

Milton of Campsie Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Monday 21/06/2021 at 7.30pm
Online via ZOOM

1. Record of Attendance

Alex Buist (AC)– Chair, Vicky Jarvis (VJ)– Treasurer, Brian McFall (BM)– Secretary, Alan Gall (AG),
Andy Mackenzie (AM), Agnes Raybould (AR)
2 members of the public with others joining and leaving.

Apologies

Jim Crawford.
Cllr Gary Pews.
Cllr Paul Ferretti.
Police Scotland – unable to attend using Zoom software,

Previous minutes

BM noted that the previous minutes had an error in item 10a – the minutes noted a suggestion of an honesty box when there actually is an honesty box sited at the garden created beside the River Glazert.

The previous minutes were agreed as a record of the previous meeting and were proposed by Vicky Jarvis and seconded by Agnes Raybould. Minutes approved.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

3-ITEM 1C. - Erosion of banks of River Glazert - BM reported that the factor been chased up, but no response is forthcoming at present. BM to continue dialogue.

Action – BM

3-AGM of 6/5/2019.

To be dealt with at next AGM.

3-ITEM 7 A – Allotments – BM is no further forward with information from the council regarding the allotments. AG noted that no one who is regularly about the gardens have seen anymore visits from EDC. BM will keep chasing. **Action - BM**

3-ITEM 8 C – Communication within the village – the matter was discussed with the schools being back but almost at the summer holiday period. It was agreed that the head teacher should be contacted in time for the new school year to be able to pass on our details and commence dialogue as soon as possible. it was noted that there are netball and basketball teams plus the local football teams. **Action – ALL.**

3-ITEM 10 C – MOC Village Trust – no further progress has been made in relation to the village trust and we have been informed that a hand written letter to the bank will be required to look further into this, signed by office bearers of the CC. the banks seems to be Chatham Maritime. **Action – AB , VJ**

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ITEM 4 – Speeding –BM reported that the roads document was issued to all available contacts in EDC, councillors, MP's and Police. Only two people acknowledged the report. **Action BM.**

ITEM 5 – Dog Fouling – BM noted that he has not yet requested additional dog bins for the parks and walkways. This will be done as soon as possible. **Action BM.**

ITEM 8 - Village Newsletter – VJ noted that she has a template of a newsletter, the content and use was discussed. It was suggested that we might ask the question on Facebook if local businesses would like to advertise in the newsletter. **Action – ALL**

ITEM 11a – Broken bank of Burn at Alloch Dam – no further action by landowner presently.

ITEM 7h – VJ noted that we have not been able to obtain funding from CAL for adult recreational equipment, she has circulated quotes and will look elsewhere for funding. **Action VJ**

ITEM 7i – VJ asked if someone could draft an advert to try and find a volunteer who is literate and tech savvy with social media platforms. VJ also noted that she has contacts for the Scouts, BB's and guides who she will contact as soon as they are fully up and running. **Action ALL**

ITEM 10c – The donation for the village hall safety rails has been passed over and gratefully received, the order has been placed and manufacture is underway, no invoice for payment has been submitted yet.

ITEM 10e – AB has as yet been unable to contact Jamie Maguire to find out more about the tennis nets and equipment. **Action AB**

ITEM 10f – AB noted that Thomas McMenamin of EDC is looking into the fence issue at the school Astro turf pitch and will let us know asap if anything can be done to alleviate the problem. **Action AB**

Standing agenda items

General Comment - The request to the public regarding their primary concerns for and within the village were collated by AG and a report was put onto Facebook. There were 75 comments with a large variety of points raised with the top three clearly being 1. Speeding and condition of roads, 2 Dog fouling and 3. Drugs. These three items will now become standing agenda items until hopefully we have dealt with them and the next on the list of concerns will move onto the standing items. This is not to say that we will not try and deal with the other issues mentioned when possible. It was agreed to publicise these 3 main issues in all electronic forms available to us. We now require the villagers to provide evidence, photographs, sightings relating to any of the issues to be sent to the Community Council.

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It was suggested that we should be adding more issues of concern from the village survey into the standing agenda items as we are currently pushing on with the original issues, a separate discussion regarding this should take place and introduce another one or two items at the next meeting.

3. Roads (speeding, conditions, crossing points, pavements)

- a) AB noted that the council (EDC) had put notices on their web site about re-surfacing works to other areas but none in MOC. It was also noted that a long stretch of Campsie road just before leaving the village has been marked up in a manner that suggests patching work is going to take place again. BM to e-mail EDC again and ask when MOC will have re-surfacing carried out. **Action BM**
- b) A member of the public noted that the vehicles servicing the water bottling plant in Lennoxton are so large that they cannot turn the corner at Milton Cross in either direction without passing on to the other side of the carriage way, given the speed some cars pass by Scotmid and come over the brow of the hill this is potentially very dangerous. It was discussed and agreed that the junction needs to be altered and a proper set of traffic signals installed to control the junction. An example of the changes required were noted by AM, the junction in Torrance where the stop lines are set back and the traffic lights control the movement of all vehicles very safely. It was agreed we should try and push for the junction to be altered.
BM to contact EDC Roads etc. **Action BM**
- c) A member of the public raised concerns about a tree on Antermoney Road which appeared to be leaning towards the road and her concern was that it might come down onto the road with the potential dangers that might have. AB agreed to look at the tree when out. **Action AB**

4. Dog Fouling

A general discussion took place, and it was agreed that a request for more bins would be made. BM also suggested that the message about how dangerous dog fouling is to children given the summer holidays are upon us should be posted again on all social media platforms. **Action BM, VJ**

5. Drugs

The issue is with the police, and nothing further can be reported at present.

6. Village paths.

- a) AM carried out a walking survey of all local paths and produced detailed reports with recommendations for areas to be repaired.
- b) VJ noted that an application for additional funding has been submitted.
- c) AM informed all that the EDC Active Travel Consultation is underway and that it includes an interactive map into which pins can be placed, and photos can be added. It is also possible to identify inconsistencies of path routes, pavements, hedgerows etc, all this information is part of the Active travel consultation. AM stated that he was happy enough to carry out this work under the cover of the CC if agreeable. All CC members agreed. **Action AM**
- d) A member of the public also stated that cyclists are now complaining and he asked that we should ask the villagers to join into this consultation and support the use of the paths and request that they are looked after properly.

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7. Broadband Provision

- a) A member of the public raised a point that the broadband provision in the village is terrible, admittedly he did say he lived at the extremities of the village. That however should not be an excuse. He has contacted his provider who tell him to contact open reach who do not do anything. It was noted that Open Reach seem to be carrying out a lot of work in Lennoxtown at present. A discussion took place, and it was agreed that the CC would contact Openreach and the Scottish Government to try and improve the situation.
ACTION BM, AB

b) Chair's update.

- a) AB Stated that everything has been covered in the previous discussions.

c) Treasurer's update.

- a) VJ noted that she had shared some files with the committee regarding the accounts.
- b) VJ confirmed that the next paths meeting would be on the 5th July. She also noted that she is looking into the need for insurances to cover any work and the volunteers undertaking the work.
- c) VJ was hoping to be able to update the web site with more information about the CC and the GPG (Green belt Protection Group) however she has been unable to obtain any response from the GPG Secretary.
- d) VJ has written a basic Data Protection Policy document based on a template obtained online but is unsure if it is enough. BM asked VJ to forward to him and he would look over and comment to hopefully combine and complete the policy.
- e) VJ is finalising the accounts for the year and reported only expenditure this month to be for the zoom meetings and the mobile phones and no income this month.
- f) The regular application to the Co-op for funding is being prepared for submission.
- g) There looks to be two areas of Lottery funding which may be applicable to the village1 which grants up to £10k and another which can award between £10k and £150k to Community led volunteer groups, VJ is still investigating these areas and will report at the next meeting.
- h) VJ asked if people could generate some ideas for additional website pages.
Action ALL
- i) Lastly VJ is in the process of producing a budget plan for the next 12 months.

d) Planning applications.

- a) BM noted that the only application that could have any effect upon the village was a housing site in Lennoxtown at the Redhills. This is an application for 49 units. There was an application in the past which was withdrawn. The site was discussed and given the potential numbers of vehicles being added to the current travel flow through MOC it was agreed to comment against the site as it is contrary to the LDP and LDP2 as it is not zoned for housing. BM would try and discuss with the Campsie CC Secretary if possible before the submission date is up, other than that BM will comment and object on behalf of MOCCC.
Action BM

e) Police report.

- a) BM noted that no report was made available from Police Scotland.

f) Any other business

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- a) A member of the public requested that The Climate Conservation Report be included in the agenda of the next meeting. This was acknowledged and agreed.
- b) AB noted that hopefully by the next meeting our councillors will be able to give us a report on the Climate Action plan.
- c) BM will keep looking into the rats situation at Montgomery Terrace.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was proposed to be the 16th August 2021 at 7.30pm.
The meeting ended at 9.10pm.