

Symington Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 17th February 2026 at 7pm in the Hall for All, Symington.

Present: Liz Kelly (Chair), Dave Houfe (Secretary and Vice Chair), Deborah Lochhead (Treasurer), Julie Howie (Planning), Rhona Duncan, Sharon Johnston, Greth Leeds, Jillian Mulholland

Apologies: John Mulholland, Cllr Duncan Townson, Audrey Gatt

Declarations: None

In attendance: Cllr Julie Dettbarn, Jan McGarry

1.	<p>Approval of previous meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2026 were proposed by GL, seconded by DH.</p>	
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Change to bus stop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents complained of inconsistencies of drop off / pickup on Ayr side bus stop, which is no longer in service. One resident has already submitted an official complain to Stagecoach. JH to contact ARA. <p>Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH has meeting ARA in Symington. They will have a walkabout to discuss outstanding traffic issues in the village including Knockendale corner, speeding on Main Street and parking outside the school. <p>Update on Pavillion rebuild.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works still ongoing. • Drainage needed. Painting and plumbing work (shower) still to be undertaken. • SPark has decided not to continue with Community Asset Transfer of Shaw Park Pavillion due to lack of resources. • JMcG to find out who is going into the building and a completion date. <p>SAC/Health and Social Care Partnership Consultation document reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polices reviewed to date: Drug & Alcohol policy (LK), SAC Cycling Consultation (DH), SAC Planning Service Improvement Survey (JH). Relevant feedback has been submitted. 	<p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>JMcG</i></p> <p><i>LK/DH /JH</i></p>

	<p>Townend House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC wrote to Enhance HealthCare requesting sample service user contract and “day in the life.” No reply to date. <p>Outstanding</p> <p>Local Bus Service Real time tracker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New enforcement Officer in place. JH to contact to raise issue. Ongoing. <p>ARA 20 mph Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results have been received from a recent traffic survey taken on Main Street over a seven-day period. The result showed the average speed was 23 mph which was within the acceptable parameters therefore no further action to be taken. Residents were extremely disappointed as they felt the monitoring point cited at Coates Corner was the wrong part of the street to monitor. Ongoing. <p>Resilience plan – mobile phone cover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EE have provided information. Awaiting information from other networks. Ongoing. <p>Footpath at Brewlands Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Dettbarn has reported overgrown hedge through ARA portal. Awaiting response. <p>Knockendale corner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be discussed at above meeting, in Symington, between JH and ARA. <p>Ward capital spend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Dettbarn advised that Capital Ward spend meeting should be this month (Feb 2026) Date TBC. <p>Speed limit Survey – Pinch points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request that the pinch points be made more permanent and visually pleasing. JH to discuss with ARA on walkabout (see above). <p>Replacement tree planting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC Rangers have agreed to replace with protection. A provisional date of 14th March 2026 has been given (TBC) 	<p><i>DH</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>LK</i></p> <p><i>Cllr JDB</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>Cllr JDB</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>DH</i></p>
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3.	<p>Police Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report for Jan-Feb received. • DH did enquire about last month's report of fraud. Police Scotland replied that the fraud was online therefore was of no risk to the community. • Police Scotland also reported that shift working patterns were the reason they were unable to attend CC meetings. • Cllr Dettbarn will raise this issue at the Community Safety Partnership meeting. 	<p><i>DH</i></p> <p><i>Cllr DB</i></p>
4.	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood services. Email thanking people who volunteered for community litter picking. • SCC advised that any volunteers wanting to litter pick could get litter bags from Library. • Play based Investment Fund • Applications taken for funding, with minimum application £10K. Closing date 19th February 2026 • SEPA • Flood risk management plan indicates that Symington is not a high flood risk. 	<p><i>DH</i></p>
5.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank balance: £2,381.46 (CR) • A review of grant funding found a small amount of money which had been unallocated. Discussions had as to how the funds could be allocate. 	<p><i>DL</i></p> <p><i>SCC</i></p>
6.	<p>Planning Report:</p> <p>Townend House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two applications pending Alterations to a listed building Alterations to Townend House..... • SJ and DH attended a Regulatory Panel meeting on 5th February 2026 regarding above planning applications. Outcome was for a site visit to take place on 26th February 2026 with findings published on 4th March 2026. • SJ advised that a small group of Townend residents were pursuing legal advice with regard to planning submissions. 	<p><i>DH</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>SJ</i></p>

	<p>Coodham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No applications pending. Coodham resident advised they had received a communication from Hallbar homes re building work scheduled for Summer 2026. JH to investigate. 	<i>JH</i>
7.	<p>Elected members Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Dettbarn advised that the final draft of the Scheme of Establishment has been published, with some CCs unhappy with some of the wording. SCC has already sent their feedback. All feedback should be submitted by Thursday 19th Febraury2026. 	<i>Cllr DB</i>
8.	<p>Pollinator Friendly Symington (PFS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the Pow Burn Riverwoods Project, the Riverwoods documentary was screened in Prestwick on 29th January2026, along with a presentation about the Pow Burn project. Both projects were well received by those who attended. 	<i>DH</i>
9.	<p>Community Action Plan (CAP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final draft has been agreed and will be uploaded to SCC's website. Future meetings to be planned to discuss action points for next 5 years. Local Place Plan (LPP) CAP now feeds into LPP which is being drafted. 	<i>LK/AG/ SCC</i> <i>LK/AG/ JH</i>
10.	<p>AOCB Justice Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the Justice service officers has been in touch with SCC asking if his service could be of use to the community. Justice service can help with gardening, etc. Contact Community Council for further information 	<i>JH</i>
11.	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Tuesday 21st April 2026, followed by Public Meeting in Hall 2 - Symington Community Hall 7pm.</p>	