

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

MINUTES

1. Recording of membership present and apologies received.

Apologies received for Mary Deakin, Arthur Deakin, Kevin Lalley, Gerry Cox and Ciaran Foreman.

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. Marianne and Fiona.

4. Correspondence

Swinton Community Juniors

JM advised that it is looking like the kids club is unable to go ahead at the moment. This is due to various formalities that would allow this legally to go ahead due to kids being involved. The committee spoke about organising a Summer youth programme in collaboration with/ run by the Glenburn centre. The timing of this programme would ensure maximum attendance which we could then hopefully maintain as we process into next winter.

Fruit Tree Planting

This has now been done in the “hidden Swinton swing park”.

Planters

Since last meeting stickers have not yet been delivered to Gemma Houston-Scott as advised at the last meeting by Kevin Lalley. John Malone will look into where these are and get them for council member “foot soliders”.

Newsletter

WD showed draft of Newsletter that will be sent to the printers. Option to have this delivered by the Hoolit or by community members. Members discussed and agreed this should be A4 no matter the delivery method.

Brighter Baillieston hosting an Easter Extravaganza in Garrowhill Park

We cannot compete with Baillieston events. Could we instead collaborate with the other councils? Get our name out there. If so, what events can we host/ propose to hold throughout the year?

Committee still keen on a Swinton Gala ball/ Swinton Social event in either Darcy’s function suite or the Robert Burns hall. Doreen Houston agreed to contact Darcy’s to find out some information prices and possible date.

Morrison’s for possible meeting space with all local community councils

JM advised that it has been suggested that a few times per year all local community councils meet together in Morrison’s café to discuss ideas/ events etc.

310 bus service.

Marianne advised that SPT have advised they are monitoring the 310 bus service.

5. Treasurers report

No activity in account this month. Same amount as previous. Due to issues with bank supplying statements on a monthly basis thinking of changing bank to the Post Office.

Advised money for flowers etc in Dalreoch avenue, £1000 has not yet been received as advised it would be last month by Kevin Lalley.

6. Reports i.e. Police; Elected Members

No attendance.

7. Kevin Lalley Update

KL not present but supplied a written update in relation to items raised at last meeting:

- There has been an inquiry sent regarding fly tipping on Rhindmuir Road. KL sent an inquiry to the department and awaits further progress.
- There have been several inquiries from constituents regarding cleansing, housing and garden maintenance and parking issues. I am pleased to say that the three, cleansing issues have been resolved. The housing issue is still ongoing and the some of the garden maintenance issues have been resolved by Wheatly Homes Group,(WHG) however WHG cannot confirm to me if this will continue over this coming summer season. KL will monitor this. The parking issue has been resolved by Amazon.
- KL met with Amazon on 20th February and they confirmed that the issue over the winter seasonal programme and the amount of vehicles has diminished and hopefully this will not continue next Christmas season. KL looks to discuss community benefits at future meetings.
- As of date of writing (7th March 2024) the potholes at junction of Swinton Road North and Edinburgh Road are still not complete although the e mail stated that it will be completed by 31st March. This will be monitored.
- Transport Scotland did forward issue regarding the signage showing Swinton at the M73 roundabout on to a department for consideration however as yet there is no movement.

- The condition of many of our grass areas and play areas has been reported and brought to GCC attention that there hasn't been a winter preparation with trimming shrubbery for the coming spring season. This will be monitored in the coming weeks.
- With regards to the cars parking on the pavement on Swinton Road. KL observed over the past 2 weeks that any vehicle that previously parked there for hours on end no longer does that. KL stood and observed for around 30 mins on consecutive days for one week and noticed this has made a big difference and pedestrians are now able to pass a little easier and safer. All 3 councillors have been informed that Springhill Autos have introduced a system that ensures when a car is booked in for repair it is moved very quickly to a secure place that Springhill Autos have procured. Upon completion of the repair the car remains in the premises until the owner arrives and only then is the car brought to the customer. When KL visited he noticed that there are many drivers that still abandoning their car wherever to visit other facilities in the area. This is driver behaviour and it is hoped that if the pavement parking law is properly enforced further improvement will be noticeable.

8. Planning Items (if applicable)

Easterhouse Parish church is holding meetings about the new housing development in that area of Easterhouse. This will be on the 18th of March or 18th of April (2-7pm) for people to find out more information.

After this meeting a planning application will be submitted. Members encouraged to attend to find out more. Concerns raised by JM on increased traffic in the area and more issues with parking at Easterhouse train station. Could we suggest an expansion to the size of Easterhouse train station carpark to accommodate the new housing?

9. Licensing (if applicable)

NA

10. Area Partnership Report (if applicable)

As advised at last meeting. A short meeting was held advising that funding has been organised and distributed for this financial year. Police Scotland have been asking for funding to give people items with scam alert information/ for awareness (keyrings etc). The fund reopens in April.

- Doreen Houston proposed an idea of using this in the future to build a gate on Swinton field. Something that all those who attended meetings about the field were keen on a few months ago. Council to discuss with Kevin Lalley about applying for a PTU.
- John Malone proposed a sign and noticeboard like other community councils have, possibly at the roundabout or down beside the old phone box. Marianne will look into this a little further. Council members agreed that near the Swinton shops would be the best place due to the most people-traffic.
- John Malone proposed wrapping the phone box like Garrowhill have done near the East End fox to make this look a little nicer.

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

NA

12. Any other competent business (AOCB)

Meetings will continue every month with the exclusion of July and December. Community police will be invited every 2 months but advised only to update on Swinton matters.

Could we use some of our council funds to give a donation to Swinton Primary School and St Bridget's Primary School? In return the council would ask for a mention / thanks to be given in a newsletter to promote to parents to join/ be involved.

Possibly run an Easter Facebook competition sponsored by Danny's? £50 voucher to be spent in a local business for the winner.

13. Questions from the floor

14. Chairperson declared date of next meeting and close meeting

Details of next meeting is Tuesday the 9th of April 2024 at 7pm in Swinton Tavern.