

Milton of Campsie Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Monday 25/04/2022 at 7.30pm
Meeting held in the Village Hall

1. Record of Attendance

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

Agnes Raybould (AR) Jim Crawford (JM) Andy Mackenzie (AM).

6 members of the public.

Apologies

Vicky Jarvis - Treasurer

No councillors present due to forthcoming elections.

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

Previous minutes

Proposed by Agnes Raybould, seconded by Jim Crawford.

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 in to 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 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

- **Erosion of banks of River Glazert** - BM has not yet contacted Springfield homes but will do so before the next meeting. **Action BM**
- **Allotments** – BM has again asked when the process will be concluded and again has not received an answer, he will keep asking. **Action BM**
- **Speeding** – The CC have still to receive any feedback from the traffic survey carried out on behalf of the EDC. It was noted that the system used should be able to record speeds of traffic at that moment in time. It was also noted that there has been no police presence in the village to check on speeding since the last visit some months ago. A member of the public informed the meeting that when he asked EDC about speeding he was informed that the last survey in 2016 indicated the average speed to be 24mph. 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 request for dog poo bags to be given to the village for distribution is falling on deaf ears as it appears to be too logistically difficult for them to deliver a box to Milton of Campsie. We will keep requesting this though. It also looks like our request for additional bins at beginning and end points of paths is also falling on deaf ears. We will continue to press on this matter. **Action BM**
- **Village Newsletter** – The village newsletter has been printed and delivered to all properties in the village except for some properties on the road to Kilsyth past Fergusson Terrace, we may have been a few copies short and will need to print some more for the next time. AM thanked the church for their street list and numbers which proved to be extremely helpful in the process of delivering the newsletter. Overall it seemed to have been welcomed by most of the village although there were some comments that the tone of some sections was disliked. **Action ALL**
- **Broken bank of burn at Alloch Dam** – no repairs to this burn have been carried out, it was agreed that we will contact SEPA regarding the issue. **Action - BM**
- **Fence at football pitch at the school** – No further response to this issue yet from councillors or EDC
- **Charles Kennedy Cup** – The CK Cup has been presented to this years winner and photographs have been posted on the CC web site and social media.
- **Entrance to Baldoran site** – The entrance was discussed with a member of the public extensively, who has complained and pointed out the junctions' failings with Engineers sketches and roads standards to back up his complaint. BM confirmed that the CC would write to question the validity of this junction and the approvals granted. **Action - BM**

Standing agenda items

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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.
- b) BM confirmed that EDC have removed the soil which was dumped at the entrance to Birdston Coup.
- c) A member of the public complained that they had witnessed a double decker bus crossing the white line to avoid the trees which are overgrowing the road between Birdston and Milton.

4. Dog Fouling

Generally still an issue around the village and likely to become a greater issue during the summer.

5. Drugs

Nothing to report currently.

6. Village paths.

- a) BM has a list of volunteers in relation to the bridge at the Kincaid. He will try and work out when all are available to carry out the intended works.
- b) BM noted that the CC may need to hire a generator as a power source to recharge batteries for tools is not available as it is likely that most people with tools will have battery operated tools.
- c) BM has not yet been able to contact the countryside commission and see if they can assist. He will continue to look for assistance. **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. It looks like they may have done all they want at present but no doubt if further poles are required, they will just carry on regardless.

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 was unable to attend this meeting but provide the accounts to the CC, VJ had issued her report to AB.
- b) The new bank account for the Birdston Coup Action Group is now functioning and donations can be made through the CC web site or directly to the account by bacs.
- c) The estimate for the repairs to the wooden bridge at the Kincaid is £385, BM noted that there was now a list of volunteers willing to assist.
- d) The co-op have notified VJ that they will shortly be awarding us £324 from their good causes fund.
- e) It is the financial year end and VJ is preparing the accounts for audit.

d) Planning applications.

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

e) Police report.

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- a) No Police report and BM noted that he understood that our community officer was being transferred. JC offered to look into the new Community Officer and to discuss the provision of police on trail bikes on the walkway at random times. He has already seen them in Kirkintilloch and sees no reason why we should not have them in our area now and again.

Action JC

- b) AB will contact Local Police to discuss a presence at the next meeting.

Action AB

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.
- 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.

Action All

Any Other Business

- A member of the public noted that they had written to EDC regarding the loss of the path at Birdston coup some months ago and has never been given the courtesy of a reply. BM will make this known to EDC.
- JC asked that a request be made to EDC to repair the goalposts in the park behind Glenburn and Beechtree. BM confirmed that this had already been done and that they were beyond repair, EDC confirmed that they would be replacing these with new goalposts.
- AB noted that VJ is to stand down as treasurer but will remain part of the CC. AM was asked if he would consider becoming treasurer. AM to consider.
- A member of the public stated that on approach from Kirkintilloch, there was no sign indicating that you are entering Milton of Campsie. AB noted that there was supposed to be a gateway feature being constructed similar to that of Lennoxton. BM to ask about this.

Action BM

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was proposed to be the 16th May 2022 at 7.30pm in the village hall. The meeting will be preceded by the AGM.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.