

Campsie Community Council



APPROVED MINUTE

Monday 07 October 2024

Present: Stuart Carr (Chair), Sue Mitchell (Treasurer), Sandi Bertagna (Secretary), Evelyn Cairney, Elaine McMillan, Lorraine MacDonald, Paul Ferretti (Councillor), Anne Marie Timmone

Apologies: Denise Lenaghan (Vice Chair), Fiona Muir, Louise Shovlin, PC Harris, Colette McDiarmid (Councillor)

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** Stewart Carr welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Previous Draft Minute:** Approved - proposed by EC and seconded by EMcM
3. **Chair report:**
 - Relatively quiet summer and not much to update
 - Lennox Castle project (L Ashby) – still a number of points to be clarified.
 - NHS future meeting with CCC via TEAMS
 - Lennox Castle land – update at the end of this meeting
 - “Soup and Lunch” Club regarding Grant spend
4. **Treasurer Report:**
 - Renewed Microsoft 365 membership
 - Paid Auditor
 - Paid for armistice Sunday wreath
 - Room Hire
 - Funding application Ed Community cut-off date 07 November
 - Need to explore donations to local groups
 - Transfer funds to St Machan’s Church Account

ACTION:

 - EC (CCC) to contact Church Priest to get further clarification
5. **AM Timmone Report:**
 - Poverty Week Campaign (w/c 07.10.24) – designed to help improve mental health issues (different events this week)
 - Chapel Hall busy and well attended
 - Recruitment drive – CCC to advertise on Facebook
 - Very positive feedback from the efforts of the Soup and Lunch Club
 - Thursday 10 October “warm spaces” in The Hive between 12:00 – 14:00
 - 7-week Drama Course starting 23 Oct in Campsie Memorial Hall
 - Halloween Craft Party on Tuesday 15 Oct in The Hive
 - EDC Early Years worker leasing space within The Hive on Thursdays for Mothers’ Toddler group, playgroup.
 - Once Memorial Hall refurbished then the group may move there.
 - Christmas Event in Lennoxton going ahead as planned

- MUST be diversity in future Christmas Event (2025) to include both primary schools
- Events Co-ordinator required for the above
- The Hive Christmas Market on 14/15 December
- AMT to help co-ordinate a meeting with representatives from all groups within the village and send letter of involvement
- Levelling Up" money – LPS, St Machan's, The Hive, Memorial Hall
- Will hopefully generate extra money for the following year event
- After the successful Carol Singing event last year, Campsie Parish Church wish to repeat this year ... date to be confirmed

ACTION:

- EC (CCC) to advertise on Facebook Halloween and Drama Events
- Meeting to be arranged (sub-committee setup) in January 2025 to start process of Christmas Community event incorporating all groups within the village – SC (CCC) and AMT

6. Police Report: no report submitted

7. Planning:

- Housing Estate – initial survey at present
- Lennox Castle – McTaggart Mickel – soil testing

8. High Park Football Pitch (S Carr)

- All grass parks and sports pavilion costs have risen since April 24
- When the above completed the prices rose again in August
- East Dunbartonshire is one of the highest in West of Scotland for costings
- Ongoing issues with pitch hire of village football clubs.
- Costs are prohibitive and detrimental
- Local football clubs having to "fund raise" even more to pay costs
- Prices:
 - £43 for juniors under 18s (third of the park)
 - £64 for adults (third of the park)
 - £127 training games for adults (third of the park)
 - £91 training games for under 18s (third of the park)
 - Campsie book 16 training slots per week (which includes a new team for Autistic children)
 - Campsie total bill is £39K for pavilion alone (already discounted)
 - Minerva book 4 training slots (2 adult and 2 under 18s)
 - Commercial lets pay more
- Lennox town is a deprived area and in SIMD 1 & 2
- Could there be a "cap" if more than one child per family
- Paul Ferretti shall contact EDLC again regarding the costs for hiring pitches
- One of the points of the EDC consultation was to enhance the village and that clubs and/or the community would benefit from the new complex

ACTION

- S Carr & EC (CCC) to email EDC with residents' concerns and Councillor Ferretti to be (cc'd) into that email

9. FIRST Bus (E Cairney)

- Issues with the irregularity of buses going through the village
- Safety issues for residents (young and old) getting back to the village due to the above.
- Advised by Councillor Ferretti that Rona Mackay (MSP) has also written to SPT Services

ACTION

- EC (CCC) to contact FIRST Bus regarding concerns of residents

10. Millburn Street (E Cairney/L Shovlin)

- Still ongoing issues with parking
- EDC under the impression that residents did not want the nearby grass area to be turned into additional parking spaces
- EC and LS shall follow-up and email EDC submitting photographs as evidence to come to a solution

ACTION

- EC & SL to maintain ongoing communication with EDC and residents

11. AOB and Date of Next Meeting

- Guardians of the Glazert (G of the G) has ongoing concerns with the EDC restoration project
- Risk to life in limb (streams and high-water tables)
- Examples now on the CCC Facebook pages
- Flood modelling robust?!
- CCC helpful and recorded this
- After last “walkabout” even more concerns than first thought
- Written to Scottish Government, MSPs
- Third application and changing objectives but not plans
- Ecology background is paramount
- Ground water level concerns
- G of the G asked EDC what measures in place if things go wrong – no provision!
- In the past resident’s house flooded twice
- Findings welcomed, G of the G not against restoration but the reasoning behind this project
- Not passed by EDC findings will be submitted to Scottish Reporter – Section 3 Invasive Species
- Still in pre-planning stage
- Knowledge and synergy
- Formulated another supply and shall inform CCC
- Want to work with SEPA and ED
- No locals in favour of the project in its current form
- S Carr has extensive knowledge
- SEPA should maybe re-address
- Look at different locations to start river restoration

ACTION:

- SC (CCC) to continue to link in with Guardians of the Glazert

Lennox Castle

- Meeting to be arranged between NHS and CCC regarding land at Lennox Castle
- Asset transfer of land
- Land for people of Lennoxtown
- Paul Ferretti will find out legal position
- Castle (and legality) ... owner
- Maintenance of ground and trees
- Can do so much with the Castle and grounds
- SC concerns with major land
- NOW for community to benefit
- Lennoxtown Initiative no longer assists
- Community has lost the benefit of the land
- Section 1 – MacTaggart and Mickel
- MacTaggart and Mickel spending £4M on land/soil survey and NHS are contributing £2M
- Land getting sold to Persimmon
- What can the community do financially?
- NHS – 400+ employment lost with the closure of the hospital
- Investment for the village
- Possibly use as Mountain Bike facility which would generate a considerable amount of revenue
- Create legacy for Lennoxtown

ACTION: SC (CCC) arrange meeting with NHS and CCC

D o N M: Monday 04 November @ Glazert Country House Hotel