

**Coylton Community Council Meeting 26th September 2024
7pm Activity Centre (Squash Court)**

Attendees		Apologies
Laura McEwan - Chair		Jen - member
Sarah Wylie - member		Stan Mault - Treasurer
Angela Rowe - member		Ian Stewart - member
Allyson Wilson - member		Betty Hodge - Licensing member
Stewart Harrison- Thriving Communities		
Iain Campbell - Councillor		
Issac Kerr - member		
Fraser Stone - Dep Chair		
Rachel Wilson - Secretary/Planning member		
Joice - resident		
Andy Morris - resident		
Robert Madeley - resident		
Graeme Templeton - resident		
Liz and Colin Williamson - residents		
Kenny Dalrymple		

Notes	Action
Agreement of previous minutes - proposed by Angela second by Alyson	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair welcomed everyone and apologised for the last minute change of venue. 	

1. [Disability Scotland visit](#) - Ian Buchanon and Helen Bolland - The Chair explained that due to a heavy agenda the Disability Scotland team would now attend our October meeting instead.
2. [Apatura Energy Local Battery Storage Plans](#) - Alex Orr had emailed to cancel attendance at tonight's meeting and explained they will attend our next meeting.
3. [Future of Claude Hamilton](#) - Jamie Tait Thriving Communities - Jamie had been invited by the Chair to discuss the closure and future of The Claude Hamilton Hall. He explained a brief history of the hall and how he had supported the Community Association consistently for the past few years. He explained that the Post Office became very expensive to run and along with the lack of usage by the residents, the Committee had no other choice than to close their books. He informed the community council members that although the building may belong to the council the land was thought to belong to the Hamilton Family and he was currently attempting to find out ownership. He stated that the hall had been boarded up to stop vandalism but the council would still be open to any potential business ventures which can prove a sustainable plan. Laura explained that the community council are attempting to form a SKIO and hope to include the Claude Hamilton Hall in its plans.
4. [Coylton Football Pitch and MUGA discussion](#) - Robert Madeley - Robert informed all present that he would like to reform a Coylton football team and wondered what the plans for the pitch and changing rooms are. The changing rooms have a few sets of key, but members are unsure of who actually holds the keys. Jamie Tait offered to track down ownership of the building and Robert said he would contact previous team leaders to find out where the keys to the building are. There is also a container which needs sorting through. Laura suggested that a key holder list is created to determine who has keys. Kenny Dalrymple explained that he was still working on where to put the MUGA by the activity centre. The old BT land has been identified as a possibility but they need to approach to see if they would gift the land to Coylton. There are

alternative sites but next to the tennis court is preferable. The type of surface was discussed in length.

Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Campbell explained the new police sergeant was keen to show a presence at Coylton Community Council Meetings. Laura read through the police report which was minimal. Iain explained that the path and fencing to the school from Highpark Road should be completed very soon. Councillor Campbell informed the meeting that the 20MPH signs at the school will be reinstated as flashing or static signs. 	Councillor Campbell
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel had nothing to report in relation to planning throughout the village. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Betty had nothing to report on Licensing 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer reported £1653.77 in the bank and £12,805 in the community garden account. Laura explained that the balance included the leaflets that were created to highlight the CC for the school bag drop. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura asked Jamie about the notice boards and who holds the key for them as she had issues trying to get into the one at the chemist. Jamie considered that the keys were still with the chair of the Community Association. She also enquired about the christmas lights and Jamie explained that the lights belonged to the village and that ownership was with the Community Council. 	Laura
Previous Action Items	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura stated that Place Planning would be discussed at the next meeting. 	Rachel
Any Other Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested by residents that battery storage funding should come to Coylton to allow for growth within the village. Laura explained that some community groups were attempting to form a SKIO. This could be discussed in length at the next meeting as currently the potential group were attempting to create a constitution. • Laura again apologised for the short notice in change of venue and explained that she was unsure why a janitor did not turn up. She was disappointed that the meeting had to be cut short and stated some items would be transferred to the next meeting. She also noted that the activity centre would not be a suitable venue for future meetings as the squash court echoed too much and it was very difficult to hear. She thanked the staff at the activity centre for their patience and working past 8pm to accommodate the meeting. <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting closed 8pm Next meeting Thursday October 31st</p>	