

**SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Date of Meeting:** 09/05/2022 at 7.00pm      **Venue:** Swinton Kirk

**PRESENT**

Bill Purvis (Chair), Jim Brown (JB)

Robert Sloan (RS), Kenneth Morton (KM)

Fiona Wilson (FW),

Three members of the public

**APOLOGIES**

Michael Lawrence and Meg Reid

**Minutes taken by:** Fiona Wilson

**Next meeting:** 11 July 2022

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting which is the first face to face for over two years.

**MINUTES**

**Minutes of meeting** 14/03/2022

Proposed by JB, seconded KM

**Matters Arising:** No matters arising not in Agenda

**Treasurers Report:**

Balance as at 14/03/2022	<b>£370.73</b>
Expenditure	
Paint for Book exchange	£14.00
SP Electricity DD	£22.67
Plaque for Platinum Jubilee tree	£60.00
Balance as at 09/05/2022	<b>£274.06</b>

**Police report:**

Reports from 28/03/22, 13/04/2022 and 6/5/22 circulated to CC members. No issues of note

### **Planning Applications/Issues:**

- 22/00545/VAA Vehicle access at Langbank Cottage - no comment asked for.
- Refusal by SBC of the application 22/00247/FUL by Scotland Shop to develop new premises at Greenknowe Farm was disappointing as it is one of the few employers in the immediate Swinton area.

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

No change in this ward's representation after elections on May 5. Our regional councillors will continue to be John Greenwell, Donald Moffat and Mark Rowley.

### **Email from Hugh Roberts:**

Mr Roberts has asked that CC remind residents about not cutting garden hedges until nesting season is over. RS said that farmers legally cannot cut hedges between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. and some local gardening services will not do hedges till late summer. FW is putting together a newsletter about recent developments such as the Swap Stop and improved bus service and it was agreed this will be included.

### **Changes to 32 bus:**

From late March, Swinton has a much-improved service to Berwick, including on Saturdays and Scottish school holidays.

Bus leaves Swinton Monday to Saturday at 9.05 and returns from Berwick at 12.55 from Homebase and 13.00 Golden Square. On Scottish school holidays and Saturdays, it also returns at 15.40 Homebase and 15.45 Golden Square. On school days it is 14.45 and 14.50. This allows time for people to shop, meet a friend for coffee, even walk on the beach and importantly reduces car journeys. Under 22's now can apply for the National Entitlement Card which gives them free travel. Concessionary cards can also be used on the new Pingo Demand Responsive service app (leaflets delivered throughout villages) which links the main bus routes together.

### **Tree planting with plaque for Platinum Jubilee:**

Finlay Mitchell is providing the tree. Many thanks to him. Children will plant the tree as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebration on June 4. The Community Council has provided the plaque, and Duns Men's Shed the base and post.

### **Possible removal of public telephone box at Upsettlington:**

Since our last meeting the door had been damaged. Following an intervention by SBC, BT states that door will not be replaced but it has no intention of closing these boxes *at the moment*.

### **Update on Swap Stop:**

Swap Stop was completed in the last week of March, exterior and shelves have been painted and books are already in. We are hoping that spare plants and excess produce will also be added. Duns Men's Shed has made wooden sign which will be

put up this weekend. FW will produce a notice for the inside which can be produced as A5 leaflet to go into the hotel and Airbnb type accommodation in the village.

**Planting on Cath's Walk:**

The lack of rain recently meant bulbs couldn't be planted beside the new bench seats as hoped this month, but they are drying off to plant in autumn.

**Correspondence:** As previously circulated

**A.O.C.B.:**

- CC must ensure that developer funding for play is ringfenced for Swinton. FW will contact Councillor Moffat who was asked to ensure this before the election period now he is re-elected and can take the issue forward. We also need to pull together a group covering parents, children, the school and young people to ascertain what is required.
- Speed indicator on main Street ceased to work and was taken to be repaired. Now replaced but still not working.
- Chair confirmed that 20mph signs will be extended beyond the new village boundary of The Everley Meadow development entrance.
- Resident of Laidlaw Drive has offered to treat the Swinton 2000 stone with a special solution that cleans the stone when it rains. CC offered its thanks.

Regular CC business concluded; meeting closed at 7.45 with the AGM to follow.

Date of next meeting 11 July at 7.00pm at Swinton Kirk