

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 4th September 2024

at 7.00pm in the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

PRESENT:

Iain Woolley (IW) (Chair), Bill Purvis (BP), Tim Morris (TM), Meg Reid (MR), John Cochrane (JC) , Michael Lawrence (ML) Treasurer, Councillor Donald Moffat (DM) and one member of the public

APOLOGIES: Fiona Wilson, Kenneth Morton, Councillor Mark Rowley

Minutes taken by: Bill Purvis **Next meeting:** 2nd October 2024

Welcome: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He reported attended a Community Conversation meeting where the main points raised by most Community Councils were: - a) Lack of public transport and b) The ageing population of the area c) Static population numbers across the SB area and requirement for retired residents to return to work to grow the economy d) the disappointment at the gateway effect of Reston and the number of trains that actually stop there.

He had also had a response via SBC from the head teacher of Swinton Primary School advising that they do not wish to make use of the land.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 5th June 2024 were read and agreed.

Proposed: JC **Seconded:** MR

Matters Arising:

- Solar panels – Secretary had contacted SBC Planning Dept. Response awaited
- Blocked drains on Main Street still to be cleared.
- Our thanks to Mrs Carol Allen who volunteered to strim path through wood west end of Swinton.
- War Memorial – Councillor Greenwood is taking this up.
- We are still trying to source new dog fouling posters.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance is currently £1,249.88 which includes Marquee Rental £600 and £582.51 being one third of their balance from Swinton Village Events.
- Remittance Advice has been received from SBC for our Annual Grant of £693 so this amount should arrive in our bank account shortly
- Discussion on accounting steps for expenditure from held funds, leading to AGM /end of year figures -to be more detailed?

Police Report. ‘

- This month's Report still awaited.
- It is noted that the incident with the Swap Shop and Planters was mentioned in last month's Report.
- An accident involving a motor vehicle occurred today around Morning Bank resulting in the road to Duns being closed for a period.

Planning Applications:

- We had no objections or comments to make on an application for internal alterations to the Coach House, Swinton House, Duns.
- No other applications to consider.
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Update from Regional Councillors:

- None

Swinton Hub Group:

- Nothing to report.

SEG:

- No report available

Speeding:

- Various traffic calming measures were discussed and it was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of IW, MR, JC, TM and KM be formed to consider these.
- The speed of certain agricultural vehicles passing through Swinton was highlighted as well as the fact several have been spotted using mobile phones.

Trees in Wood and Duns Road wall:

- Stuart Moir, SBC has contacted the landowner requesting an update. Response awaited.
- TM awaits reply from Simon Wilkinson re ash die-back affected trees on tight of way

Initiatives and Public Engagement:

- Chair commented on the various funding sources available and asked that we come back with ideas for project(s) at next meeting. A 10 month lead in for any potential projects required.

Correspondence as previously circulated:

- email from a member of the public enquiring the position re electric vehicle charging cable across pavement. While we have been informed by Councillor Greenwell that this is not permitted, he has asked for a written policy statement from SBC officials which is still awaited. In the meantime the resident has mitigated the trip hazard by using a rubber cable protector.
- An email from Fiona Willson raised several points concerning the area around the new development. Several points raised are probably the responsibility of the developer however a dropped kerb at the school entrance will be requested.

A.O.C.B.:

- **Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES)** are holding the following meetings: -

**1. Community Decarbonisation Plan Launch Swinton
Wednesday, 11th September 2024**

Drop-in Session 2.00pm – 6.30pm in Wheatsheaf Hotel

Public Meeting 7.00pm – 9.00pm in Swinton Parish Church.

**2. Community, Business and Homeowner Funding Information
Sessions – Thursday, 12th September 2024**

Drop-in Session 2.00pm to 6.30pm in Wheatsheaf Hotel

Public Meeting 7.00pm to 8.00pm in Swinton |Parish Church

All business concluded; the meeting closed at 8.27pm

Next meeting Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 7pm in the Wheatsheaf.