

It SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2024
at 7.00pm in the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

PRESENT:

Iain Woolley (IW) (Chair), Bill Purvis (BP), Tim Morris (TM) , Meg Reid (MR), Kenneth Morton (ML) , Fiona Wilson (FW). Councillor Donald Moffat and five members of the public

APOLOGIES: John Cochrane, Michael Lawrence, Councillors Greenwell and Rowley

Minutes taken by: Fiona Wilson

Next meeting: 3rd April 2024

Welcome: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was agreed to keep the level of detail in Minutes as at present going forward.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 7th February 2024 were read and agreed after amendment.:- Marquees- First paragraph should read "While Community Council are willing to provide marquees for Horticultural Society Show they cannot guarantee to provide enough volunteers to erect them"

Proposed: KM **Seconded:** TM

Matters Arising:

- Carters Wynd steps repairs have been completed. Meeting agreed it was good to see swift actions after complaints were made to SBC. However, there was a poor repair on the pavement around a water stop cock. KM to photograph and pass to Councillor Greenwell.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - CC currently has £328 in account.
 - £100 **has** been received from Horticultural Society
 - After receipt of grant, £40 donation to be made to Duns Rotary for provision of Santa in 2023.

Police Report: Recent report not yet received.

Planning Applications:

- Recent application for new handrail at Milnegraden. No objections

Update from Regional Councillors:

- Ongoing issue about Councillors unable to attend Berwickshire Area Partnership meetings after change of day.

- Update on Budget
- Community Action Team. Reduced to one sergeant and six constables. Councillor Moffat sees no real issues with capacity.
- Duns Pool now has the same level of funding as Jedburgh with £2k to £3K additional funds.

Swinton Hub Group: Group arranging public meeting at end of March

SEG:

- Daffodils and bluebells planted last autumn are coming up
- Grant of £414.25 for bench repair has been agreed. SEG hopes to use Unpaid Work Team for this.
- It was agreed that SEG could lift, split and replant Green daffodils after flowering
- FW to see if SEG is able to lead on Berwickshire Spring Clean.

Marquees:

- Horticultural Society has booked Whitsome Ark for September Show offering much better facilities.
- Sec to check if Unpaid Work Team could be used for marquee erection.

Trees in Wood and Duns Road wall:

- There was a detailed inspection and tagging by Finlay Mitchell in autumn. By January 24 all tags had gone. CC expressed concern that the window for work in the wood and on the wall is delayed again.
- Member of the public told the meeting a number of roadside trees between Simprim and Swinton Hill have been tagged.
- Proposed location for Coronation Oak on edge of Wellfield not suitable as it could obscure solar battery for speed indicator.

Parking – School:

- Meeting postponed to 21st March

Parking – Pavements:

- It was noticed that as more people are parking on the road, this is creating a chicane which deters speeding

Speeding:

- Dragon's Teeth and 20mph roundels now in place.
- There was further discussion on the proposal for CC email drafted ready to send to local commercial business who frequently speed through the village. An email to be drafted.
- The Community Speeding Initiative pilot in three Borders villages including Allanton, not yet happening.
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New Initiatives and Public Engagement:

No new initiatives

Correspondence as previously circulated:

A.O.C.B.:

- Several residents of Swinton Hall attended. All residents have objected to the proposed Ladykirk development of two houses on agricultural land. Highways Officer expressed concerns about blind summit at entrance. CC offered full support. Councillor Moffat said objectors have the right to attend Planning Committee meetings and a representative would have six minutes to speak on their behalf.
- KM to draft letter of support for Gordon CC. Some discussion about potential benefits of windfarms monies.
- KM reported the dire condition of the Core Path adjacent to the development

.All business concluded, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Next meeting Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 7pm in the Wheatsheaf.