

Milton of Campsie Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Monday 19/04/2021 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), Agnes Raybould

Morag Campbell – Chair of MOC Greenbelt Protection

Cllr Gary Pews.

Cllr Paul Ferretti.

9 members of the public with others joining and leaving.

Apologies

Alan Gall.

Police Scotland – unable to attend using Zoom software,

Previous minutes

The previous minutes were agreed as a record of the previous meeting and were proposed by Agnes Raybould and seconded by Andy MacKenzie. Minutes approved.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

3-ITEM 1C. - Erosion of banks of River Glazert - BM reported that the factor has reported back but has been unable to move forward with any consultants at present. BM to continue dialogue.

Action – BM

3-AGM of 6/5/2019.

To be dealt with at next AGM.

3-ITEM 4F. BM has produced a map of the areas where soil overspill is reducing the width of the pavements around the village and issued this to EDC.

3-ITEM 6 B – Core paths and bridge at Kincaid House Hotel drive –BM noted that he has checked the bridge at Kincaid drive and will compile a list of materials required to repair and renew it. BM suggested that we should be looking for volunteers to carry out the work.

A discussion took place relating to contacting landowners for permission before carrying out any works on land privately owned. The treasurer pointed out that as part of the grant obtained we also need to contact EDC and advise what we are proposing. It was agreed that the subject is so large that a separated meeting be convened on the 10th May at 7.30pm on zoom to discuss the issue. **Action -ALL**

3-ITEM 7 A – Allotments – Cllr Pews informed the meeting that the matter was discussed at the last council meeting, he personally spoke to officers dealing with the Allotments and they know that an FOI request has been made. Apparently it is still too soon to make a conclusion on the site. All present agreed that if it is not

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obvious that the site can work as allotments then the project should be stopped to avoid wasting more money. BM will continue to push for answers. **Action - BM**

3-ITEM 8 C – Communication within the village – BM noted as schools were going opening fully soon, it was hopeful that we could begin a degree of dialogue within the schools. BM asked that those previously willing to engage with schools and local groups do so as soon as possible to generate interest and involvement. **Action – VJ, AG, AR, AB to contact school directly.**

3-ITEM 10 C – MOC Village Trust – VJ was unable to report any more progress. AR reported that OSCAR have provided everything they can divulge. VJ stated that the accounts appeared to run parallel with the CC accounts and their appeared to be no other trustees after Charles passed. AM had managed to dig out some old accounts and has been unable to find a separate account. VJ was going to try the banks head office in a last attempt. **Action – AR to contact bank directly, VJ**

ITEM 7 D – Historic Environment Designations Review. BM reported that he has written to object to the proposed changes and asked that everyone personally do so also. **ACTION - all others personally.**

ITEM 4 – Speeding – ongoing issue within the village, CC continue to work with Police Scotland.

ITEM 5 – Dog Fouling – an ongoing issue in all villages in EDC. We need to continue to use the social media to get a stronger message out and make people aware of the health risks to both humans and animals.

ITEM 6 – Drugs - nothing reported back from the police yet but they are aware of the situation and should be working away in the background.

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. VJ noted that she could format a draft paper but she currently had no contact to use. **Action – VJ and ALL**

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.

ITEM 10b – Damage to garden and fence at Takeaway / Bus stop area – BM confirmed that the council have been advised of this issue and will investigate the matter.

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

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agenda items until hopefully we have dealt with them and the next on the list of concerns 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.

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

- a) Speeding –AB reported that he has completed his report on the safety of the roads within the village and proposals to make them safer. He is having issues inserting photographs into the report. BM will do this for him if he drops off the flash drive with the report and images.
- b) Member of the public reported that some dropped kerbs have been installed near to the CALA estate but that they are in extremely dangerous positions.
- c) A member of the public asked that a 20mph zone be requested for Baldoran Drive.
- d) A discussion took place with many suggestions of how to curtail speeding: signs thanking drivers for driving carefully within the limits, electronic signs which show the speed vehicles are doing, speed bumps, rumble strips, shicanes like Strathblane. The trial underway at Lenzie was also discussed where the main lines are removed, not many people thought this was a good idea.

4. Dog Fouling

Discussed earlier in meeting.

Action ALL

5. Drugs.

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Action All

6. Chairs update.

- a) AB reiterated that contact with the police is being maintained and speed checks will return to the village.
- b) AB noted that the situation with drugs has been discussed and is currently in the hands of the relevant police departments. The police seem to have a problem with safe areas to stop people in the village and numbers of available officers are a problem. The road safety report is to be issued. **Action AB**
- c) AB noted that the old village newsletter was being looked at and hopefully the CC will be able to begin producing a new one.

7. Treasurers update.

- a) VJ noted that that the treasurers draft report has been issued.
- b) VJ noted that reimbursement cheques have been issued but they will fall into the accounts of the new financial year.
- c) VJ noted that we £49 in the collection can.
- d) VJ noted that the Co-op have donated £369.59 to the CC.
- e) VJ confirmed that EDC awarded the CC a grant of £3000.00 to assist with the purchase of materials for path repairs.
- f) VJ a donation of £10.50 was received.
- g) VJ confirmed that the signatory situation has now been resolved and both her AB and BM are available to sign cheques when required.

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h) VJ asked if the CC committee were in agreement to apply to the CALA Local Development Fund for a grant of £2500 towards adult recreational equipment. This was agreed, she is currently obtaining quotes and can be progressed at the next meeting. **Action VJ**

i) VJ noted that she would put up an advert in the social media asking for younger people to become involved. **Action VJ**

8. Planning applications.

a) BM noted that there are no current applications around the area of any concern to the village.

9. Police report.

a) BM noted that no report was made available from Police Scotland.

10. Any other business

a) A member of the public raised the issue relating to paths in and around the village needing work carried out, it was noted that the CC have secured a grant from EDC and the CC were informed that the Strathkelvin ramblers will donate money as long as the donation goes to an organisation bank account. It was also remarked that Paths for All appear willing to donate £1k for labour and £1k for materials. It was agreed that a sub-committee needs to be set up to deal with this and an additional meeting purely to discuss the paths was set for Monday the 10 May at 7.30pm which will be open only to Council members and invitees. **Action All**

b) A member of the public raised the EDC climate conversation programme and asked if we should make a community response via e-mail. VJ noted that there was an online event on Thursday and she would listen in on that and report back. Post meeting VJ noted that the method of consultation was a series of tick boxes with no opportunity for any kind of statement to be made.

c) A member of the public asked if it would be possible for the CC to donate £280 to the Village Hall to allow safety rails to be purchased for the stage, £500 has already been raised. BM noted that this had already been discussed and agreed that the CC should provide the money in question. VJ will deal with the donation. **Action VJ**

d) A Member of the public asked why there is a difference in the signs relating to dogs in the public parks in particular at the football field and children's play areas, apparently in Lennoxton signs ban dogs from these areas but not in Milton. Cllr Pews noted that it may be outdated signs that have never been renewed. Cllr Pews noted that he would enquire about the signage. A member of the public noted that an education programme is required as it is not the fault of the dogs but of irresponsible owners. **Action – BM**

e) A member of the public raised the question about the Tennis court in the village behind the football pavilion and noted that it belongs to the village and the net and posts for it should be collected and stored safely. The court requires some attention. The home of the net etc needs to be identified also. **Action – AB**

f) VJ noted that a householder who backs onto the school has asked if the CC could help in relation to the number of Footballs being kicked over the fence into her garden. The home owner was concerned as the children climb the fence to get the ball back and she is worried that one of them will be injured at some point. It was agreed that the fence needs to be looked at as this is a long term issue. **Action – AB**

g) VJ noted that some villagers have cleaned up a lot of litter in and around the field adjacent to the Co-op, it has been bagged and left there with a request for

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assistance to have EDC pick it up. BM will contact council and request an uplift.

Action - BM

- h) A member of the public raised concerns relating to the height of a new fence on the corner of Alder Road and Maple Avenue, the concern is that the sight lines to the junction have been lost and it is now dangerous when leaving Maple. The CC agreed to look into this.

Action AB & BM

- i) VJ noted that at the end of May there is to be a Keep Britain Tidy Campaign and suggested that the CC should organise an event to collect litter from around the village. EDC will provide rubbish bags. It was agreed that this would be a good event to hold and a discussion will take place on how to safely organise this with Covid and Traffic in the village in mind.

Action AB - VJ - BM

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was proposed to be the 17th May 2021 at 7.30pm. the meeting ended at 9.10pm.