

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5th February

2025 at 7.00pm in the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

Present: Iain Wooley (IW) (in the Chair), Bill Purvis (Sec.), Tim Morris (TM) , Michael Lawrence (ML), Meg Reid (MR), Kenneth Morton (KM), John Cochrane (JC), Fiona Wilson (FW), and Councillor Donald Moffat (DM).

APOLOGIES: None

Minutes taken by: Fiona Wilson

Next meeting: 5th March 2025

Welcome: The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Thanks to all for Christmas Lights takedown.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 4th December were read and agreed.

Proposed: MR **Seconded:** ML

Matters Arising:

- MR to price the 'Tommy' figure
- After storm damage to one of the new trees, TM is creating two from the parts and mounting on a frame
- MR still awaiting response from SBC on flagpole and potholes. It was agreed to contact John Currie re the potholes on all access roads to the village.

Treasurer's Report:.

- Current balance £1565.
- Pads for defibrillator received £70
- Christmas Lights electricity costs over December £89
- Moira allowed to order replacement pots

Police Report: No current report.

Planning Applications:

- No issues on Swinton House Bothy.
- BP to write to SBC Director of Planning for guidance on Solar Panels in Conservation Areas

Updates from Regional Councillors:

- DM is taking forward the issue of wall and tree on Duns Road with Tree Officer.
- It was confirmed CC has no liability for maintenance of path only cutting if possible.
- No appetite within community to take on ownership of wood
- Reply to be sent to Duns Road resident

Piper Laidlaw Bronze Bust:

After assurance there were **no** installation costs to be met by CC, it was agreed to suggest the mound opposite the War Memorial as a suitable location for the bust.

Community Land:

Henry Birch is the contact for Ladykirk Estates and will be contacted about outstanding issues

- Heras fencing down
- Community ownership for initial ten years
- Core Path and roads and pavements completion. Chair also to contact SBC Roads Officer John Currie and Enforcement Officer Alan Gilner to ensure this is taken forward
- Play contribution from developer. Where is it and how can it be spent?
- Mr Birch is the contact for any overhanging/unsafe trees on right of way

Swinton Hub/Church: No further information

Speeding:

- Member of CC reported eight cars obviously speeding within ten minutes on Main Street.
- MR to contact Fiona Henderson at SBC with an FOI request for raw speeding data
- MR to confirm meeting for Speeding Sub Group with Karen McGrath and Phillipa Gilhooley
- It was agreed to request a BUS STOP white line for Main Street stop

Ash trees:

- Trees on Ladykirk Estates land. Henry Birch is the contact

.Correspondence as previously circulated:

- Local Place planning Webinars. FW to attend first one on TEAMS

A.O.C.B:

- War Memorial names. No response from Councillor Greenwell so far. This is not acceptable
- BT sign in Main Street phone box saying it will be de-commissioned. Sec to check with BT.

Close;

All business concluded, the meeting closed at 8.40

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