

Milton of Campsie Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Monday 18/01/2021 at 7.30pm
Online via ZOOM

1. Record of Attendance

Alex Buist (AC)– Chair, Vicky Jarvis (VJ)– Treasurer, Brian McFall (BM)– Secretary, Jim Crawford (JC),
Andy Mackenzie (AM) , Alan Gall (AG).

Morag Campbell – Chair of MOC Greenbelt Protection

Cllr Gary Pews.

Cllr Paul Ferretti.

5 members of the public

Apologies

Hugh Pritchard (HP) – sent apologies and also indicated that he was resigning from the CC for personal reasons.

Agnes Raybould (AR)

Police Scotland – unable to attend using Zoom software, submitted a report by e-mail which is attached to the minutes.

2. Previous minutes

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

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

ITEM 1C. - Erosion of banks of River Glazert - BM walked the river with Morag Campbell and took photographs of some areas which were deteriorating. BM noted that most of the deterioration was natural effect of the river flow however the area causing concern at the pathway adjacent to the river was in need of attention.

BM e-mailed Springfield requesting a discussion or meeting regarding this area.

POST MEETING NOTE. BM received an e-mail on 21/01/21 from a factoring company who are employed to look after the land. It appears that the householders in the estate have equal share in the land and as such will no doubt have to contribute to work required in the area of land. BM is meeting the factor on 27/01/21.

Action – BM to report.

ITEM 2C. - Recycling facility - It was noted that the use of the recycling facility appeared to be reasonable over the Christmas period and no concerns were raised,

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attention should be given to the area at all times.
possible.

Action – ALL when

AGM of 6/5/2019.

This is likely to be an ongoing issue and tracking minutes and or notes has been problematic.

ITEM 4A. – Roads - BM contacted the roads department in relation to the numerous potholes on the road from the Kincaid entrance to Milton Cross. The council have been down the road on the morning of the meeting patching the holes which really is of no use. BM will keep an eye on the roads and complain again once these patches start to break up.

Action – BM to report when possible.

ITEM 4F. BM has contacted the council regarding the overgrowing of the hedges on the pavements and noted that there was a hedge trimmer working its way from Kirkintilloch towards Milton. The point was made that the low level soil deposits under the trees have taken away about 25% to 30% of the pavement width. BM will contact council to see what can be done about this.

Action - BM

ITEM 5A. – Defibrillator - BM obtained a list of volunteers and some new names and passed these onto Morag Campbell who has volunteered to oversee the organising and running the Rota for the village defibrillator along with Debbie Cochrane. How the system will work was generally discussed and Morag was asked if she could produce an A4 document of how it will function to be posted on the electronic messaging systems. MC hopes to have the system up and running before the next meeting and will be in contact with all volunteers shortly.

Action – Morag Campbell

ITEM 5B – Checking the batteries of the defibrillator has not been done yet.

Action – Morag Campbell

ITEM 6 B – Core paths and bridge at Kincaid House Hotel drive - BM noted that Scotways have not responded yet due to their offices being closed as per Covid guidance.

The bridge across the burn and soft land at the Kincaid Drive was discussed again with the point being asked as to who are responsible for maintaining the paths. MC believes that it is the landowners. Discussion continued on this subject with the jist of it being that the majority of paths in the village are in a poor condition with some dangerous such as the path from Valleyfield down to the river and railway walkway being described as treacherous, it was requested that this becomes a priority for the CC to action on making it safe. councillor Ferretti noted that this path and area is owned by the householders in that area and as such it is not EDC responsibility. A member of the public also noted that the track from Birdston alongside the golf course was dangerous as it continually floods and freezes over, it was mentioned as a potential drowning risk. This is a farm vehicle access track more than a path though. BM asked if there was a MOC walking group, there isn't as such but other groups do walk in the village. It was proposed that some form of consultation should be initiated regarding the paths in and around the village to determine their usage, condition, difficulty, and any other relevant factor

Action - BM

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ITEM 7 A – Allotments - BM noted that EDC have confirmed that the land was gifted to EDC. EDC stated that they hoped the investigations would be completed within the next few months. No idea how much more money will be spent though. EDC have refused to release any of the reports carried out to date. Everyone agreed that it might not be the best suited area for allotments due to the steepness of the slope and lack of ability to access for vehicles. BM noted that other areas possibly more suited to allotments would be the field behind Derrywood Road and the area of ground adjacent to the river at the outlet of the Brash Burn to the Glazert. All present were in agreement that the council should be asked to justify the level of spend with nothing yet produced. MC stated that she had seen EDC correspondence stating that there was not money to complete the project as the new football pitch in Lennoxton was being prioritised before the completion of the allotments. MC requested that the CC ask the council to explain themselves and be held accountable for the level of expenditure. BM stated that in previous emails he has already noted that the village was becoming increasingly frustrated that the council would just spend money or do things without any consultation and that the village would like to be consulted in regard to projects. Councillor Pews asked to be provided with a list of the invoices paid to date relating to fees for investigations. BM to send these to him.

Action – BM

ITEM 8 C – Communication within the village - the matter on communicating and involvement with the younger members of the community was discussed with the understanding that it is currently difficult as the schools are closed and it should be approached again once the schools are open. VJ noted that an Instagram account has been opened for the CC and proposed that we ask younger people to join in on that account by posting photographs and giving feedback on what they might want out of the village. A member of the public suggested trying to get some of the older teenagers in the village to run the account with supervision to try and create more involvement for them.

Action – VJ, AG, AR

ITEM 9 D – Christmas lights competition. The competition was successfully run and the winners were awarded their prize before Christmas. It is hoped this will become an annual event although next year Photographs may be requested as it takes a considerable number of hours to tour the village looking at all the houses.

ITEM 10 B – Bank signatories – VJ and BM have dealt with this.

ITEM 10 C – MOC Village Trust – this is an ongoing matter that is currently being looked into as Charles Kennedy was the only trustee. The charities regulator should be contacted to find out how to appoint new trustees to bring it out of abeyance. MC noted that it was formed by Charles to try and help the younger members of the village. MC noted that Alan Harris is willing to volunteer to be one of the trustees. Unfortunately AR was unable to attend the meeting and hopefully a better report may be available at the next meeting.

Action – AR

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ITEM 10 D – COOP Funding – standing point for all members to encourage villagers to become coop members and nominate the village as their preferred association for funding. **Action – ALL**

ITEM 10 E – Other village groups – BM repeated the request for all to try and engage and find out what groups exist within the village that may require funding that we can assist them with. **Action – ALL**

ITEM 10 F – refer to item 9 D.

ITEM 12 B – Proposal to form a Campsie Development Trust – Mr Neil Simpson raised this proposition previously and is currently looking into the means of creating this and how other such trust like Fintry Development Trust are run etc.

ITEM 12 E – Contact other CC's re meeting dates – BM has contacted all other CC's and it appears that the third Monday of the month does not clash with any other CC meetings, this will hopefully allow easier and more frequent attendance of our Elected Councillors to our Zoom meetings.

4. Creation of new standing agenda items

AG suggested that we try and enter into a meaningful discussion with the villagers as to what their primary concerns or needs are within the village. This would allow us to target the points the villagers want targeted rather than the CC trying to identify these items alone. We all already know there are items such as speeding, potholes and dog waste constantly being talked about on social media but if we can get a starting point from the village, we can begin an auditable trail which will assist in pressurising the local authorities to deal with the issues. Councillor Pews noted that the village was due to have two gateway projects coming which are designed to let drivers know they are entering a built up area and hopefully slow them down. A general discussion took place and it was agreed that AG would put together a statement which could be put out on Facebook etc asking for feedback.

Action - AG

5. Chairs update.

- a) AB noted that the Christmas lights competition was a great success and the presentation to the winners was well received as was the presentation to Hugh Orr of the Charles Kennedy Community Cup. AB noted that Hugh was a pleasure to meet and has a bright future ahead in sport.
- b) AB noted that BM had suggested that as the Christmas lights competition was a great success that we should have a summer garden competition to be judge around JULY / AUGUST. All present agreed that this would be worthwhile and would keep engagement with the community going.
- c) AB will be speaking to the new community police officer tomorrow and will report on the discussion. **ACTION - AB**
- d) AB finally asked that everyone present at the online meeting tries to encourage others to join at the next meeting.

6. Treasurers update.

- a) VJ noted that all outgoings were as previously noted in the last meeting.

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- b) Projected costs will relate to any work required to the defibrillator and if we are going to develop a news letter what the circulating would be and what would the costs be for printing.
- c) We have a funding questionnaire from the coop which needs to be filled in to obtain funding but we need to identify projects and costs of these projects, if everyone could think of what can and should be done it would assist.

Action - ALL

- d) VJ requested assistance in content generation for the Instagram account and asked that even when out walking to provide photographs of what's happening and views around the village. Once we have some content we can ask others to join and provide additional content. **Action - ALL**
- e) VJ noted that there are discussions to take place re the content of the web site but some thought is needed before this so we can discuss at the next meeting. **Action - ALL**
- f) VJ received information about arts funding which she has passed on to the Campsie Fest group.

7. Planning applications.

- a) BM noted that there are no current applications in the area of any concern to the village.
- b) BM noted that no response has been forthcoming from Icenis regarding the list of question sent to them. BM will chase them up. **Action – BM**
- c) BM noted that there were no recent applications which warranted any discussions or actions to be taken.
- d) Morag Campbell noted that EDC are about to deregularise areas previously noted as historic design and landscaping. There is a consultation due to take place on line. VJ noted she would be looking at that. **Action – VJ**

8. Police report.

- a) BM issued the Police Scotland report to all CC members and confirmed there was nothing of merit in the report to discuss other than the speeding issues which they are aware of and are actively trying to combat.

9. Any other business

- a) LDP2 BM confirmed that an e-mail of support of the report in its current form was submitted to EDC.
- b) POST MEETING NOTE – Alan Harris of the MOCCP could not attend and asked if the following be included in the minutes;
Since the last CC Meeting in December, we have continued to liaise with Antermony Development Trust and other interested parties in connection with the Green Network access to the Loch.

However, our primary focus was in encouraging members to make submissions supporting the Council's stance in LDP2 not to allow any more house building in the village. To that end all members received a reminder email on 11 January about the deadline on 15 January with a new document that I produced *A REALLY SIMPLE GUIDE TO OBJECTING TO MORE HOUSE BUILDING IN MILTON OF CAMPSIE*

and we again leafleted the Alder Road area and leafleted Springhill for the first time with the same document.

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We thank MOCCC for posting this document on your web site and will now update all our documents continuously in future.

I have attached a copy of our group submission to LDP2, for your information and for posting on your web site.

Regards

Alan

Alan S Harris
Secretary
Milton of Campsie Greenbelt Preservation

- c) Councillor Pews noted that the road at the CALA estate would be dealt with starting from the 1st Feb and traffic lights would be in operation. He also noted that around the 10th Feb worked would take place at Blair drive to repair a manhole.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was proposed to be the 15th February 2021 at 7.30pm. the meeting ended at 9.22pm.