

Milton of Campsie Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Monday 16/01/2023 at 7.30pm
Meeting held in the Village Hall

1. Record of Attendance

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

Andy MacKenzie (AM) - Treasurer

Neill Simpson (NS), Elizabeth Rowan (ER)

Iona Gilchrist (IC), Agnes Raybould (AR)

Jim Crawford (JC)

Apologies

Cllr Ferretti was unable to attend through illness.

Cllr McDiarmid had other appointments.

No Police present, we are awaiting the appointment of a new community constable.

Previous minutes

Proposed by Neil Simpson, seconded by Agnes Raybould.

Before the meeting commenced BM recommended to the committee a change to the method of recording and writing the minutes. BM proposed that the Matter Arising from previous minutes be removed and all actions are discussed in the relevant section during the course of the meeting. This was proposed as frequently an action would be reported on or discussed and then be raised and discussed again as the relevant section came to in the meeting.

A vote was taken and this change was approved.

Standing agenda items

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

- a) Feedback has been provided by EDC and they will be installing a three-way set of traffic lights at Milton Cross with full crossing points, this should hopefully aid in reducing the speeding in the village.
- b) We continue to chase EDC on the proposed gateway features for the village.
- c) Speeding was discussed and with the coming of the traffic lights we will need to refocus on the approaches to the village and try to work on slowing down traffic coming into the village. It was noted that Stirling council may have recently introduced a speed limit of 20mph for all villages and with further investigation

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after the meeting it was found that Borders Council have trialled a 20mph speed limit in 90 villages. Local authorities now have the power to change these speed limits without government permission. It was agreed to discuss this further.

- d) It was mentioned that there have been several reports of possible drink driving or drug driving in the village recently which we will pass on to the police.
- e) Gullies which have been blocked for some time, have been cleaned and now operate however some on Campsie Road are still blocked.
- f) 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.
- g) A crossing at the walkway / Birdston Coup was requested as it is becoming more and more difficult to cross due to the speed of traffic. We will discuss this with EDC. Still to be discussed.

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3. Dog Fouling

Cllr Ferretti has managed to have favourable discussions with EDC and it has now been agreed that the village will receive a supply of free Poo bags which will be distributed from the library in the village.

4. Drugs

All is currently quiet in the village at present.

5. Village paths.

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- a) It was recently reported to BM that the path from Valleyfield estate down to the river had a recent fall by a user who slipped on the muddy surface and fell. Someone of the residents of Valleyfield who it seems own the land behind the houses have volunteered to assist in upgrading the path. The CC will investigate how this can be done and fund the materials required. It was agreed that a letter should be written and distributed to the residents of Valleyfield in regards to this.

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6. General Items

- a) **Erosion of banks of River Glazert** – BM continues to enquire.
- b) **Allotments** – The allotments were discussed and it was suggested that BM contact Gillian Telfer of EDC who has been involved possibly from the outset.
- c) **Broken bank of burn at Alloch Dam** – SEPA have not responded to BM. BM will continue to chase this matter.
- d) **Entrance to Baldoran site** – the matter is now with the Scottish reporters office and we will update when we know more. The developer has gone back to the planning department with a new set of drawings that again bear no resemblance to what is built.

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7. Chair's update.

- a) AB began with a thanks to all who assisted with the Christmas events which were a great success.
- b) A special thanks was given to Keith Gilbert for his assistance with the PA system at the Christmas lights switch on
- c) Santa's grotto was a great success and was held at the same time as an organised winter fest concert and dance, this led to one or two complaints

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about it being held at that time although on the whole it was welcomed by all

- d) The seniors Christmas lunch was a roaring success and more numbers will be expected next year, planning will need to begin earlier for this and the other Christmas events.
- e) A special thanks was given to the Kemp family trio for providing music which was welcomed and appreciated by those in attendance.
- f) Thanks, was also given in general to all who donated prizes for the raffles which were held. A list of which will be in the newsletter being compiled presently.

8. Treasurer's update.

- a) AM asked BM for assistance in contacting the Hall trustees as he was having trouble in obtaining invoices for hall rental and we also had the raffle money collected at the Christmas lunch to pass over.
- b) AM confirmed that the changing of the signatories for the cheque book is complete.
- c) AM noted to the meeting that applications are due for an EDC Community Grant of up to £3k. it was agreed that we would apply for this funding.

The treasurer gave a report on the current finances which are attached for information to the end of this set of minutes.

9. Planning applications.

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

10. Police report.

- a) Our community officer has been reassigned to another department, we do not know yet who will be replacing her.
- b) No report from police submitted.
- c) With regards to shooting events around the village it was agreed that the CC would write to all landowners and ask them if they could advise the CC in advance of shoots taking place to allow us to warn the residents

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11. Birdston Coup

- a) Confirmation that the coup remains closed and that the Regeneration group are close to being granted charity status allowing access to grant funding to progress plans to buy out the site and restore it for public use.

Any Other Business

- The recycling centre has had all bins replaced by modern continental style bins and is looking much tidier.
- The village pollination shrub beds were discussed, and the position was put to Cllr Ferretti that they are an excuse not to cut grass and make our village look extremely untidy. We requested that this be taken up with EDC on our behalf. It was also noted that the Queen's jubilee garden at the bus stop is in a terrible condition, it is obvious that EDC have done nothing in MOC regarding shrubs beds for a few years now.

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- The walkway was discussed and it was noted that there are areas which now flood badly as it appears drainage has not been installed. BM will ask about this.
- A member of the public asked if CCTV could be brought into use to stop illegal use of the recycling area in the village. This will be raised with EDC.
- The Christmas lights winner was confirmed as the property in the Barratt estate with the miniature village show in the front garden. The competition did not run as smoothly this year as we asked for nominations, it was agreed next year that we revert to touring the village and agreeing a winner.
- The children's Christmas card competition was run with lots of entries, winners names and photographs will be shown in the newsletter. The cards will be delivered as done last year to the seniors of the village and the nursing home.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was proposed to be the 20th February 2023 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

Treasurers Addendum

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16 January 2023

Treasures Report

Since our last meeting there have been a number of Christmas related events and a requirement to renew subscriptions in relation to our website. While the numbers attending these events were not as high as anticipated or booked we were able to recover some of the costs for unused items, or in the case of the Christmas Lunch distribute meals to some residents who were unable to attend or were not originally in the invitee list. Expenses in relation to these are as follows.

Christmas cards

Total Cost including prizes	<u>£114.14</u>
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Santa Grotto

Expenditure	£462.93
Donations/returns	£161.35
Net Cost	<u>£301.58</u>

Christmas Lunch

Expenditure	£1482.36
Raffle/Recovery of expenditure	£166.00

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Net Cost	<u>£1316.36</u>
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Web Site Renewal

Go Daddy	<u>£129.45</u>
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<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£1861.53</u>
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Bank Balance - Ordinary Account

Balance as at 30 Dec 2022	£6567.88
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Less unrepresented cheques	£643.59	<u>£5924.29</u>
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Events A/C

No change £527.41

EDEC Community Grant Fund

I have been advised that round 3 of this fund is now open for applications, with £71,000 available for distribution with a maximum of £3000 per application. Groups are invited to submit their applications by 10 Feb 2023, with decisions expected after 31 March 2023. Applications should meet at least 1 of six criteria including, benefit to the aged and vulnerable, community safety and sustainability, community health and fitness.

Previously we have applied (unsuccessfully) to this for community fitness equipment for installation in park areas.

This year I would propose that as well as revising this application as a few of our planned activities potentially meet the criteria we submit applications for:

Assistance for the cost of the Senior Residents Christmas Lunch

Funding for upgrade to the footpath linking Valleyfield to the Railway Walkway

Purchase of outdoor fitness equipment for installation in Battlefield Park

Andrew MacKenzie

Treasurer