

**Swinton Community Council: Ordinary Meeting  
Tuesday, 14th May, 2024 - Swinton Tavern, 7pm**

**MINUTES**

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

Apologies received for Mary Deakin, Gerry Cox, Rita Moran, Arthur Deakin and Ciaran Foreman.

**2. Introduction and Welcome**

John Malone (JM) welcomes group, including a number of new attendees 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. Rose- Ann Creaney and Rose McPhilamy approved.

Elected members invited to planning appeals training course via teams on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2024.

**4. Correspondence**

**Newsletter Distribution**

Currently distributed newsletters to 648/1888 houses. JM thanked those who have helped with this so far and asked if any attendees could help with this during next week and the following week.

An evening will be arranged and shared with everyone who would like to help out. Gemma Houston-Scott (GH) has created a spreadsheet of addresses that have not yet been covered.

**Swinton Council Event - Dance**

As agreed, Doreen discussed event with owners of Robert Burns hall and has confirmed and paid £200 deposit for Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2024. £50 of this deposit will be returned if no major damage.

Venue have recommended caterers that they usually use for events there. They will do a 3 course meal for us for £15/16.50 per head. Doreen has been supplied with various food options. Money for food would be due the day before. Venue do not allow confetti/ glitter balloons as décor.

Estimation of 100 guests given to venue. Tickets for 100 to be arranged (Adults only). These should be released as soon as possible to allow for maximum purchase time.

Small sub-committee to make final decisions Gemma Houston-Scott, Fiona Brown and Rose McPhilamy.

The cheapest band we could get as recommended from venue would be £600. The venue can however, recommend DJs who would only be £200.

Recommended ticket price would be maximum £20.

**Swinton Noticeboard**

As discussed at past meetings committee decided this would be situated at the shops area.

Rose- Ann contacted Garrowhill CC to ask where they got their noticeboard from. They supplied invoice and company information. JM requests permission to add funding application to Baillieston Area Partnership fund for this. Kevin Lalley (KL) advises funding was granted for other local councils to obtain a noticeboard from this fund recently. Committee agrees.

It is unknown if planning permission is required for this. Elected representatives do not think this is required.

### **Community Council Training Session**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, there is a community council training session. All community councils from across Glasgow are welcome and members who attend are looked after with refreshments. JM asked if any councillors could attend this meeting on behalf of Swinton Community Council as him and WD are unable to attend.

Information regarding how community councils will be supported in the future will be detailed at this meeting.

Marianne has confirmed she will attend.

### **School donation feedback**

Donations were offered to Swinton Primary School and St Bridget's Primary school. These were accepted and both schools said they would mention this in their newsletter. Both schools were delighted and have sent thank you emails already. They have already spent the money and have mentioned they would like to be involved with SCC in whatever way they can be in the future, for example maintenance of some of the planters etc.

Thanks given to members who helped arrange this. JM hopes this will be an annual donation made by SCC.

### **Planters way forward**

JM had meeting arranged with Nicola Connelly to discuss the stickers and maintenance of the planters however, meeting was cancelled and has not been rearranged. JM has stickers.

Fruit trees that were planted have been vandalised. This will also be discussed with Nicola.

JM mentioned that he hopes funding will be approved by GCC to upgrade the swing park soon. This is in the procurement process and has been in discussions for 2.5 years.

Kevin Lalley (KL) advised he is also in communications with GCC regarding the positioning of the planters in all local community councils. KL has advised council said these would be moved but this needs to go through area partnership meeting and will incur costs. KL has said we refuse to pay for something the council did.

JM asks elected councillors to ask GCC for the risk assessment associated with the positioning of these planters which must exist. KL will look into this.

### **Baillieston Hub Update**

JM advised that GCC has sent an update to community councillors which was shared with committee. It is not clear what is holding up this project. The email shows no timeline or no

definitive plan. Money is allocated but concerns related to inflation were raised. The money currently waiting to be used will soon only fund a smaller version of the project.

KL advised the plans are ready to be submitted however, concerns from JM are that this has been at this stage for so long. Will this ever come to fruition?

JM would like to reach out to other local CCs to form a collective until the work on the land actually begins. Morrisons is happy to hold these meetings for free. John Daly (JD) happy to arrange a meeting with Glasgow Life to discuss further with community councils.

JM would like to check with Nicola Connelly to find out if it is okay for the information regarding the hub to be published on social media etc.

### **Applications for Laptop Funding**

Rather than committee members using personal laptops. JM is going to request funding from GCC to have a SCC laptop for presentations, minutes etc.

### **5. Treasurers report**

Gerry Cox on holiday. JM gave verbal report. Bank statement shown at meeting. Outgoings include money given to schools, newsletter printing, hall cost for meetings and also deposit for the summer dance.

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

No attendance.

### **John Daly Update**

Interested in getting more police involvement with community councils. A police survey was sent regarding what CC want from police and how they can support CCs. They would like to attend bi-monthly.

Council cuts – 180 teacher jobs lost in Glasgow. JD going to meet with head teachers and parent councils to get live reactions to this and report back to GCC.

Brown bin charge – JD has received many complaints that grass that is cut by GCC has grass left behind. Local residents pick this up and put in their bins and now residents are paying for the bin charge. Similarly with leaves from trees, local residents put these in their bins as otherwise drains get blocked and lead to flooding.

### **Kevin Lalley Update**

1. Swinton Road has now been resurfaced.

2. In April 2023 he was informed that new Road markings would be painted on Springcroft Road as you travel towards the M8 near Springcroft Gardens. This has still not been done and KL has asked for further clarification.

3. There have been several accidents at the entrance to Barrachnie Road from Edinburgh Road.

Discussions around this are still ongoing. Trees still marked to come down. These will be used to build an outdoor classroom for Garrowhill Primary School.

4. At the last meeting Rose- Ann enquired about the vacant space at the bottom of Rhindmuir road as this is a mess at the moment. KL still waiting on an update on this from GCC planning.

5. KL commented on the fact that there is no garden project anymore. The Wheatley group building on Baillieston main street is a mess, JM asked why is this not maintained? KL has this on his radar and is currently dealing with many complaints regarding neighbours not cutting grass/ maintaining their own gardens etc. Wheatley group seem to no longer be helping with this and KL has no idea why. It also appears they are no longer maintaining lanes that they own in the area that have been used for flytipping.

6. New mast outside Swinton shops. These masts are being placed all over the city. Residents are given the option to complain however, it is unlikely these complaints will make any difference.

**7. Planning Items (if applicable)**

NA

**8. Licensing (if applicable)**

NA

**9. Area Partnership Report (if applicable)**

NA

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

NA

**11. Any other competent business (AOCB)**

At a previous meeting, Doreen Houston proposed an idea of using the area partnership fund 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. GH asked KL to advise how the council can obtain a PTU for this field. GH also asked KL to find out if it would be possible for SCC to fund and install a gate and large sign regarding picking up dogs mess here.

At a previous meeting Rose- Ann provided an update from BT regarding the phonebox. BT said they cannot provide any information or reinstate this. Because this is not a red phone box this cannot be acquired by the community council. BT suggested the only other use for this box would be for a defibrillator. Engineers from BT have said they will be out to tidy this phone box up. This was discussed further and due to limited footfall in that area it was decided this would not be the best place for a defibrillator to be positioned.

**12. Questions from the floor**

NA

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

Details of next meeting is Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 at 7pm in Swinton Tavern.