

Symington Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tues 17th September 2024, at 7pm in Symington Community Hall.

Present: Liz Kelly, Dave Houfe, Julie Howie, Deborah White, Jillian Mulholland, John Mulholland.

In attendance: Cllr Duncan Townson, Jan McGarry SAC.

Apologies: Rhona Duncan, Cllr Julie Dettbarn, Local Police.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Townson (Woodland proposal at Burnbrae), left meeting until topic/discussion finished.

1.	<p>Presentation by Andy Hines, Walker Hines Woodland Services, for a proposed woodland at Burnbrae, stated objectives – timber production, combat climate change, protect/enhance biodiversity, create attractive woodland. He detailed the process from community feedback to proposals/plans and implementation. Maps showing affected areas were displayed & current/proposed tree species detailed. Online details available (website??). Online, or paper (forms available in Co-op), community feedback is encouraged. Electronic copy of presentation available on request from Symington Community Council. Feedback forms/Further information available from mail@walkerhineswoodlandservices.co.uk The Community Council agreed to respond to Walker Hines presentation as soon as possible.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting (20th Aug 2024)</p> <p>Proposed by Julie Howie and seconded by Liz Kelly.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising and outstanding items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of real time bus tracker (SYM1 planning condition) - no response yet from contractor, ARA & SPT are following this up. • Traffic Calming – 20mph extension TRO in place by month-end, contractor now assigned, who will confirm planned start dates. • Symington signage incl. finger posts, bench Kerrix Road, playpark Brewlands Crescent, carpark adjacent to bowl club & MUGA – awaiting feedback from Spring allocation of funds. • Council areas of maintenance – photos of areas of concern to be sent to SAC. 	<p><i>Julie Howie</i></p> <p><i>Julie Howie</i></p> <p><i>Cllrs Dettbarn/Ferry</i></p> <p><i>Dave Houfe</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor state of footpath leading from Brewlands Drive to the shops - ongoing. • Damaged wall adjacent to shops – awaiting feedback. • Branches stacked against perimeter fence at bowling club awaiting wood/weather conditions to hire wood chipper. • Overgrown trees on Brewlands Road – various emails, incl. photos, sent to Neighbourhood services, no response yet received. 	<p><i>Cllr Townson</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Ferry</i></p> <p><i>Julie Howie</i></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Police Report :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New community policing sergeant in place. 2. Safer Communities. One report of youths fighting, but no trace when police arrived. Domestic abuse continues to be an area of focus. 3. Community Wellbeing- police continue to respond to high number of welfare concerns. 	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Litter Event, Troon, 27 Sept, Keep Scotland Beautiful has developed a national online Community Litter Hub, visit website for details www.KeepScotlandBeautiful.org/community-litter-hub/ • Scottish Water, Townend Road (water pipe upgrade) – due unforeseen circumstances, work taking 4wks longer than expected, completion date now around Fri 11th Oct. • Community Fund Advisor, Foundation Scotland, highlighting Community Councils micro-grant fund which can be drawn down annually, & circa £2k can be available for the community, contact her for further details. • Webinar for Community Councils, with Ready Scotland, Wed 25th Sept, national survey on emergency risks & their impacts in local areas. 	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Treasurers Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £3,054.06p in bank account. • Bank account move in progress. 	<p><i>Deb White</i></p>

7.	<p>Planning :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new significant applications. • Coodham – proposed development – no feedback from SAC re financial implications to tax payer if proceeding to judicial review, unable to get transcript from the hearing from the Scottish Courts (oral hearing not recorded, nor do they transcribe proceedings unless special arrangements made), Procedural Hearing on 18th Sep and Substantial Hearing on 31st Oct. 	
8.	<p>Pollinator Friendly Symington:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further bat walk was held in the vicinity of Shaw Park, with support from SAC Ranger Service last night – quiet activity this time, rather than the activity seen in Spring. • On Saturday, volunteers cut the wildflower verge on Symington Road South. • Dundonald are considering a similar project to Pollinator Symington. • Memory trees – 45 trees planted around village, maybe some could be allocated for memorialising members of the community. 	
9.	<p>Community Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting last week with Audrey Gatt from SAC, with school involvement. • Further group meetings to be arranged i.e. with the Friendship group, to gain feedback. • Feedback Questionnaires are available from Imran's, Co-op, Library and also online. 	
10.	<p>AOCB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembrance Day wreath – John to arrange purchase/delivery. • Ailsa Paterson has tendered her resignation, due personal circumstances, need to encourage people to fill the 2 vacancies. • Also looking for a minute secretary, funding is available for the minute taking work. • Member of public raised issues with mobile telephone coverage in the village (Cllr Townson to investigate) and also noted fact that the Scottish Water pipe upgrade work is 	<p><i>John Mulholland</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Townson</i></p>

	<p>limiting access to village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due fencing around Pavilion, it is more difficult to access the play park – can fencing be moved to improve play park access?	
11.	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>15th October 7pm 2024, Public meeting, in Hall 2, Community Hall, at 7pm.</p> <p>(Cllr Townson submits apologies, unable to attend)</p>	