

Milton of Campsie Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Monday 26/09/2022 at 7.30pm
Meeting held in the Village Hall

1. Record of Attendance

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

Andy MacKenzie(AM) - Treasurer

Vicky Jarvis (VJ), Iona Gilchrist (IC)

Councillor McDiarmid

14 members of the public.

Apologies

Agnes Raybould (AR)

Jim Crawford (JC)

Neil Simpson (NS)

Paul Ferretti

No police present.

Previous minutes

Proposed by Vicky Jarvis, seconded by Andy MacKenzie.

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.

Action BM

Allotments –

- To date since the meeting between Brian McFall and Joe McCulloch there has been no further movement from EDC. BM continues to push on this matter.

Action BM

- **Speeding** – our new councillor Collette McDiarmid asked for information on this matter and will take it up with EDC on our behalf.

Action CM

- **Dog Fouling** – we continue to press on this matter with the council and with the help of Councillors Paul Ferretti and Collette McDiarmid maybe we will reach a solution.

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- **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.
- **Broken bank of burn at Alloch Dam** – BM has not been able to obtain any responses from SEPA re the damage burn bank.
- **Fence at football pitch at the school** – No further response to this issue yet from EDC
- **Entrance to Baldoran site** – New proposals as already built have been submitted to EDC Planning which are not even close to the original approved design which was a safe design for the entrance. Members of the public and the committee feel that the design is contrary to government and Roads Department guidelines, is dangerous potentially to children, elderly, disabled and partially sighted or blind and agreed that submit and objection to the new proposal.

Action ALL

Action - BM

Action - BM

Standing agenda items

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

- a) The CC are still waiting on feedback from the traffic survey carried out and sent to EDC. We continue to chase this matter
- b) We continue to chase EDC on the proposed gateway features for the village.
- c) 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.
- d) Villagers again reported that there are blocked gullies within the village that have not been cleaned for years, we will continue to pressure EDC for these to be cleaned.
- e) The condition of roads and the overgrown hedges along the roads particularly on the edge of the village were discussed and it was noted that the pavement from the village to Birdston was particularly bad.
- f) 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.

Action BM

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4. Dog Fouling

We are still debating the provision of free bags for the village which if obtain we will happily distribute. Councillor McDiarmid agreed to chase this up for us.

Action CM

5. Drugs

The police reported that they could see no suspicious activity on the walkway at the west end of the village but will continue to monitor the situation.

6. Village paths.

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- 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.

Action ALL

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) No report from police submitted.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- 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

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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.

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Any Other Business

- A resident of Birdston raised an issue with the land adjacent to the coup involving firearms, shotguns and possibly rifles fire. For a period during the evening and late into the night in early September. Apparently, there was considerable confusion when the police were called ranging from “it has been approved by EDC” to officers on site saying they knew nothing about it. Ultimately the police did not pursue the matter as the shoot was apparently registered to Birdston Farm. Another member of the public related a shooting in the Birdston community Woodland where upon hearing gun fire and she entered her back garden she was met with a man in the woodland pointing a gun at her, she called 999 and very quickly the police helicopter was on site and the shooters whilst given permission were warned about being so close to properties. The CC will investigate the requirements of a shoot in the countryside. **Action BM**
- The proposal to have a Santa’s grotto near Christmas time was discussed and it was agreed that this could run in conjunction with the Christmas music festival arranged. AB has secured a suitable Santa for us. Proposals to be finalised. **Action ALL**
- There was a general discussion about the food bank organised by the local church and the need for donations. We shall advertise this on our social media platforms. **Action VJ**
- VJ suggested that this year we print Christmas cards with the message inside but the outside blank to allow children to draw on the outside, this was all cards distributed will be originals but will also make coordinating the printing and delivery easier. Prizes for the best 2 will still be awarded. This was agreed by all.
- The condition of the village shrub beds during the summer months and up until now was raised by a member of the public and were described as poor to shockingly bad. It was agreed that these beds were throughout the village exceptionally bad and brought the look of the village down. The pollination zones decided by the council without any input from the village being particularly bad. The issue will be raised with EDC. **Action BM**
- It was again commented upon by members of the public that only one councillor was present. The CC was asked to promote a culture of being proactive and to contact the councillors again. CC is inviting the councillors. **Action BM**
- A member of the public raised an issue in that they felt the recycling bins in the car park at Milton Cross were bring the village down as they were very unsightly and almost always in a mess. The general view of those present at the meeting was that they should be removed from within the village. The CC will ask the village at large for their opinions. **Action BM/VJ**
- BM raised the gala day, and it was received favourably, it was suggested that it could be combined with a Ceilidh which had been successfully run a few years ago. Work needs to be done to frame out what would be involved. **ACTION ALL**
- A member of the public asked if we could obtain updates in relation to the walkway path completion which BM has been asking and chasing EDC on and the Car Park at the Community Woodland. Questions to be asked. **Action BM**

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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.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

Treasurers Addendum

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26 September 2002

Treasures Report

All books etc have been passed over to myself from Vicky since the last meeting and contact made with RBS in connection with change of treasurer. During this contact it was established that at present there are 6 Authorised Signatories on record for the CC accounts i.e., Current Chair, Current Secretary, "retiring" Treasurer and myself (past secretary), one past chair and one past treasure, the last 3 having not been removed when they demitted office for some unknown reason. In addition, the e mail contact is also out of date being an old G-Mail account. In order to rectify these oversights and update the Bank's records an extract from the minutes is required to make the changes.

In view of the impending "re-election" of the Community Council and the potential for a subsequent potential further change in Office Bearers I would propose that while the above points are recorded in the minutes, and as these changes are not urgent, that the bank is not notified of the required changes until after the upcoming Election. Of course this is subject to the Retiring Treasurer being amenable to receiving the Banks statements by post and passing them on to myself for the next two months.

With respect to our current finances, while I haven't prepared a statement for this month, I can advise the following.

Ordinary Account

Balance as at 15 Aug 2022 £5482.92

Income since 15 Aug 2022 £946.00 (EDC Grant)

Expenditure since 15 Aug 2022 Nil

Balance as at 15 Sep 2022 £6431.92 (As per bank Statement)

committed expenditure/unpresented cheques £169.00

Events A/C

As far as I can ascertain there is no change to the balance in this account from last month i.e., £527.41

Finally, we would normally order the Wreaths for Remembrance Sunday towards the middle of October I would propose that these are ordered before the next scheduled meeting, by checking the Lady Haig Poppy factory website these have increased slightly from last year i.e., £31.40 + £5 P&P, to £32.40 + £6.00 per. This

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would involve an expenditure of £153.60 - £175.52 (not clear if VAT is included in the prices on the Website) against last years expenditure of £149.60.

If it is the will of the meeting, I will proceed with placing this order within the next few days.

Andrew MacKenzie

Treasurer