

**Swinton Community Council: Ordinary Meeting  
Tuesday, 9th January, 2024 - Swinton Tavern, 7pm**

**MINUTES**

**1. Recording of membership present and apologies received.**

Apologies received for Mary and Arthur Deakin, Alex Kerr and John David.

**2. Introduction and Welcome**

John Malone (JM) welcomes group and introduces the agenda of the evening. Hard copy of previous meeting minutes provided to all attendees.

**3. The minutes of the last meeting are submitted for accuracy and approval**

Minutes unanimously approved as accurate. For the record approved by Jim Clark and Rose Ann Grayney.

**4. Any matters arising (not already on agenda) are addressed.**

JM advises that Christmas party was a huge success but will discuss more later in meeting.

**5. Correspondence**

**Christmas Party**

JM personally thanks all involved and congratulates them on the success of the event. He advises that all feedback given from attendees has all been very positive. Fiona Brown (FB) advises that a thank you card was received from some attendees.

All council members agree to continue this in the social calendar for future years. Start organising 2024 event in August/ September.

**Christmas Bin Uplifts**

JM refers to confusion over council flyer. JM going to write to Nicola (liaison officer) to ask if Christmas bin uplift information can be made clearer next year.

**Planters**

JM advised that when the council was not meeting regularly this initiative was discussed and approved. He advises all council members that it is the responsibility of the community to look after these planters. Swinton Primary School have agreed to look after the two planters that look on to Rhindmuir Road and the one near the telephone box. Looking for others to look after the other planters in Swinton.

Planters should have arrived with SCC logo on them. This did not happen. Planters were put on requested that Glasgow City Council adds these stickers to planters. JM advised that he participated in planting 4 of the planters.

Concerns were raised from council members about planters becoming ashtrays like those on Baillieston Main street.

Kevin Lalley (KL) advised/ agreed that the planters were placed in the community without thought or consultation with him. The position of these and the logos was discussed in 2021/22 however, all discussion appears to have been dismissed. He advises that it often looks like the

planters have been put somewhere to be moved afterwards. These are not placed in an aesthetic way.

### **Newsletter**

JM advised that we now have many things to go in the newsletter and we have now been notified of all addresses within our community (1700 doors). JM advised a map would be made available so everyone knew what was included in the Swinton community. Draft newspaper has been created hoping to release 1<sup>st</sup> week in February. Looking for council members to proof read/ add ideas.

### **Future Events**

As done in 2023, SCC looks to continue to support Daytona Mills events in Baillieston (Halloween)

Christmas Seniors Party – December 2024

Easter event proposed. Gemma Houston-Scott (GHS) suggested the council's next event should be a family event to include all of the community. It was suggested that it may be an idea to become involved in Swinton Primary School's fayre. JM looking to find out who is in charge/ who we can discuss with.

### **Fundraising**

Options raised for consideration:

- Race night
- Pub quiz in the Swinton Tavern with raffle
- Ball/ dinner dance in Robert burns hall for size and outdoor space – sell tickets
- Possible event in Swinton field – concerns raised regarding unpredictable weather and sourcing of power.

JM asked councillors to come back in February with ideas.

Rose Ann suggested applying to the coal board and other charitable bodies for funding. She will look into this.

### **Wise Group**

JM advised that these meetings are moving to during the day only. Community councillors are able to submit a referral for people struggling.

JM advised he is unable to attend these meetings due to work commitments so asked if anyone else could do this. Gerry volunteered to meet with the Wise group.

### **Swinton Community Juniors**

JM spoke to Morrisons to use café space for youth club. Permission has been granted to use this for free to host a fortnightly (every second Thursday night) board games night there for free

(classic games not consoles or gambling). Glenburn will provide help with forms etc. JM proposed using some funds to run a 12 week pilot of this event in the café. Glenburn will run this.

### **Swinton Community Council's Structure / Areas of Engagement – Chairman's view**

- Junior
- Events
- Seniors

### **Glasgow community council development session**

Marianne, JM and Wojtek attended with councillors from all areas of the city. Advised councillors look into the Place Standard Tool.

### **Springhill MOT Centre/ Parking Legislation**

JM advised that new legislation is coming into place which will address this.

#### **6. Treasurers report**

Key Points: November £0 in £0 out  
December £1642.97in , out £1197 out, £478 remains.

#### **7. Reports i.e. Police; Elected Members**

PC Steph Dawson (PC SD) and PC Paul Ferguson (PC PF).

PC SD will now be adopting Swinton as his area to monitor. No longer based at Baillieston now Easterhouse Police office if anyone requires him for anything.

General trends – over New Year the police expected to see the common general issues however, did not. There have been what appear to be targeted crimes at Springhill parkway that as far as he knows did not spill into the community. Significantly less (half of 2022) incident reports over festive period.

#### **Q. Will Baillieston police office be opening again?**

**A.** This office will no longer be open to the public.

#### **Q. Concern raised regarding old Rhindsdale tavern with kids on the roof**

**A.** Advised that this falls under the remit of PC Craig Russel and this will be brought to his attention. Any future issues, civilians are advised to contact 101.

KL advised that PC SD has done brilliant work in Wellhouse in particular with the younger population. KL is pleased that we have a community officer who is invested in the area and has been involved in various community projects in the past.

PC SD advised he is keen to help new community plans develop from plan to fruition.

#### **Q. Is the police office in Easterhouse still active. For a while it appeared it was being run down for a while.**

**A.** This office is very much active. Baillieston officers have been moved there so now a larger hub.

## **8. Kevin Lalley Update**

KL advised that going forward, he is looking to arrange with Glasgow city council that when any issues/concerns regarding SCC are raised, JM will be involved.

KL – passed on congratulations to committee for Christmas party.

KL advised that he will be requesting road markings on Edinburgh road outside Kaldis again and also request that the potholes and drains at the bottom of Swinton road be fixed as soon as possible.

KL advised that concerns have been raised to him about access to Swinton avenue from Bargeddie round-about. Asked for Glasgow City Council to have a site visit and provide bigger and better signage.

KL advised of a cleansing issue in Brodie Drive – requested site visit from Glasgow City Council.

KL suggested that councillors add branding to the new planters if this is something we want (signs are ready just need added). KL advised that Glasgow City Council will not do this.

KL advised that discussions have been had with the owner of Amazon regarding potholes in the area. Also, concerns regarding Amazon vans that sit on Springcroft road. Amazon manager advised that every van has a 15 minute alarm, if the van has not moved in 15 minutes this will go off. KL has requested Amazon block out Springcroft road on their maps and use less residential route.

Funding from Amazon was given to Broomhouse last year, KL has requested in future this is split amongst community councils.

KL will ask about bin confusion, it appears flyers were very misleading.

KL has advised a survey is being conducted regarding what areas are exempt from parking on the pavements and when and if parking wardens will be used.

## **9. Planning Items (if applicable)**

NA

## **10. Licensing (if applicable)**

NA

## **11. Area Partnership Report (if applicable)**

NA

**11. Consideration of other agreed items of business; as directed by the Chair**  
Ciaran stepping down from being secretary, Gemma Houston-Scott has stepped up.

## **12. Any other competent business (AOCB)**

**13. Questions from the floor**

**14. Chairperson declared date of next meeting and close meeting**

Details of next meeting is Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 at 7pm in Swinton Tavern.