

Milton of Campsie Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Monday 15/03/2021 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), Agnes Raybould

Morag Campbell – Chair of MOC Greenbelt Protection

Cllr Gary Pews.

Cllr Paul Ferretti.

12 members of the public with others joining and leaving.

Apologies

Alan Gall.

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 Agnes Raybould and seconded by Vicky Jarvis. Minutes approved.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

3-ITEM 1C. - Erosion of banks of River Glazert - BM reported that the factor has not reported back with any update. **Action – BM to report.**

3-AGM of 6/5/2019.

To be dealt with at next AGM.

3-ITEM 4A. – Roads - BM reported that various e-mails had been exchanged with the manager in question and that unfortunately at present EDC are running a 1 man, 1 vehicle operation. When questioned about the road lining where only one vehicle was visible the response was that the other vehicles were in side streets.

3-ITEM 4F. BM has been asked by EDC to produce a map of the areas where soil overspill is reducing the width of the pavements around the village. **Action - BM**

3-ITEM 5A & B – Defibrillator – Morag campbell noted the defibrillator has been checked and is fully operational and will be ok for at least a year. Debbie will be responsible for the group of volunteers with Morag assisting. Training cannot begin until personal contact is deemed covid safe. Morag will provide updates when required.

3-ITEM 6 B – Core paths and bridge at Kincaid House Hotel drive –BM noted that the access officer is willing to try and help but needs information on what needs done and where. BM stated that we need a supply of information from walkers to help us build a base of information to deal with the issues. AB suggested we try to

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arrange a meeting with the access officer to see how we can progress. VJ noted she would try and promote the survey document but the group as a whole needs to promote the issue. A member of the public noted that as can only be expected the more common paths are overused because of Covid, there are many more paths that people just don't know about. BM noted that we need a better map and asked Cllr Pews if he could enquire in the offices if there is a larger scale map we could access to create local path maps. AM noted that Lennoxton had a really good pamphlet showing walks, VJ noted it was currently on our website. Morag Campbell noted that a book was written in the past by Christine Wren. **Action -ALL**

3-ITEM 7 A – Allotments – BM note that the money spent to date has been posted on the notice board in the village. In terms of making progress nothing is happening as EDC say the consultants cannot complete the work due to covid. Cllr Pews noted that there was a council meeting on Thursday and he would raise the matter then and report back to us. A general discussion took place. BM noted that there were most likely far better places in the village than that particular field and will continue to push for answers. **Action – BM**

3-ITEM 8 C – Communication within the village – BM noted that we are at a bit of a standstill with this until schools go back and community groups start up again. VJ noted that she has messaged some groups to offer help where possible through Facebook. Some groups have replied and are interested in being involved, the local Art club are keen to assist. AB noted that some school children are returning to school but will only be in for two weeks, however the head teachers could speak to those at school to garner interest. BM noted that as we are a registered group with a constitution etc we can apply for funding and grants but we need groups , particularly informal groups to let us know what they need for us to help and access funds. **Action – VJ, AG, AR**

3-ITEM 10 C – MOC Village Trust – VJ has been in discussion with the RBS and it looks like one bank account was used for both the Village Trust and the Community Council. AR stated that OSCAR informed her that as of 31/3/2010 there were two accounts an ordinary acc with £2510.33 and a high interest acc with £5615.88, too much of the information was redacted however due to Data Protection and she could not say which bank held them. VJ noted that perhaps we could give them the bank account number we know of and that may match to see if they can confirm this. If they do not match then there are other bank accounts somewhere. AM noted he had been searching and had come across an old set of minutes which indicate one set of accounts. **Action – AR, BM, VJ**

ITEM 5 C – Content for Instagram account – VJ noted that some pictures were being received but more would be appreciated. Anything to do with daily life and walks around the village is welcomed.

ITEM 7 D – Historic Environment Designations Review. BM noted that he has not yet written to EDC to register our disapproval and disagreement with the proposed changes, this will be done before the next meeting. He also noted that Morag Campbell had written a very good e-mail which everyone could use or re-write to lodge their personal opposition to the changes. A member of the public provided concise insight into how all the dams and burns are interlinked and why the need to

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be looked after. Presently a lot of damage is happening due to a broken bank leading to one of the dams causing the flow to be diverted down dirt track roads. BM spoke to David Stirling who was put out that we felt the need to inform him of the issue with the broken bank at the sluice gate and he commented that he would do what was required. VJ noted that she was keeping a photographic record of what was happening at this point.

ACTION BM on behalf of CC, all others personally.

ITEM 4 – Speeding - BM noted that the community council are now in the position where we require anecdotal evidence of villagers witnessing speeding through the village. If people could e-mail when they have seen the speeding, what direction the vehicle was travelling and a rough time of the day we can start to build a case for speed restrictions. AB noted that he had attended a police speed check within the village over the last couple of weeks with Sergeant McCoeey and constable Emma Davidson. It was noted that as many cars came over the hill at the junction with Redmoss Road the brakes were being slammed on, traffic from the other direction was slow as they were obviously being warned by drivers. The community police team are discussing the issue with the traffic police department and hope to get cars into the village soon.

ITEM 5 – Dog Fouling - The continuation of dog fouling in the village was discussed and Cllr Pews confirmed that there were dog wardens visiting the village and that every village and town in East Dunbartonshire has the same problem just now. BM noted that we need to continue to promote picking up of dog poo and binning it not just leaving it hanging on a branch or sitting on the edge of a path for someone else to pick up. We need to use the social media to get a stronger message out.

ITEM 6 – Drugs - BM noted that a few days after the last meeting there was a photograph posted on social media showing a young man lying on the pavement outside of Scotmid who was quite clearly out of it with drugs, the police attended, and an ambulance came and took him away. Beyond that we do not know if he was ok or not. BM also stated that having lived in the village for 56 years, whilst he knew there was some small-scale drug dealing took place in the past, he has never ever seen anyone lying in the streets unconscious due to drugs.

ITEM 8 - Village Newsletter – VJ confirmed that whilst she has quotes for printing and we have approximate numbers we do not have a format and asked if anyone was able to help with this.

ITEM 11a – Broken bank of Burn at Alloch Dam – BM reported that he has spoken to David Stirling who stated that he knew about the bank break and at the current time he was quite happy with the situation as it was. He indicated that he would deal with it when he was ready to do so.

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

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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, videos, sightings relating to any of the issues to be sent to the Community Council.

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

- a) Speeding –A member of the public noted that where he lives adjacent to the Kincaid entrance it is extremely difficult and dangerous to get in and out of his street. He also mentioned that whilst the speed check was underway someone had posted on the MOC notice board that police were checking speeding. This is far from helpful to the village as it does not control the speeders, it only means they do not get caught and will continue to speed. AB noted that the people warning need to realise that it is the kids and adults in the village who will be killed by a speed generated accident. The member of the public asked if speed calming measures could be considered, they work in other villages in East Dunbartonshire. This should be investigated.

5. Dog Fouling

CLlr Pews noted that he would re-issue the e-mail from the dog wardens to Torrance CC as it applies to us and every other village in the district.

Action ALL

6. Drugs.

AB noted that he has discussed this with the community police officers and they in turn have spoken to the drug squad, hopefully as they are now aware of it something will be done soon. We need to be informed of any sightings of dealing, where it took place and the general time, this can be done anonymously and it allows us to keep the police informed.

Action All

7. Chairs update.

- a) AB attended speed check with the police and reported that the police are happy for any CC members to attend whilst they are in the village.
- b) The report on the roads has not been finalised. AB is hoping to take some photographs for inclusion in the report and hopes to have it completed this week. Stuart MacDonald has offered his support with this matter.

Action AB

8. Treasurers update.

- a) VJ noted that that the treasurers report has been issued.
- b) VJ informed Morag Campbell that she has the phones at home and they are ready for us by the Defibrillator group.
- c) VJ noted that we have had 1 response regarding the path survey.
- d) VJ noted that she had received a video of the damage around the sluice area from a member of the public.
- e) VJ noted that changes to the Greenbelt Group information have been carried out as requested on the web site.
- f) VJ stated that recurring payments for the phones, web site and zoom meetings are the only outgoings at present.
- g) VJ has no future expenditure or costs other than those noted.

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- h) VJ has managed to sort out the bank signatories, BM is now registered on the account.
- i) VJ has a couple of cheques requiring re-imburement. **Action VJ, BM**
- j) VJ took part in an online meet with the COOP local pioneers and managers of MOC and Lenzie stores. There are a lot of groups submitting requests funding and the pay-outs of grants are due soon.
- k) The Instagram account is ongoing and continues to be developed.
- l) VJ has investigated the accessibility of the web site and has made significant changes and has issued this to all members. All thought it to be exceptionally good. A question was raised as to whether we need to have it reviewed by an outside body. A professional consultant would be expensive. AM suggested we ask EDC to review and comment upon it. **Action VJ**
- m) VJ also noted that we should have an accessibility statement and privacy policy on the website. These were circulated prior to the meeting and agreed to add to website, to be updated with comments if any received from public.
- n) VJ confirmed that the link to the EDC problem reporting site has been installed on our web site.

9. Planning applications.

- a) BM noted that there are no current applications around the area of any concern to the village.
- b) JC noted that the owners of the old coup have permission to return it to agricultural land. A member of the public questioned the quality of soil as she has seen concrete and all sorts of rubbish being dumped with the soil.

10. Police report.

- a) BM noted that no report was made available from Police Scotland.
- b) AB confirmed that Emma Davidson is the new community constable and we have a new sergeant for the area also.

11. Any other business

- a) A member of the public suggested that the CC take the lead in the Climate Consultation process and collate information for the village as the vast majority of people do not know nor understand the effects it will have on them. This is a subject that need to be discussed more fully. **Action All**
- b) Damage to the garden and fence beside the new takeaway has been report to BM. BM will contact EDC regarding this. **Action BM**
- c) The Community Woodland Car Park was again discussed. It was noted that the EDC Planning enforcement team are looking into this, the security light which was blinding drivers has been removed and some of the ditches have been cleaned out although this may be to remove water from the now compound area. BM noted that the compound appears to be growing in size backwards away from the road. JC noted that he was informed that the owner has rented the land to another party.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was proposed to be the 19th April 2021 at 7.30pm. the meeting ended at 9.05pm.