

Milton of Campsie Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Monday 19/02/2024 at 7.30pm
Meeting held in the Village Hall

Attendance

Alex Buist (AB)– Chair,
Andy MacKenzie (AM) - Treasurer
Agnes Raybould (AR)
Elizabeth Rowan (ER)
Jim Crawford (JC)
Neill Simpson (NS)
Cllr Paul Ferretti (PF)
Two residents (MC, DR)

Apologies

Brian McFall (BM)– Secretary
Iona Gilchrist (IG)

Previous minutes

Not available

Planning applications

- a) rear extension at Kirkton Cross – no objections noted
- b) ramp for disabled access at James Leeson Court – no objections noted.

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Chair's update

- c) B attended a meeting of the Scottish Community Network for West and East Dunbartonshire, where he met Luke Emerson from EDVA. In discussion about the tennis court, Luke undertook to contact Sport Scotland about their lack of response to AB's communication. It was noted that the surface needs maintenance, chiefly requiring weeding and rolling. In the discussion, MC proposed that the village should explore adapting the court for use as a Padel Ball court, which would involve installation of permanent toughened-glass walls.
- d) B attended the monthly meeting of front-line workers where he

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spoke with Anne Marie Timony from EDC. He reported that Lennoxtown now has a food pantry called 'The Hive', which will offer support for people to prepare food. It is unclear whether it is accessible to MoC residents. In discussion it was noted that a food pantry is different from a food bank, which requires a referral. MoC residents may access food banks in Lennoxtown or Kirkintilloch.

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B proposes to approach the Men's Shed to supply benches to provide seating along the walkway.

f) It was reported that the materials funded by the CC for Sked's community garden had been delivered. It was also noted that a charity had offered to supply and install a bench in the garden, but Sked is negotiating about doing the installation himself. The BBC's Beechgrove Garden programme is proposing to visit the garden and may broadcast information about it in a show.

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inter events 2023: not all of the raffle prizes had been provided in a timely fashion, AB had finally obtained the full amount of vouchers shortly before the meeting and will distribute them. He requested copies of photos of the dinner. (Action NS).

h)

Dates for events later in the year: Remembrance service 10/11/24; Xmas lunch 20/12/24; Santa's Grotto tbc, to coincide with Winterfest if it takes place.

Newsletter

NS reported that the newsletter had been completed, and awaits final setting in the publication software by Vicky. He will contact her the day after the meeting.

Standing agenda items

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ecycling hub: AM reported that a meeting had taken place between EDC officers and a resident who met Councillors and officers on site. Apparently it was decided that EDC will take over the planter outside The Fells, and will clean up the car park, and remove the recycling hub. MoCCC had not been consulted. It was reported that residents had been asked about this subject in the past and had not wanted the recycling hub to be removed. There was concern that the decision-making was inappropriate and it was agreed that AM will raise an objection. There was concern that the motive of EDC was to reduce responsibility for monitoring and enforcement, which could lead to an increase in fly-tipping in this location.

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- b) **B**
irdston Coup: NS reported that the application to SG for a Community Right to Buy had passed the next stage. The application had been accepted for the register of Community Interest in Land.
- c) **T**
raffic lights at the cross: it was reported by PF that the resources had been allocated for the financial year 2024-25, but the plan cannot proceed until the TRO process is complete.
- d) **M**
aintenance of footpaths: MC reported that briars are encroaching on the footpath alongside Birdston Road, requiring trimming.

Treasurer's update.

- a) **A**
M explained the complicated history of grants provided by the Co-op, and undertook to provide a report by email (attached). **Action A**
- b) **A**
M has registered an interest with EDC in developing a 'Place Plan'. This does not commit us, but if we had not registered an interest we would not have been able to do so in the present round of LDP.

Police report.

- a) **N**
o police report was available for this meeting

Any Other Business

- b) **(**
item introduced by MC) Off-road parking spaces in the village are sparse. MC is working on a proposal to reallocate some space behind the Pavilion for this purpose. If the use were changed, it would be necessary to have a plan for ongoing maintenance and supervision. It is uncertain who owns the land, it is believed to be EDC. PF agreed to find out.
- c) **F**
acilities for child play in the Belway estate are inadequate. The CC will continue trying to identify a site. At present, funding has not been identified.
- d) **A**
request for information about responsibility for maintenance of the walkway was answered; EDC has responsibility.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be the 18th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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Treasurers Report

Following our last meeting there has been one item of expenditure for £166.34 in respect of materials for Skeds Garden which I have allocated to path maintenance. For the purposes of the rest of this report I have not included this amount in our final balance and trust that the meeting will bear with me as I explain.

At our January meeting I reported that we should have £3630.91 in our account.

Having now received copies of the last few months meeting and I note that as of 1 Feb two cheques amounting to £313 had not been cashed by then which should give us a statement balance of £3960.91. However the balance shown on the Statement dated 1 Feb is £6213.61.

On examining the statement I discovered that we had been credited a further £1730.78 from the Coop although no e mail of notification was given in respect of this, additionally the monies that had been raised in a Paypal account on behalf of BRG have finally been transferred from this account to our RBS account. The meeting may recall that the full amount raised and deposited in our RBS accounts had been paid over to BRG pending resolving the issues arranging the transfer of the sums from Paypal to our RBS account. Again, no e mail was received from Paypal that this transfer had taken place.

These two deposits would appear to account for the differences in amount indicated at our Jan meeting and the recent RBS statement balance. I will provide a more detailed account of the differences at our next meeting.

COOP Funding

Further to the previous award from the Coop for funding for path maintenance and Gym equipment the Coop requested an audit of our expenditure, this was undertaken via a call between Alex and a

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Lynda Currie of the Coop from information provided by myself. As a result of this initial conversation, I was asked to provide some additional information which I provided along with an E mail response indicating a number of what I perceived as anomalies in the information being requested. At present I have not received a response. While there is no indication that the Coop will be looking for any of the current underspend paid back with an indication that we could seek approval to divert some of the funding to other projects. Again I will report back if there is any further update.

Andy MacKenzie

Treasurer