

# Milton of Campsie Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Monday 19/05/2021 at 7.30pm  
Online via ZOOM

## 1. Record of Attendance

Alex Buist (AC)– Chair, Vicky Jarvis (VJ)– Treasurer, Brian McFall (BM)– Secretary, Alan Gall (AG),

Andy Mackenzie (AM), Agnes Raybould (AR)

Cllr Gary Pews.

Cllr Paul Ferretti.

7 members of the public with others joining and leaving.

## Apologies

Jim Crawford.

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 Alan Gall and seconded by Vicky Jarvis. Minutes approved.

## 2. Matters arising from previous minutes

**3-ITEM 1C. - Erosion of banks of River Glazert** - BM reported that the factor been chased up, but no response is forthcoming at present. BM to continue dialogue.

**Action – BM**

**3-AGM of 6/5/2019.**

To be dealt with at next AGM.

**3-ITEM 6 B – Core paths and bridge at Kincaid House Hotel drive** –BM noted that as there had been separate meeting regarding the core paths a report would be given later in the meeting.

**3-ITEM 7 A – Allotments** – BM is no further forward with information from the council regarding the allotments. BM noted that he had been asked about the garden that has appeared, BM e-mailed and told council that it has become a very well used area and that to touch it would cause sever outrage in the village, he requested that no action is taken in that area without consultation. **Action - BM**

**3-ITEM 8 C – Communication within the village** – AB reported that he had been in touch with the head teacher at Craighead and she was keen to attend the meeting but unfortunately could not. The school is very keen to get all their groups involved. AM suggested that as more groups are being allowed to open, we should contact them and offer space in the newsletter. **Action – AB.**

**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

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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 confirmed that he e-mailed the MOCCC opposition to the proposals and noted that everyone still had time to comment before the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. **ACTION - all others personally.**

**ITEM 4 – Speeding** – ongoing issue within the village, CC continue to work with Police Scotland. AB has compiled a Road safety Report but asked for help installing the photographs into it. BM would do this. AB to pass info on to BM. **Action BM.**

**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. Cllr Pews reported that there had been a response from EDC on the issue and would forward it on. The issue was discussed again and a request for more bins is to be made to EDC. **Action BM.**

**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 noted that the newsletter is something that needs to be worked on to a greater degree and this could be done over the summer months and then commence issuing it at the start of the next session. AM suggested that local groups be informed of the newsletter and be allowed to submit articles, all agreed and VJ confirmed that the groups would need to supply the text. **Action – VJ and ALL**

**ITEM 11a – Broken bank of Burn at Alloch Dam** – no further action by landowner presently.

**ITEM 7h** – VJ noted that we have not been able to obtain funding from CAL for adult recreational equipment, she has circulated quotes and will look elsewhere for funding. **Action VJ**

**ITEM 7i** – VJ has been unable to place an advert on social media looking for younger participants due to being very busy. We need to try and come up with a better approach. **Action ALL**

**ITEM 10a** – As the problems and time required to deal with the core paths it was agreed that the issues regarding core paths will become a matter for a CC sub-committee which will then report to the CC. SUB Committee to be formed.

**ITEM 10c** – there was a discussion about the safety rails for the village hall. It was agreed that the CC will donate £280 to the Village Hall trust to make up the cost of the shortfall to purchase them. The safety rails will under be the ownership of the Village Hall Trust. VJ to arrange money transfer. **Action VJ**

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**ITEM 10e** – AB noted that he would contact Jamie Maguire to find out more about the tennis nets and equipment. **Action AB**

**ITEM 10f** – AB noted that the issue with footballs at the school is not during school hours, Cllr Pews is trying to have the height of the fence increased and asked Cllr Ferretti for assistance. **Action AB**

**ITEM 10g** – BM noted that the rubbish at the field beside the Co-op was to be collected by the council, which it appears to have been done.

**ITEM 10h** – BM reported that the problem with the fence at Alder and Maple is being dealt with by the Planning Department.

**ITEM 10i** – Unfortunately the keep Britain Tidy Campaign has passed us by. We should try to be prepared for next year.

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

**It was suggested that we should be adding more issues of concern from the village survey into the standing agenda items as we are currently pushing on with the original issues, a separate discussion regarding this should take place and introduce another one or two items at the next meeting.**

### **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. The issue was discussed at length with the knowledge that anything done will be down to cost. It was suggested the report is issued to the village and a petition raised to support the changes noted in the report. **Action ALL**
- b) A member of the public noted that EDC have opened an Active travel consultation and suggested everyone should be involved.
- c) A member of the public raised concerns about signage not being visible on approach to the village from the Kilsyth direction.

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### 4. Dog Fouling

Discussed earlier in meeting.

**Action ALL**

### 5. Drugs.

The issue is with the Police, and nothing further can be reported at present. **Action All**

### 6. Chairs update.

- a) AB noted that he has been having some issues contacting the police as the officers seem to be moving departments, AG noted that it has gone an unacceptable period of time without a report and that we are within our rights to write asking for comments and action to take place. **Action AB**
- b) AB noted other items had been previously discussed.
- c) A report on the Core Paths meeting was provide to the chair by VJ and BM, VJ took notes of the meeting and would circulate them at the first opportunity. The meeting was well attended and produced a good number of ideas but also some issues of organisation and workforce which require to be solved before any work could commence. The main problem is that in todays day and age whilst we would be asking for volunteers we as the CC need to find out if we require insurance cover for those volunteering, Health and safety is a major issue in this kind of manual work. We need someone from the CC to take on the role of leading the subcommittee, a member of the public offered to do this as it was obvious no one on the CC was willing and those that could were already very busy, this is quite embarrassing. **Action VJ BM and ALL**
- d) AM noted that he has walked many of the core paths and supplied reports and photographic images in relation to the issues and difficulties. He also noted that many of the actual walked paths do not match the map provided by the access officer.
- e) It was mentioned that a EDC pamphlet existed called Explore and enjoy Milton of Campsie and if this could be replicated in some way it would be of benefit to walkers and the community.
- f) AG noted that whilst the approach that is being advocated is promising we must be careful that we don not start with to high aspirations and fail on the first project. We should focus on smaller works and build up to bigger issues.
- g) AM noted that villagers who are trying to help by putting materials down into problem areas on paths need to be careful that they are not accused of fly tipping.
- h) It was mentioned again that permissions must be sought from landowners to carry out any works on the paths even although they are core paths.

### 7. Treasurers update.

- a) VJ noted in relation to earlier discussions that we can bring on board 3 younger members from 16 to 18. We are already at our non-elected member total.
- b) VJ noted that no income or outgoings had occurred in the past month.
- c) The EDC grant money is now in the CC bank account.
- d) With regards to the Data Protection Policy for the CC web site VJ suggested we contact EDC for guidance.
- e) Our application to CALA for funding was unsuccessful due to a high volume of requests.
- f) VJ noted that she would start looking at Lottery funding opportunities.
- g) The small regular expenses relating to the web site and mobile phones are all that is being spent at present.

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- h) VJ suggested we provide a page on the web site for the Paths Sub Committee once we can pull one together, this was agreed fully.

### 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) The garden created down at the River Glazert was mentioned and it was noted that the gentlemen carrying out this work has been spending his own money, he is not asking for money to be given out by the CC, he would like to extend it a bit more as it is well used. A discussion took place about how we could help and if it were appropriate for the CC to provide materials possibly. We need to check what we can and can't do before offering. It was also suggested that we open dialogue with EDC to ensure this garden remains open. An honesty box was also suggested for users to make small donations. **Action AB & BM**
- b) AB noted that the Walk to Work school week has been taken on board by the local school. They are actually one of the pilot schools involved.
- c) Cllr Pews made it known that the Nursery had been flooded in the early hours of this morning, the children and staff have been decanted into the community centre for the time being.
- d) Cllr Pews noted that whilst it may seem that very little is being done by EDC they are still operating. What is being done can be found in the Technical Notes section of the EDC web site.
- e) Cllr Pews stated that the vacant property in Montgomery terrace has now been let.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was proposed to be the 21st June 2021 at 7.30pm.  
The meeting ended at 9.10pm.