

Symington Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tues 19th May 2026 at 7pm in Symington Community Hall

Present: Julie Howie (Chairperson), Gareth Lees (Vice Chairperson), Liz Kelly, Deborah Lochhead (Treasurer), Rhona Duncan, Sharon Johnstone, Shelagh Miller

Apologies: David Houfe (Secretary)

In attendance: Jan McGarry, Councillor Julie Dettbarn

1.	Symington Community Council AGM	
2.	Declarations of Interest: none	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting Approval of minutes of Meeting dated 21 st April were deferred until next meeting.	
4.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Stop – Has been removed from Ayr side opposite Mainstreet. Bin and bench remain in situ. • JH to contact ARA regarding removal of sign post at the end of Main Street (next to Stop sign) that has no sign. • DH to contact Stagecoach about cancelled services discuss new electric buses on the route and staffing issues. • Townend House – SCC contacted Enhance Healthcare regarding ongoing concerns on 27/04/2026 and have had no response to date. A local resident raised concerns again therefore Councillor Dettbarn will request from Enhance a response to our previous correspondence and try to arrange another meeting around community engagement. • Diversions signs – have been collected and taken away. If any more found contact SCC to organise collection. • Co-option of new Members – Sharon Johnstone and Shelagh Miller were co-opted into Symington Community Council and welcomed by the group. 	<p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>DH</i></p> <p><i>DH</i></p> <p><i>Cllr DB</i></p> <p><i>SCC</i></p>
5.	<p>Outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Bus Service Real time tracker - Audit trail sent to Craig Isles, Head of Planning, after no response from planning enforcement officers. On Going. • Traffic Calming – Second speed survey to be conducted on Mainstreet. JH to discuss with ARA positioning of data capture points mid Main Street. Survey should be completed by end May 2026 	<p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath at Brewlands Drive – Cllr. Dettbarn informed meeting that two of the three hedges previously mention had been cut. The third is still outstanding. Cllr. DB to pursue. • Resilience – has been pursued as far as SCC can take it. To be removed from agenda • Knockendale corner – ARA have signs waiting to be erected. No date given. • Ward Capital Spend - Cllr. Dettbarn to ascertain date for commencement of tarmacking work at Symington Bowling Club. Cllr. Dettbarn also advised that SAC is trying to source original supplier for finger post signs to have them updated. • Pinch Points – JH to contact ARA after discussion that pinch points were not best deterrent for traffic calming especially on Brewlands Road. Alternative suggestions were made e.g. Speed tables. 	<p><i>Cllr. DB</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>Cllr. DB</i></p> <p><i>Cllr. DB</i></p> <p><i>JH</i></p>
6.	<p>Police Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No violent incidents or drugs issues reported in the period. • 1x report of housebreaking and theft. • 1 x anti -social behaviour • 1 x gathering of youths • • No traffic incidents • New designated community policeman. JH and SM to arrange a meeting with him. 	<p><i>DH</i></p> <p><i>JH/SM</i></p>
7.	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from Scottish Community Councils – an invite to a survey about Community Councils. Link to be posted on SCC web site. 	<p><i>DH</i></p>
8.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance is £2273.07. Annual audit done. All documents sent to SAC and awaiting funding. • Donations of £75 each to community groups Scout Hut and Gala Committee. 	<p><i>DL</i></p>
9.	<p>Planning Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application at 62A Main Street denied. Applicant appealed and site visit by review body arranged for early June. • Planning consent for a temporary marque at Hayes Garden Centre approved. • No update Coodham • No update Townend House. NB any Issues/concerns regarding Townend rehabilitation centre should be reported to the 	<p><i>JH</i></p> <p><i>JH/DH</i></p>

