

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 1st November

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, Meg Reid (MR), Councillor Donald Moffat IDM), and one member of the public

APOLOGIES: Fiona Wilson, John Cochrane, Councillor Mark Rowley

Minutes taken by: Bill Purvis

Next meeting: 6th December 2023

Welcome: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 4th October 2023, having been circulated to members, were approved.

Proposed: ML **Seconded:** TM

Matters Arising:

- MR informed meeting that we would only be allowed to fly the Union Flag or St Andrew's Cross.
- Christmas lights – 10 volunteers had stepped forward to assist with erection of Christmas Lights. The switch-on would be at 6.30pm when Santa would arrive.

Treasurer's Report:

- Grant of £400 now received.
- Agreed to order parts for marquees costing £42.

Police Report: October report has been circulated to members.

Planning Applications: Application for improvements to Bank House Main Street, Swinton had been circulated. While it was agreed that we had no objections to the application, it was recommended that if front windows are to be replaced that these are not "like for like" but more in keeping with traditional "Sash & Case" windows of the surrounding properties.

Update from Regional Councillors:

- DM Advised that there is still a space on the Community Speed Watch Pilot Scheme and asked if we had replied. Secretary still waiting on one form to send in application.

Update on Hudson Ladykirk Development (Everley Meadow):

- Nothing new to report.

Swinton Hub/Church:

- There will be a Service at the War Memorial in Swinton on Armistice Sunday, 12th November at 10.45am following by a Service in the Church at 11.15am. A wreath will be laid at the War Memorial in Ladykirk at 1.00pm.

Swinton Village Enhancement Group:

- Further planting of bulbs etc. ongoing.
- Group advised that they will be seeking further grant funding to replace seat at "Besom Davy, .and other works.

Parking:

- Parking at Swinton School was a cause for concern as some parent regularly park outside the pencil bollards to drop off/pick up children. As these bollards were there to stop parking on a bend this is a danger to motorists and pedestrians. Secretary will contact Scholl PTA and Phillipa Gilhooly in first instance.

Speeding:

- Letter from Chief Inspector Vincent reiterating that speed enforcement is only carried out in the interests of casualty reduction.

Ash Tree

- TM has written to Ladykirk Estate re the Damaged ash tree on right of way to south side of village.

New Initiatives and Public Engagement:

- Newsletter – Draft approved and will be set up to include photographs prior to being sent for printing.

Correspondence:

As circulated.

A.O.C.B.

- New bus route has been agreed which now runs from Duns to Berwick via Swinton and vice versa. Timetable in Swap Shop.
- Steps on footpath on west side of Carters Wynd in need of repair. Secretary will contact SBC and Berwickshire Housing in this regard.

All business being concluded the meeting closed at 8.43pm

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