

**Symington Community Council: Minutes of meeting held on Tues 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.**

**Present:** Liz Kelly, Dave Houfe, Deborah Lochhead, John Mulholland, Jillian Mulholland

**Apologies:**, Rhona Duncan, Julie Howie, Jan McGarry SAC

**Declarations:** none

**In attendance:** Cllr Julie Dettbarn.

1.	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024:.</b></p> <p>Minutes approval proposed by DH, seconded by LK</p>	
2.	<p><b>Matters arising and outstanding items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local bus service tracker screen at turning circle, enforcement of SYM1 planning condition: – JH to continue to pursue</li> <li>• 20 mph &amp; traffic calming measures – ongoing</li> <li>• Spring allocation of ward money – £1m spend per ward (10 villages) over 5yr period, capital spend with no ongoing maintenance costs. No funding granted yet - SAC governance/business case issues under discussion. Agreed items: new sign &amp; bench on Kerrix Road, Fingerposts on Symington Road North/Main Street and a bench in the playpark on Brewlands Crescent. Additional items added by SAC to be removed while place plan creation still in progress, then further items for submission to be reviewed.</li> <li>• Damaged wall at shops – rubble cleared, wall flattened, pavement edging still to do, with SAC Housing Services to action.</li> <li>• Members of the public have raised the following issues on footpaths (state of paths and over-hanging hedges). John to identify areas raised by the public and pass onto SAC.</li> <li>• Bowling club trees/shrubs – for removal when conditions and resources available – Closed.</li> <li>• Overgrown trees on Brewlands Rd – ongoing, with Neighbourhood services.</li> <li>• Thanks to Ian Hannah for laying the wreath on behalf of community on Remembrance Day – Closed</li> <li>• Mobile phone coverage – no update – very poor in Main Street</li> </ul>	<p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>Cllrs. Dettbarn/Ferry</i></p> <p><i>Cllr. Dettbarn</i></p> <p><i>JM/CllrDettbarn</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>Cllr. Townson</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fencing around pavilion moved slightly to allow easier access to play area, passed to Asset Management</li> <li>Knockendale corner safety, no update</li> <li>Pavilion – Jan confirmed rebuild by summer 2025 – Closed</li> <li>Christmas tree in situ now, lights being installed later in week - Closed</li> </ul>	<p><i>Cllrs. Dettbarn/Ferry</i></p> <p><i>Cllr. Ferry</i></p>
3.	<p><b>Police Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correction to previous report – youths fighting only reported in September (not in October)</li> <li>Welfare 1 reported incident, number of car incident calls</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Secretary's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scottish Water – feedback survey</li> <li>Resilient issues (emergencies) - survey has been responded to</li> <li>Connect South Ayrshire launch – a new joint approach to providing communities of South Ayrshire with easier access to information, advice and support – public website, free phonenumber, community hubs across South Ayrshire - will put link onto CC website.</li> <li>Road obstruction Main St/Kerrix Rd, members of public have raised health &amp; safety concerns, passed to police for advice.</li> <li>Intergenerational Projects in South Ayrshire – call for case studies, Pollinator Friendly Symington project information submitted.</li> <li>Walker Hines Woodland Proposal at Burnbrae – DH presented a copy of the draft response from SCC, seeking approval to proceed with this response to Walker Hines. Some discussion took place, regarding preference to a mix of tree species (continuous cover forestry), woodland access to the village, housing future (not sustainable), no support for the defensible boundary and indigenous planning. Reply includes request to remove the shelter belts, connecting with existing woodlands mixture of trees, and a community benefit. Approval for DH to proceed with meeting Walker Hines</li> </ul>	<p><i>DH</i></p> <p><i>DH</i></p>
5.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balance is £2964.06</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Planning Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coodham – A Coodham resident had submitted a FOI request regarding the cost of the judicial review regarding any extant planning permission, however SAC couldn't divulge information due to company sensitivities.</li> </ul>	<p><i>JH</i></p>

	Professional feedback suggests it's not extant. After New Year, QA will provide a response. Phase 1 (42 houses) will remove established trees.	
7.	<b>Elected members Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>Pollinator Friendly Symington (PFS):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planted horse chestnut tree, kindly donated by member of the community, in Shaw Park, to the SE of bowling club</li> <li>• Community member referred to the SUDS for Parish Gardens being overgrown and has asked about approaching Scottish Water about planting wildflower seeds. Maybe pursue similar for SUDS area in SYM1</li> <li>• Meeting with Prestwick CC next week to continue discussions on potential collaboration on the Pow Burn</li> </ul>	DH
9.	<b>Place Planning/Community Action Plan:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAP questionnaires are available for completion either in hard copy (library, co-op) or online. 120 completed to date – deadline end Nov</li> <li>• CC website has link to the questionnaire</li> <li>• LPP work will follow on from CAP development</li> </ul>	
10.	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCC still looking for co-opted members (2 vacancies)</li> <li>• Ask Jan for information on who reads the CC minutes submitted to SAC</li> </ul>	JMcG
12.	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2025, Public Meeting in Hall 2 Symington Community Hall 7pm	