

Milton of Campsie Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Monday 17/04/2023 at 7.30pm
Meeting held in the Village Hall

- Record of Attendance

Alex Buist (AC)– Chair, Brian McFall (BM)– Secretary,

Andy MacKenzie (AM) - Treasurer

Iona Gilchrist (IG),

Jim Crawford (JC)

Neil Simpson (NS)

Vicky Jarvis (VJ)

Elizabeth Rowan (ER)

4 members of the public

Councillor Paul Ferretti

Constable Jenna Paull

Apologies

Vicky Jarvis was unable to attend.

Agnes Raybould is on Holiday.

Previous minutes

Proposed by Andy MacKenzie, seconded by Jim Crawford.

Standing agenda items

- Roads (speeding, conditions, crossing points, pavements)

- a) The provision of new traffic lights at the cross was discussed and it was agreed that BM would reply to EDC with confirmation that in general those who commented were in favour of them being installed. There were some questions raised about not being able to stop in front of the businesses, but it was also noted that the area is a double yellow line area anyway and people should not be parking there. It was agreed that having three controlled crossing points will make the junction far safer for everyone to access the businesses.
- b) We are arguing our case for the hedges at Birdston to be properly trimmed back. We will keep pressing for this to be carried out. We continue to point out the danger to the public this hedge and ack of pavement causes.

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- **Dog Fouling**

Dog fouling continues to be an issue and the CC will continue to highlight the problem. Free poo bags should now be available from the Public Library. VJ proposed that we try to make it a school related campaign and get the kids involved in identifying the issue and discussing it with parents. This should be investigated further.

Action AB/VJ

- **Drugs**

Constable Paull raised the issue discussed at the previous meeting of drugs being passed on the railway line as she had no knowledge of this taking place. It was confirmed that there have been reports and sighting of it taking place. She again asked for this to be reported to 101 or the Kirkintilloch station.

- **Village paths.**

- a) BM noted that we need a volunteer to organise a workforce to repair the paths up at Valleyfield. It will take a bit of time and effort.
- b) There have been a few notices of interest in repairing the path at Valleyfield, as such we should now begin organising what will be required and obtain quotes for supply of materials and organise labour.

Action ALL

- **General Items**

- a) **Erosion of banks of River Glazert** – BM continues to enquire.
- b) **Allotments** – BM reported that EDC have told him that a new head of the section has been appointed and is due to start in the next month or so. Post meeting Note BM was contacted by new head of department and has met with him on site.
- c) **Broken bank of burn at Alloch Dam** – SEPA have not responded to BM.
- d) **Entrance to Baldoran site** – the matter has been concluded and the developer has been asked to move one pillar, nothing has yet taken place.

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- **Chair's update.**

- a) Nothing to report.

- **Treasurer's update.**

- a) AM noted that our grant application has been successful in reaching stage 2 of the process. There were 1400 applications of which 700 moved forward to stage 2.

A written report is attached at the end of the minutes.

Action AM

- b) It was noted that we will need a bank of volunteers willing to go on a rota to attend the lunches or coffee & tea events which would hopefully take place once a week at worst once a month if we are awarded a grant. The CC have 8 members, so realistically if split into pairs, their attendance to assist and organise would be 1 in every 4 events.

When the time comes, if it comes, we can advertise on Social Media and word of mouth to put together a bank of volunteers.

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An issue was raised that we would need to fulfil certain food standards criteria, this will need to be investigated further. IG noted that she has these certifications.

JC noted that the church of Scotland was recommencing its coffee mornings the following morning at 9am until 12noon.

- c) AM provided verbal report of the accounts with the written version attached to the end of these minutes.

- **Planning applications.**

- a) No planning applications have been made that affect the village in any manner.

- **Police report.**

Constable Paull reported the following.

- a) Household break-ins have gone down in the last month, but the advice is to be vigilant.
 - b) No reported drugs incidents.
 - c) Public nuisance reports have gone upwards recently.
 - d) There have been a few minor bumps but no major accidents.
 - e) She has been out and about with the speed gun and generally once she is seen the traffic slows down. She is trying to organise an initiative with the Traffic branch to attend the village.
 - f) She noted that she would provide us with a short report which would clear up the issues with e-scooters. Essentially e-scooters are currently illegal unless used on private land.
 - g) It was mentioned that electric bikes are being used on the walkway which are legal means of transport but shouldn't be used on the walkway.

- **Birdston Coup**

- a) The Birdston Regeneration Group are making progress all be it slowly, hopefully in the months to come a proposal will be ready to call a public meeting to explain the way forward.

Any Other Business

- The next target date for the newsletter is the end of July and any stories or information should be submitted before the end of June. It was noted that there has been many goof comments about the last news letter and it does seem to be successful.
- The possibility of CCTV in the village at the recycling was discussed and it was agreed to ask EDC about this although it is understood that it has been rejected before.
- The possibility of a new playpark to the west side of the Bellway estate was generally discussed and proposed site are required, those mentioned so far is the land at the end of Alder Road, the large are off Laburnum Drive and an area at Munro Drive but it was thought this was prone to flooding.
- The village pollination shrub beds were discussed, BM issued an e-mail requesting that something should be done about these areas as they are making the village look extremely untidy

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- A member of the public asked if CCTV could be brought into use to stop illegal use of the recycling area in the village.
- Signs delineating the villages to let road user know they are entering a village. - EDC have noted to the CC that gateway features are being considered presently.
- Make Redmoss Road a mandatory 20MPH limit. We have raised this as a whole for the village.
- The stairs leading for the Barratt estate to the School are in dangerous condition.
- We recently asked the question on social media, as we have done in the past, for the residents to tell us your worries and concerns and needs. The followings issues were raised.
- 3. The condition of pavements.
- 6. General littering.
- 9. Use of the Astroturf area at Craighead school. When open and unsupervised this area was constantly abused and trashed. For a period, it was opened and closed with supervision by one of the CC members. This is a big request to ask anyone one to do. Perhaps those with children or teenagers who want it open can put forward their name and form a rota of supervision to ensure the area is available to all without being vandalised constantly.
- 10. Crossing the road at Redmoss – avoid the speeders.
- 11. Illegal parking at Scotmid. This is not only just lazy but extremely dangerous.
- 14. More events should be organised in the village.

Action BM

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was proposed to be the 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

Treasurers Addendum

Treasures Report

Birdston Coup Group

We have been advised that this group now has their own bank account and arrangements are being made to transfer donations received by the Community Council in connection with this matter to their account. For clarity the amount received in connection with this amounts to £301.41 (held in a PayPal account) and £40 held in our general account. The PayPal total is not included in our Ordinary Account totals.

Village Hall Invoices

Receipt awaited for payment of hall lets as discussed at March meeting.

Bank Balance – Ordinary Account

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Confirmation received from EDC that the £1000.00 grant in connection with our Christmas Lunch application will be credited to our account by the end of this week

Funds available (After grant credit)

£6349.78

Bank Details

Appropriate forms for change of contact address etc. including On Line Access, have now been submitted, and I await response/confirmation.

Grants

New Social & Loneliness Fund 2023 -26

As indicated previously to Council Members we have been successful in proceeding to stage 2 of this application process and work continues to progress with the next stage of the application.

I attended a Zoom call on Thu 13 Apr in connection with this and can advise that there were 1,400 Expressions of Interest, with 700 selected for Stage 2 application. Competition for funding is expected to be tough with the £3.8M fund being expected to be divided between 50/70 projects.

It is also expected that funding will go to small or grassroots organisations i.e., those with an annual income of £500k or less.

The minimum Grant amount will be £7,220 and a maximum of £72,000 over the three-year period, with each successful application being funded in full.

If we can spend some time to clarify some of the details of our application.

Andrew MacKenzie

Treasurer

NEW SOCIAL ISOLATION & LONLINESS FUND 2023 - 2026 - (This fund is being managed by Impact Funding Partners (IFP) on behalf of the Scottish Government).

An open and competitive fund for third sector organisations and community groups, with funded activity taking place between 1st August 2023 & 31st July 2026. Grants of up to £72,000 are available across the full fund period. The aim of this fund is to support projects and organisations to tackle social isolation and loneliness and build stronger social connections across Scotland, in line with the A Connected Scotland (2018) strategy and contribute to the recovery and reduction in societal harm associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, and to mitigate the impact of the ongoing cost of living crisis. **Further information & guidance on how to apply, <https://bit.ly/SIALF23-26>.**

Stage 1 – Expression of interest (EOI)

Fund stage	Timescale
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EOI applications open	Wed 8 th March 2023
EOI applications close	Fri 31 st March 2023
Decisions issued/stage 2 invites*	Thurs 9 th March – Wed 5 th April 2023

Please get in touch with our team if you wish to discuss anything relating to the fund. You can email us on SIALFenquiries@impactfundingpartners.com or you can contact us by phone on 01383 620 780.