

**Symington Community Council: minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in the Hall for All.**

**Present: Liz Kelly, Julie Howie, Dave Houfe, Jillian Mulholland, John Mulholland, Stewart Pike, Sheila Murray, Ailsa Paterson.**

**In Attendance: Cllr Campbell, Jan McGarry (SAC Link officer)**

**Apologies: Paul McCluskey, Arthur Spurling.**

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1.	There were no declarations of interest.	
2.	<b>Election of Office Bearers.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair- Liz Kelly</li> <li>• Vice-chair- Dave Houfe</li> <li>• Secretary/Planning Contact/Licensing Contact- Julie Howie</li> <li>• Treasurer-John Mulholland</li> </ul>	
3.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting (15<sup>th</sup> March 2022)</b> Were proposed by Julie Howie and seconded by Jillian Mulholland.	.
4.	<b>Matters Arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bins/recycling – no update.</li> <li>• Path at Shaw Park – to be discontinued.</li> <li>• Traffic calming- no update.</li> <li>• Place plan – no information available – Jan will try to find out more information re:this.</li> <li>• Furniture Brewlands Drive- to be discontinued.</li> </ul>	<i>Cllr. Dettbarn</i>  <i>ARA</i>  <i>Jan McGarry</i>
5.	<b>Police Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day of action re: speeding has been held – one driver issued with a ticket. Further information re: time and place requested .</li> </ul>	<i>Julie Howie</i>
6	<b>Secretary's Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional litter pickers requested and are now available at Symington library.</li> <li>• Fortnightly newsletter from VASA and funding opportunities continue to be circulated to identified community groups within village.</li> <li>• Link to survey from South Ayrshire Health and Social Care partnership will be posted on community council website.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Planning Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online workshop re: NPF4 attended.</li> <li>• Online consultation re:NPF4 completed.</li> <li>• Advised of a Proposal of Application Notice for the proposed major development of a facility for the manufacture, testing and operations of electronic and telecommunications equipment on land at Prestwick Aerospace at Monkton.</li> <li>• Weekly planning applications for Symington continue to be received from SAC planning.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Symington Community Council is a statutory consultee for all planning applications within Symington area.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of financial year report was made available detailing income and expenditure 01/04/21 to 31/03/22. £2049-26p in account.</li> </ul>	<i>John Mulholland</i>
9.	<p><b>Wildflower Meadow Shaw Park:</b></p> <p>Liz updated everyone on the siting of a wildflower meadow in Shaw Park. It was noted that prior to the creation of the meadow a communication plan was supposed to be raised. We understand that consultation did take place with elected members only and are disappointed that there was no communication with the Community Council to determine the best/most appropriate siting. Members of Symington Community Council have put in a considerable effort into the wildflower verge on Symington Road South with little support from SAC and ARA. Consultation with the community may have resulted in this project being extended or a more appropriate site identified within the village. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to Kenneth Dalrymple SAC regarding this matter.</p>	<i>Julie</i>
10.	<p><b>Wildflower Verge Project:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARA,SAC and AMEY failed to attend an arranged Zoom meeting .</li> <li>• 3 sections of the verge on Symington Road South have been managed in different ways – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sown with wildflowers</li> <li>2. Grass was cut and collected.</li> <li>3. No intervention.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Surveys undertaken indicate a reasonable amount of wildflowers already exist. More surveys to be carried out this year.</li> <li>• Disappointment was expressed that some dog owners continue to allow their dogs to foul this</li> </ul>	

	<p>area which will have a detrimental effect on the wildflowers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave will continue to involve AMEY, ARA and SAC re: aspects of ongoing land management in this area.</li> </ul>	<i>Dave Houfe</i>
11.	<p><b>Mental Health Project:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further progress to date. It is hoped Dementia awareness sessions will take place in the winter.</li> </ul>	
12.	<p><b>Community Garden:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable site for the community garden is being pursued.</li> </ul>	<i>Liz Kelly</i>
13.	<p><b>AOCB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member of the community expressed his concern and frustration with SAC: the neglect of grass verges within the village in particular around the library; the volume of litter around the health centre and also within the school grounds; the lack on sufficient litter bins and in particular the inappropriate siting of a bin at rear gate leading from library to the village. The fabric of the library building is in a poor state of repair and dog fouling throughout the village is of ongoing concern. It was agreed that contact is made with the school representatives to discuss some of the issues around littering.</li> <li>• A resident from Parish Meadows raised concerns re: the siting of a bin for disposal of dog waste beside a childrens' play area. It was recommended that this issue that this issue should be raised with the factors in the first instance.</li> <li>• Stewart Pike (Symington CC) proposed that and action plan re: improving the appearance of the village be drawn up and offered to present something at our next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Liz Kelly</i></p> <p><i>Stuart Pike</i></p>
14.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 7pm in the Hall for All.</p>	