

Milton of Campsie Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Monday 21/11/2022 at 7.30pm
Meeting held in the Village Hall

Meeting of newly elected member prior to the main meeting.

The elected members – Alex Buist, Brian McFall, Andy Mackenzie, Jim Crawford, Neill Simpson, Elizabeth Rowan met and discussed the council positions. Alex Buist was proposed as chair by Brian Mcfall, seconded by Andy MacKenzie. Brian McFall was proposed as secretary by Alex Buist, seconded by Neill Simpson. Andy Mackenzie was proposed as Treasurer by Neill Simpson and seconded by Alex Buist. All members confirmed this to be acceptable. Co-opted members from previous council will be asked to take part again.

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)
Councillor Ferretti
4 members of the public.

Apologies

No Police present.

Previous minutes

Proposed by Andy MacKenzie, seconded by Alex Buist.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

- **Erosion of banks of River Glazert** – E-mails to Springfield homes are now bouncing back as undeliverable. BM continues to enquire.
- **Allotments** – BM has sent numerous e-mails about the allotments. BM has been told officially that Mr McCulloch has left EDC and the position is yet to be filled.

Action BM

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- **Speeding** – our new councillor Collette McDiarmid asked for information on this matter and will take it up with EDC on our behalf. No Contact has been made by Cllr McDiarmid since the last meeting. **Action CM**
- **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Ferretti has sought a meeting with the Deputy Chief Executive to attempt to change the current discriminatory policy of EDC in relation to distribution of services.
- **Village Newsletter** – the news letter has been delayed somewhat due to the election period. NS confirmed that articles have been submitted and it is being worked on the village hall trustees were due to submit and article but it has not yet arrived. It will be issued as soon as possible. **Action ALL**
- **Broken bank of burn at Alloch Dam** – SEPA have not responded to BM. BM will continue to chase this matter. **Action - BM**
- **Fence at football pitch at the school** – replacement is currently underway.
- **Entrance to Baldoran site** – Cllr Ferretti confirmed that the planning committee instructed decided and instructed that the pillars be repositioned. This should be monitored to ensure compliance. **Action All**

Standing agenda items

3. 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.
- b) There is also a proposal for additional charging points at the car park. It was noted however that some people are leaving their cars parked overnight, not allowing others to use the charging points.
- c) We continue to chase EDC on the proposed gateway features for the village. **Action BM**
- d) Speeding was again a hot topic and villagers suggested asking for signs which light up when 30mph is broken and signs which count the numbers of traffic passing through the village.
- e) Gullies which have been blocked for some time, have been cleaned and now operate however some on Campsie Road are still blocked. **Action BM**
- f) It was noted that the hedges from Birdston to the care home have been cut back but the pavement from the village to Birdston is still narrower than it should be due to overspill of soil not being removed. We will keep pressing for this to be removed. **Action BM**
- 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. **Action BM**
- h) The speeding through the village is still an issue and unfortunately our community officer who was looking into various proposals is now no longer with us. We will need to start afresh in trying to get control of the situation **Action BM**

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4. Dog Fouling

Cllr Ferretti is in discussions with EDC regarding this issue and hopes to have it resolved in our favour.

5. **Drugs**

All is currently quiet in the village at present.

6. **Village paths.**

- a) With the successful completion of the bridge near the Kincaid we now need to decide on which issue to tackle next. It was agreed that we should try and deal with one issue at a time as this may suit volunteers better dependent on skills.
- b) The path from Valleyfield estate down to the river and across to the walkway was discussed as it is in very poor condition. It was suggested that we should target this next as it is becoming dangerous.
- c) It was noted that the CC does have some funding available for path repairs.

Action ALL

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7. **Broadband Provision**

- a) No further action currently.

b) **Chair's update.**

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

c) **Treasurer's update.**

- a) AM noted that all information has been passed over by the previous treasurer and that he has contacted the bank to change the signatories for the cheque book.
- b) AM noted suggested that we do not change the signatories until the upcoming Community Council elections have been held and the CC positions have been finalised.
- c) AM noted that the wreaths for Remembrance Sunday have been ordered as normal.

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

d) **Planning applications.**

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

e) **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) Shooting at Fields adjacent to Birdston Coup. It has been confirmed by the police that all was in order with the shooting session which took place. The police acknowledged that whilst it is a nuisance there is little that can be done. It was discussed that we should find out all the local landowners and ask them to inform us when a shoot is to take place, possibly even create a

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map showing where the shoots are held to let the public know where is safe to walk. Notices could be included within the newsletter.

Action All

- d) Members of the public asked if the police ever come into the village to deal with speeding vehicles. It was also commented on that walking on the pavements leaving the village is extremely dangerous due to the lack of footpath and the speed of vehicles. The CC will try to engage with the police again and hopefully a new community officer will be appointed soon.

f) Birdston Coup

- a) Confirmation that the coup remains closed was given however it was noted that the owners will reapply at some point in the future.

Any Other Business

- Santa's grotto is on schedule to take place on the 10th dec during the break of the winter fest events.
- It was confirmed that the Christmas lights would be switched on, on Saturday the 2nd Dec.
- The scouts requested permission to set up a stall to sell craftwork, this was agreed to.
- 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.
- The poll carried out re removing the recycling centre was almost a 90% vote to retain it, this matter will be left as is. Unfortunately, some users do not treat the area well and often companies use it which is not allowed. BM will ask for it to be tidied up before Christmas.
- 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 proposal was put forward by a member of the public that we should allow volunteers to take care of the shrub beds and plant more suitable flowers, shrubs and bushes. This would need to be put to EDC but it ultimately lets EDC off the hook for taking care of the village.
- 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 potential Gala day will be discussed in the new year. Work needs to be done to frame out what would be involved.
- The Christmas lights competition will be held again this year and nominations are requested by e-mailing a photograph into the CC with relevant details.
- The children's Christmas card competition will also be running again with all cards being distributed throughout the village.
- The seniors Christmas Lunch is organised and will be taking place on the 22nd December, we would like to thank the Kemp family in advance for providing live music on the day.

Action Cllr F

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was proposed to be the 21st November 2022 at 7.30pm in the village hall. This meeting was cancelled and rearranged for Monday the 16th January 2023.
The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

Treasurers Addendum

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26 November 2002

Treasures Report

Now that the New Community Council has been appointed and as indicated at the September meeting I shall now again contact the Bank (RBS) and make the necessary changes in respect of Authorised Signatories and contact details i.e

1. Confirms the Authorised signatories to operate the Milton of Campsie Community Council Account as:
 - a. Chair: Alex Buist (currently an authorised signatory)
 - b. Secretary: Brian McFall (currently an authorised signatory)
 - c. Treasurer: Andrew MacKenzie (still recorded as an authorised signatory by RBS)
 - d. Remove all previous authorised signatories from the records held by RBS.
2. Change the contact address for mail to be that of the Current Treasurer and update the e-mail contact to be treasurer.moccc@outlook.com, and remove outdated e-mail address currently on record with RBS.

With respect to our current finances, I can advise the following.

Ordinary Account

Balance as at 30 Sep 2022	£6377.92
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(Last Statement available)

Income since 30 Sep	£1892.03
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(Coop Local Community Fund – Bring total donation to £2,216.19)

Expenditure since 30 Sep 2022

Lady Haig Poppy factory	£139.60
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(4 x Wreaths including P &P)

Remembrance Sunday Pipers	£150	£289.60
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(3 x £50)

Balance in account	£7,980.35
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Events A/C

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No change £527.41

Andrew MacKenzie

Treasurer