

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4th December

2024 7.00pm in the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

PRESENT:

Iain Woolley (IW) (Chair), Bill Purvis (BP), Tim Morris (TM) , Michael Lawrence (ML), John Cochrane (JC). Meg Reid (MR) and Fiona Wilson (FW). Councillors John Greenwell and Donald Moffat. One member of the public

APOLOGIES: Kenneth Morton

Minutes taken by: Fiona Wilson

Next meeting: 5th February 2025

Welcome: The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 6th November were read and agreed.

Proposed: BP **Seconded:** ML

Matters Arising:

Regarding expenditure from Swinton events monies it was now agreed that::

- A metal ' Tommy ' figure to be purchased
- Three electric Christmas trees have been bought
- MR to contact SBC for a definitive answer on having a flag pole. Any flying of flags would have to abide within the Flag Protocol.

Feedback from Councillor Greenwell. SBC still looking into providing clear guidance for cables across pavements while saying it's illegal.

Treasurer's Report:.

Current balance £1654.16 Trees were £160 for the three.

Police Report: No current report.

Planning Applications: Solar panels on Green with planning enforcement.

Updates from Regional Councillors:

Councillor Greenwell:

- VE Day event at Floors Castle on 10th May involving Royal Regiment of Scotland
- Missed bin collections not an issue for Swinton
- Councillor Greenwell will check large pothole on Kelso Road near Little Swinton

Councillor Moffat:

- No issues

Christmas Lights etc:

- To be taken down weekend 11 January. Switched off at Twelfth Night. NB. New trees need to be packed carefully.
- Thanks to all helpers
- To look into for future years - Whitsome have a system where you buy a £1 ticket to win the right to switch on the Lights.

Defibrillator:

- Now mounted on the electricity box and screwed to fence. Accessible and visible at no cost to CC. It was agreed that a new set of pads be purchased

Community Land:

- Discussion on the difficulties of contacting Ladykirk Estates Factor as no one is based locally. Member of the public provided a further contact

Swinton Hub/Church:

- Church Group to go ahead with a feasibility study. Hub Group has withdrawn its interest in applying to the Scottish Land Fund

Speeding:

- MR to confirm location of new Active Speeding sign on Green and to request it should be double sided. If this is not possible, sign should face west.
- Chair asked Speeding sub group to look at short and medium term priorities. Long term ideas too.
- Councillors agreed that a priority sign on Duns Road Bridge is a straightforward process
- MR to invite Karen McGrath to meet up with SSG and Councillor Greenwell to advise on solutions
- Scott Spence may be able to advise on a technological solution to measuring speeds within the village.

Trees and Wall, Duns Road:

- Letter sent by complainant to landowner.

Ash trees:

- Trees on Ladykirk Estates land. Mark Swallow to be contacted by SBC's Natasha Stockmore.
- If landowners fail to take action, unsafe overhanging trees and hedges can be pruned and landowner must pay the cost.

New Initiatives and Public Engagement:

- Newsletter distributed. Many thanks to David Rees for an excellent job on production. 220 printed. A further 50 would allow us to reach more households. Digital copy to go to School for website. Better and fairer distribution plan for next edition.

- Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy to be published. James Colin will have more to report in February.

Correspondence as previously circulated:

A.O.C.B:

- Member of public asked about progress on Superfast Broadband. Councillor Greenwell to take forward at SBC.
- War Memorial names. Councillor Greenwell will check progress on this outstanding issue.
- New book on Bygone Days around Ladykirk. £6.99 with all proceeds to Breast Cancer Now. Available from Councillor Moffat.

All business concluded, the meeting closed at 8.30

Next meeting Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 7pm in the Wheatsheaf.