

**Swinton Community Council: Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday, 13th February, 2024 - Swinton Tavern, 7pm**

MINUTES

1. Recording of membership present and apologies received.

Apologies received for John Malone (JM) and Ciaran Foreman.

2. Introduction and Welcome

Wojtek Drozdowski (WD) 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.

4. Correspondence

Area Partnership Update - Marianne

JM was unable to attend therefore Marianne attended in his place. This is a quarterly meeting. Every Area of Glasgow is allocated a particular budget. "These budgets are mainly used to provide grants to local community and voluntary organisations to provide services that will help to achieve the Area Partnership's local priorities and Glasgow City Council's objectives". Area Partnership funding is available to all who apply to for it. This budget provided money towards the Christmas lunch event held in December 2023. The funding has finished for this year however, Marianne advised that we should keep this in mind for future as they are very generous and we have had funding from there before. Councillors Kevin Lalley (KL) and Alex Kerr (AK) also attended this meeting.

Swinton Community Juniors

WD advised the Swinton Community Juniors boardgames night is starting in Morrisons on the 8th of March 2024. This will be held every second Thursday. JM and WD are in discussions with Swinton Primary School and St Bridget's Primary School who have agreed to advertise this new club to the parent council. It is hoped that this will increase the attendance. WD advised that information relating to this will also be added to the upcoming Swinton Community Council (SCC) printed Newsletter.

Newsletter

WD advised printers have been booked for Newspapers on 8th of March 2024. Draft newspaper has been created. Looking for council members to proof read/ add ideas.

Planters

At the last meeting we discussed that the planters should have arrived with SCC logo on them. This did not happen. Stickers have been sent to Nicola Connolly. At the last meeting discussions took place as to who is going to apply these. Gemma Houston-Scott (GHS) and Doreen Houston have volunteered to apply these along with other foot soldiers. Kevin Lalley

(KL) will collect stickers and deliver to GH. Kevin Lalley will provide an update on where these planters are located around Swinton.

Ann Marshall – Asked about the Baillieston Hub updated sign for 2024

KL advised that money was released in February 2023 for the Baillieston Hub. The Hub is now a different size to what was originally proposed a number of years ago. Changes have been made due to health and safety concerns with the road structure. Transport Scotland are now involved.

The new plans have now been finalised for this hub. There were open days where councillors could go along and ask any questions. There will be another public consultation in the near future if anyone didn't know about this and wishes to go along. KL will confirm where this will be advertised.

Boards with information remain in the library (these were supposed to be removed on 31st of January). If someone wishes to go and see these, questions can be made through contact with Baillieston Community Council directly or KL.

Planned to be finished and completed by November 2025. Everything before was unconfirmed.

Rita advised that the light on the telegraph pole outside Swinton Garage is broken and the road is pitch black – not safe.

KL advised this may be on the garage land but this will be checked.

Betty Bartley – Regarding 310 bus – Swinton the Fort

This is now only running every 2 hours. Often Betty has been stuck at Glasgow Fort unable to return home.

KL advised that the owners are from Cumbernauld and they were given the contract from SPT. This issue is arising as they are struggling for drivers. SPT have only recently found out about this issues (1 month ago) and have advised KL that the owners have been given one month to get this rectified.

KL trying to find out more however, owners do not have to tell us anything as they are a private company.

Gerry Cox asked if this bus is being subsidised as this is hardly ever used- usually the bus is empty. KL advised that the owners are not happy as prices have remained the same since the contract was taken over. Not inflated due to cost of living crisis. At the moment owners do not get £3.50 from concession tickets, SPT only give them half of this money.

5. Treasurers report

No activity in account this month. Same amount as previous.

6. Reports i.e. Police; Elected Members

NA

7. Kevin Lalley Update

KL advised road markings on Edinburgh road have now been completed. However, incidents appear to be related to driver behaviour as incidents still happen.

KL advised that concerns have been raised to him about access to Swinton Avenue from Bargeddie round-about. On the roundabout when coming from Bargeddie, the sign is very misleading as it shows Swinton can be accessed through the Swinton Avenue exit however, this is not the case. KL has contacted Glasgow City Council (GCC) about this and was advised this is Transport Scotland's issue as they own the road.

Cleansing issues. KL has had a meeting and was advised that this was not only a Swinton issue, bins were not emptied in tenement flat buildings over the whole of Glasgow for 2 weeks. The problem was that there were not enough workers. KL has advised there is a recruitment drive at the moment for this due to funding supplied.

KL had a meeting with Amazon regarding vans parking illegally. KL supplied printed leaflets to all SCC meeting attendees showing a graph of time vs road traffic incidents (HGV Parking Issues). This showed that the number of issues have started to peak again, however this is due to the number of additional drivers over Christmas. It is expected this will reduce again. Illegal parking has reduced as expected. It was advised that this should be avoided due to 15 minute alarm, if the van has not moved in 15 minutes this will go off.

He advised there were concerns raised to him about Amazon vans being parked in community areas, Amazon have advised vans should never be parked outwith HQ overnight. If you see these parked in your street overnight this should be reported.

KL has another meeting with Amazon on the 20th of February. He advised funding from Amazon was given to Broomhouse last year (£5000), KL has requested if further funding can be provided and split amongst community councils.

TRO. Request was made to shut Swinton Road and make this a one-way street. Confirmation has been given that this request has not been approved. This is due to the businesses on that road, the houses, the carehome and the nursery.

Parking on Swinton Road. KL advised that this will follow the law of Parking restrictions that were confirmed in December 2023. The GCC survey will confirm if cars are allowed to park on the road or pavement in this and other areas. This is not a criminal offence only a civil offence so police will not deal with this it must be a traffic warden. We need traffic wardens to come and enforce this.

KL had a meeting with Adam Johnston (AJ) about accidents at Calderpark Terrace and accidents at Barrachnie lights. AJ is preparing report on Calderpark Terrace - this has not been given to KL yet.

There have been many accidents (8/9 in the past year) from cars turning from Edinburgh Road into Barrachnie Road. The police have suggested adding speed cameras in this area to show if people are jumping red lights. With this measure people should slow down when approaching this junction. Police have suggested removing some trees in the surrounding area to make traffic lights more visible. Police have suggested adding high (American like) traffic lights so this junction is visible clearly from a distance and also add new road markings. Police report about accidents on Edinburgh Road will be given to NRS advising what should be done to resolve this.

KL advised potholes outside Amazon and those at the bottom of Swinton Road are being fixed this financial year (by April 2024). Responsibility of GCC not Amazon or other businesses in Springhill Parkway.

Concerns raised and discussed to KL about fly tipping at the bottom of Rhindmuir Road. Who should be clearing this? GCC? Issues arise due to finance.

Concerns raised to KL regarding fence that has blown down covering the whole pavement on Swinton Road (making pedestrians walk on the road). This has been this way for over 2 weeks since the high winds.

KL advised about area in Dalreoch avenue between 7 & 9. The current fence and paperwork have reached the end of their lifetime. A wire fence will be added.

KL discussed money for flowers etc in Dalreoch avenue. £1000 will be given to SCC shortly (in 2024) to conduct the work that was agreed in 2021-22.

8. Planning Items (if applicable)

NA

9. Licensing (if applicable)

NA

10. Area Partnership Report (if applicable)

NA

11. Consideration of other agreed items of business; as directed by the Chair

NA

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 12th of March 2024 at 7pm in Swinton Tavern. KL advised he is unable to attend this next meeting due to other commitments however, he will supply a written report.