

## SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

2024 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 Fiona Wilson (FW). Councillor Donald Moffat. One member of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Meg Reid, John Cochrane, John Cochrane

**Minutes taken by:** Fiona Wilson

**Next meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Welcome:** The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. He has confirmed with SBC Planning that a plan of the Community Amenity Land did originally show the plot divided into three but following an amendment letter from the developer to SBC Planning, it is now one area as we had discussed. The Chair has already written to SBC Planning to inform them of the S&LCC decision to take leased ownership of the Amenity land. He is now contacting Jamie Hudson and Ladykirk Estates to begin the process of the community legally taking possession of the land and the signing the lease.

He then introduced a member of the public from the Swinton Hub Group who briefed the meeting on a new opportunity for a Hub site that they hope to move on after consultation with village. There will be a door to door distribution of this information and a public meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> in the School. At present, it is unlikely that any progress can be made on the Wellfield site for affordable housing.

Michael Lawrence declared an interest for this item.

### Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October were read and agreed.

**Proposed:** KM    **Seconded:** ML

### Matters Arising:

- Donation made to the Men's Shed
- Santa booked. Dates for the Lights to be hung are now Saturdays and Sundays to encourage more(and younger) residents to help.

### Treasurer's Report:

Current balance £1851.00

It was agreed that if the cost of high-viz vests was picked up by the CC, that would allow SEG monies to cover the cost of the Besom Davie bench repair and re-installation by Duns Men's Shed.

**Police Report:** No issues relevant to Swinton and Ladykirk in report received. A photograph of the West end of Main Street was used in the report too.

**Planning Applications:** No objections to Duns Road car port application.

**Updates from Regional Councillors:**

- Councillor Moffat will be attending a Community Action Team meeting with an update on the pilot scheme of community led speed gun teams.
- Traffic officers have all been relocated to Duns from East Lothian. Good to have that additional presence in Berwickshire
- Satellite technology increasingly in use for speeding offences. FW mentioned the SNAP project in use in England and Wales where members of the public can upload images of speeding and other motoring offences to a web site where they are evaluated and further police action can be taken.

**Defibrillator:**

- Post completely rotten. New post to be installed by TM and IW. Electrician to be contacted to extend armoured cable and quotes to be requested.

**Swinton Hub/Church**

- Further to earlier item, No recent meetings on the Church. Still on the market.

**Speeding:**

- Discussion on location of new “smiley face” sign at west end of the village. Double sided if at all possible. A couple of residents have offered to help
- Speeding initiative sub-group to take this forward.

**Trees and Wall, Duns Road:**

- SBC enforcement have contacted the owner of the land.
- Legal action by the complainant is anticipated so no further role for the CC.

**Ash trees:**

- Natasha Stockmore from SBC has promised an assessment from the Tree Officer

**New Initiatives and Public Engagement:**

- Data Protection Certificate renewed until 2025
- Chair to provide introduction on the work of the CC for the Newsletter which should be out by 25 November

**Correspondence as previously circulated:**

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

- Further questions about the enforcement of action against charging cables across the pavement. John Greenwell to be asked or clarification
- Possible expenditure from Swinton Events monies.

- *Metal “Tommy” statue,*
- *Three new replacement plastic pots to replace wooden half-barrel ones on the mound and at the garage.*
- *Battery powered lights with timer for trees at west and east end of the village*
- *Ten foot metal tree for Green*
- *Flag pole – though this unlikely to be supported by SBC*
- *Stanchion on goal post at east end of Green needs repair*
- *FW to organise mince pies etc. for Light Switch On*

All business concluded, the meeting closed at 8.40

Next meeting Wednesday 4th December at 7pm in the Wheatsheaf.