

## SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

at 7.00pm in the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

### PRESENT:

Iain Woolley (IW) (Chair), Bill Purvis (BP), Kenneth Morton (KM), Tim Morris (TM) Michael Lawrence (ML), and John Cochrane (JC), Councillor Donald Moffat, (DM) plus 7 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Fiona Wilson, (FW), Meg Reid, Councillors John Greenwell and Mark Rowley

Minutes taken by: Bill Purvis

Next meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

**Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. As there was a fair amount of business to discuss he asked that everyone be succinct and to the point.

### Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 were approved.

**Proposed:** KM    **Seconded:** ML

### Matters Arising:

- **Road Surface** – The road surface in Main Street, Swinton is currently under repair.
- **Salt Bins** – The salt bin removed from the SW corner of village green can be replaced in its original position providing not placed tight against property wall.  
**Action** – SBC to be advised accordingly. (BP).
- **Road Bridge** – The damage to the parapet of the road bridge on Duns Road has been reported but as culprit has not been identified repair costs will require to be met from SBC budget. As repair is not considered urgent this will be met from next year's budget and are likely to take place before end of year.
- **Fly Tipping** – Residents are reminded that the dumping of garden or any other type off waste is illegal and could leave them open to a hefty fine. A sign to this effect will be placed on Notice Board.
- **Maintenance of Rights of Way** – IW had attempted to contact contractor without success. We must now look to employing a willing "volunteer".
- **Parking of HGV Vehicles** – Lorries parking on Swinton Main Street are not breaking any law as long as they are not on pavement and facing the correct direction.
- **ABNB Properties** – Registration of such properties has been delayed for six months.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- ML still waiting confirmation from RBS that necessary changes have taken effect.
- Our contract with Scottish Power is due to expire on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Agreed that new contract for 12 months be arranged. **Action:** BP.

### **Police Report:**

- This month's Police Report is not yet available.
- Police are considering a pilot scheme whereby speed guns and appropriate training will be offered to volunteers. They would be able to carry out checks in other C C areas but would only be able to advise speed and registration number to police who would issue warning letters. **Action:** BP will investigate.

### **Planning Applications:**

- None at present.

### **Update from Regional Councillors**

- DM advised that Coronation Grant was only available to Community Councils and will be strictly scrutinised.

### **Update on Hudson Ladykirk Development (Everley Meadow):**

- No further developments

### **Community Amenity Space and developer contribution:**

- We wish clarification on developers' contribution and funds ring-fenced for play equipment. **Action:** IW/BP will write to Planning Department

### **Swinton Hub/Church:**

- Rev David Dalglish, Chairman of Swinton Hub updated the meeting on the latest position re Swinton Church. Last Church of Scotland in the building took place on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 but as Presbytery Plan has not yet been approved no decision can be taken on the sale/lease of Swinton Church.
- ML and KM have agreed to have an informal discussion with a local landowner.

### **Speeding/Parking:**

- Secretary had received 3 complaints concerning vehicles parking on the main road too near the Wellfield entrance making it very difficult for drivers to see oncoming traffic when exiting the junction. **Action:** BP will contact Community Safety Officer.

**War Memorial:**

- Apparently, Swinton Village events are looking at tidying up area around Swinton War Memorial. **Action** TM will liaise with them to see if we can assist in any way.

**Correspondence as previously circulated:****A.O.C.B.:**

- The tree stump has now been removed from the S.W. corner of Swinton Village Green.
- IW/KM gave a report on the latest Area Partnership Meeting held in Cockburnspath Village Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> March.
- Gala Day/Coronation event should be advertised on our Facebook page.
- Boules Pitch . FW had been in contact with SBC.

**Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 7pm in the Wheatsheaf Hotel and will be followed by our AGM.

**Close:**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.32pm.