

Milton of Campsie Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Monday 16/05/2022 at 7.30pm
Meeting held in the Village Hall

1. Record of Attendance

Alex Buist (AC)– Chair, Brian McFall (BM)– Secretary, Vicky Jarvis - Treasurer

Agnes Raybould (AR) Jim Crawford (JM)).

Emma Davidson -Police Scotland Community Officer. (ED)

6 members of the public.

Apologies

Andy Mackenzie (AM)

No councillors present due to forthcoming elections.

No police present, Community constable has been moved to another area.

Previous minutes

Proposed by Jim Crawford, seconded by Agnes Raybould.

Deviation from normal proceedings.

The community council were asked if Kat Jones could speak to the meeting to highlight an issue and event which was to take place in the village. As the speaker had other appointments it was decided to allow her to speak before the meeting progressed.

Kat Jones outlined a group which had been formed from the local Church of Scotland to assist and help with refugees from Ukraine. Presently she reported that it is a very difficult process for any refugee to get into our country due to serious red tape. The church group is hoping to form groups to help with all aspects of settling into a strange land, housing, food, schooling and basics such as clothing.

There will be a questionnaire posted on social media to allow people to become involved and to put forward solutions and offers of assistance.

On Friday the 12th of May at 7.30pm there will be a meeting held in the church hall and it is open to everyone who wishes to attend.

Andy Mackenzie of the CC noted that he attends a church in Bishopbriggs and they are finding the red tape extremely difficult to deal with and have even come across attempts by organised crime to become involved.

Positive Action in Housing, a charity assisting refugees from all areas of the world currently have over a thousand refugees asking for help, they have online forms where people can volunteer or offer a room for a refugee.

Kat thanked the meeting for being allowed to speak and finished by hoping that there would be a big turn out for the Friday meeting.

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2. Matters arising from previous minutes

- The speaker about the Ukrainian refugees was unable to attend due to Covid. JC informed the meeting that the meeting at the church was a success and a lot of information was given out. Requests for donations were made with normal everyday essentials being urgently required with clothing for adults and school children badly needed. It was also noted that the church carries out a food bank collection once a month. The church will arrange a collection point.
- **Erosion of banks of River Glazert** – E-mails to Springfield homes are now bouncing back as undeliverable. BM will continue to enquire. **Action BM**
- **Allotments** – BM is expecting information in the near future. **Action BM**
- **Speeding** – EDC have still not responded to MOCCC about the traffic survey carried out and submitted nor have they responded about a new speeding survey to be carried out in the village. The CC have still to receive any feedback from the traffic survey carried out on behalf of the EDC last year. ED noted that no information was passed to Police Scotland from this survey and would enquire.
A member of the public highlighted the fact that speed signage is in many places hidden by overgrown hedges and trees.
BM noted that the CC had also received requests from elderly and disabled villagers to have additional crossings installed at Cairnview Road junction with Birdston Road, Redmoss Road junction with Birdston Road and at Milton Cross. The CC will continue to press for increased safety measures. **Action BM**
- **Dog Fouling** – The CC are going to try and have a box of poo bags delivered to the village library for public issue as we don't have a hub. **Action BM**
- **Village Newsletter** – Despite one or two comments about the tone of some articles the response has been very positive. A member of the public stated that it was a very good newsletter and suggested that space is offered to organisations in the village which was always the intention. **Action ALL**
- **Broken bank of burn at Alloch Dam** – BM will try contacting SEPA to ask for assistance on the matter as the owner doesn't seem intent on fixing the problem. **Action - BM**
- **Fence at football pitch at the school** – No further response to this issue yet from EDC
- **Entrance to Baldoran site** – The site entrance has been questioned by the CC and members of the public, the planning department have requested revised drawings from the developer for approval. **Action - BM**

Standing agenda items

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

- a) The CC are still waiting on feedback from the recently conducted traffic survey and any sort of formal response to the survey carried out by the CC which was submitted to EDC.

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- b) ED noted that Police Scotland had not received anything from EDC re this survey.

4. Dog Fouling

Generally still an issue around the village and likely to become a greater issue during the summer. EDC refuse to give CC a box of poo bags for distribution within the village.

5. **Drugs**

Nothing to report currently.

6. **Village paths.**

- a) A retired Bridge Engineer new to the village offered his services to repair the bridge linking Kincaid drive and the woods behind the CALA estate. BM and VJ to liaise with him regarding materials and volunteers.

Action - BM

7. **Broadband Provision**

- a) BM noted that without a willing council to try and assist or intervene we were at a dead end in relation to the Openreach poles being erected.

b) **Chair's update.**

- a) AB had nothing to add at this point that hadn't already been discussed.

c) **Treasurer's update.**

- a) VJ's report was the same as that given during the AGM.

The treasurer reported as follows;

- VJ has prepared reports, and these have been issued to the CC members.
- Expenses have increased from previous year primarily as lockdown and restrictions were lifted.
- Expenses consisted of primarily Remembrance Sunday wreaths, defibrillator pad renewals, Christmas cards, donation of materials for the community garden and the printing and publication of the village newsletter.
- We still have a high balance due to the grants awarded for the paths and walkways.
- The accounts are available for inspection and will be audited shortly. VJ has been ill and was unable to have them audited before the meeting.

d) **Planning applications.**

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

e) **Police report.**

- a) ED was present at the meeting and noted that there have been very few problems in the village that has been reported. All present at the meeting asked about speeding and how to control it. ED understands the issue and unfortunately noted that it is very difficult to obtain a prosecution as the procurator fiscals office only deals with excessive speeding. She was asked if she would support our requests for additional traffic lights and crossing which she was in favour off but noted that even the police struggle to get EDC to do anything when they ask.

Action JC

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- b) ED noted that she would speak to EDC regarding speed signs and other signage on Birdston Road which are being obscured by the overgrown trees and hedges. **Action ED**
- c) A member of the public noted that a sign on the edge of the village had been badly damaged in an accident, it has been removed but not replaced. **Action BM/ED**
- d) A member of the public noted that recently there had been an off-road motor bike on the walkway and asked if more police could patrol the walkway. ED will look into it. **Action ED**
- e) ED noted that the drop in at the café did not work but was still hopeful of something being able to be carried out. It was suggested that a drop-in session in the smaller of the village halls might be an option, the CC would be willing to pay the rental of the hall. It was to be considered.
- f) ED noted that the council are carrying out a bike initiative to securely mark bicycles during the summer months.

f) Birdston Coup

- BM noted that whilst the Coup was currently closed it was highly likely that the owners would come back looking for new permissions. As such fundraising needed to be undertaken to employ Planning consultants to show that the EDC Planning departments view that a circa 30-year-old planning approval was still in operation was wrong and to fight any further applications. **Action All**
- BM also noted that the action group set up to stop the coup opening again was now investigating numerous funding bodies which have grants available to undertake restoration of such sites and to bring them into community use.

Any Other Business

- A member of the public noted that people have been talking about a strange man posting notes through people's letter boxes, JC noted that he has supposedly been photographed. ED confirmed that this has been dealt with and that the person now understands you cannot do such things.
- BM will speak to the council about the gateway features that were supposed to be built at the entrance to the village. **Action BM**
- AB noted that he has had a few complaints about kids playing chap door runaway.
- VJ stated that there had been a fire lit up at the Alloch Dam but no real damage down.
- A member of the public reported signs of very heavy drinking taking place up at the Alloch dam.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was proposed to be the 15th August 2022 at 7.30pm in the village hall.
The meeting ended at 9.00pm.