefully another facing the opposite direction will also be installed.
- ML expressed concern at state of wire fencing round telephone exchange which is a danger to the public. MR has contact details and will chase.
- ML advised C.C. of damage to edges of village green caused by refuse lorries and other heavy vehicles. The main problem is parking anywhere near the top corners of the green as large vehicles require the full width of the road to get round. The road around the green was widened several years ago and it is unlikely that SBC consider further widening the road at this time.
- Inconsiderate parking in some areas is causing problems. Would residents please note that you should not park within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction.
- A resident has asked if he could sow some wildflowers etc on the verge at the corner of road to Kelso. We would not have any objection to this.
- Another resident is concerned with branches etc blowing onto properties on Duns Road from the wood plantation across the road. Councillor Donald Moffat agreed to talk with the resident and investigate what could be done.

All business concluded the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Date of next meeting (possibly still online) Monday 9th May 2022 at 7pm and will be followed by our AGM.