

Milton of Campsie Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Monday 20/03/2023 at 7.30pm
Meeting held in the Village Hall

- **Record of Attendance**

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

Andy MacKenzie (AM) - Treasurer

Iona Gilchrist (IG),

Jim Crawford (JC)

4 members of the public

Councillor Paul Ferretti

Constable Gary Toner

Apologies

Neill Simpson is on Holiday

Vicky Jarvis was unable to attend.

Agnes Raybould was ill.

Previous minutes

Proposed by Andy MacKenzie, seconded by Iona Gilchrist.

Standing agenda items

- **Roads (speeding, conditions, crossing points, pavements)**

- a) Speeding was again discussed with discussion about 20mph limits to villages. This is a proposal that is currently being discussed nationwide for villages. Councillor Ferretti noted that a TRO would be required to change the village to a 20mph speed limit and or install chicanes as was recently suggested to EDC by BM, the TRO would take 18months. It was mentioned that overtaking is becoming prevalent in the village when people are driving sensibly within the limits, some of the overtaking is happening at dangerous bends and rises in the road. The community constable present noted that speeding drivers will always be speeding drivers and the only way to stop them is to catch them and prosecute them. The police support the request for a 20mph limit in the village and when asked about being in the village he noted that when they are present the speeding drops but as soon as they are gone it goes back to normal. The CC confirmed that the safety audits and reports produced had led to a traffic light proposal at Milton Cross but no additional crossing points we suggested or asked for, EDC are waiting on feedback, which hasn't been forthcoming from the

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public, it was agreed to publish the proposal again on social media and see if we can garner interest.

We will continue to push for additional crossing points on Birdston Road and Campsie Road.

- b) It was noted by AM that any new development in Kirkintilloch seem to get lights installed as standard with the result being a very odd situation at the Adamslie Park site where there are two sets of lights within 50 yards.
- c) The police officer present agreed that Birdston Road in particular, is an issue with speeding. When asked about the accident on the road from Kirintilloch to Birdston he confirmed that whilst it was a stolen vehicle it was not being chased and crashed due to excessive speed and the driver being unable to control the vehicle.
- d) We are arguing our case for the hedges at Birdston to be properly trimmed back. We will keep pressing for this to be carried out. We continue to point out the danger to the public this hedge and ack of pavement causes.

Action BM

- **Dog Fouling**

The issue of dog owners not picking up their dogs poo is still an issue in the village and with summer approaching and lighter evenings the likelihood is that unfortunately the complaints about leaving mess behind will increase. BM not that we should start an online teaching campaign to inform every one of the dangers in particular to children and other animals.

Action All

- **Drugs**

The Police Constable present was not aware of the delivery of drugs on the old railway line. It was reported to him that it seems you can now phone an order in, go for a walk along the railway line and collect the drugs. He asked that anyone seeing or suspecting drugs being passed should call 101 or Kirintilloch station and report it, the build up of intelligence will go along way to stopping it.

We again requested that police make random visits on any available transportation.

- **Village paths.**

- a) There have been a few notices of interest in repairing the path at Valleyfield, as such we should no begin organising what will be required and obtain quotes for supply of materials and organise labour.

Action BM

- **General Items**

- a) **Erosion of banks of River Glazert** – BM continues to enquire.
- b) **Allotments** – BM reported that EDC have told him that a new head of the section has been appointed and is due to start in the next month or so. BM will look to open dialogue once this person is in place.
- c) **Broken bank of burn at Alloch Dam** – SEPA have not responded to BM. BM will continue to chase this matter.
- d) **Entrance to Baldoran site** – the matter has been concluded and the developer has been asked to move one pillar, nothing has yet taken place.

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- **Chair's update.**
 - a) Nothing to report.
- **Treasurer's update.**
 - a) AM gave a short explanation of the grant funding the CC are applying for. If successful it is the intention of the CC that we shall run a weekly lunch / afternoon where anyone can drop in and have coffee, tea, soup, sandwich and at least one a month a cooked meal. This will be open to anyone with the seniors, unemployed, lonely predominantly in mind but no one will be refused. Our application is based in the highly successful Christmas seniors lunch held in December last year.
 - b) AM noted that there are some documents which we will need to be able to provide to satisfy certain funding conditions, it was not felt that these would be difficult to obtain or put together.
 - c) AM provided verbal report of the accounts with the written version attached to the end of these minutes.
- **Planning applications.**
 - a) No planning applications have been made that affect the village in any manner.
- **Police report.**
 - a) The officer present noted that there were 29 calls with 2 priority calls being registered. Most of the calls are related to speeding in the village. He also acknowledged that parking at Scotmid is a danger.
 - b) When asked if dashcam footage could be submitted the officer noted that Police Scotland do not have a site where dashcam footage could be sent to show dangerous driving or speeding. He suggested making contact on the police web site or directly at Kirkintilloch station where a means of providing the footage might be able to take place.
 - c) The officer asked if we could make parents aware in the village that there is a growing problem with electric scooters as they can travel at excessive speeds and serious accidents have occurred. Many of the scooters are being altered making them even more dangerous. The use of these scooters can in many incidents be breaking the law and parents should be aware of what their children are doing on them and where they are.
- **Birdston Coup**
 - a) The Birdston Regeneration Group are making progress all be it slowly, hopefully in the months to come a proposal will be ready to call a public meeting to explain the way forward.

Action AM

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Any Other Business

- The possibility of CCTV in the village at the recycling was discussed and it was agreed to ask EDC about this although it is understood that it has been rejected before.

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- A new point was raised which is that parents in the south western side of the village (Bellway estate) are becoming increasingly concerned that their children's safety is being compromised when they have to cross Birdston Road or walk all the way to the Battlefield to have play facilities, due to the speed of cars and lorries through the village. It was requested that we consider and look for an area where a play park could be easily set up. It was noted that there was one off Alder road which was changed to a Pollination zone by EDC without informing or asking anyone. The CC agreed to raise this with The council once a few potential areas could be found.

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The following items shall be discussed over the next few meetings where possible.

- 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 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 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.
- We recently asked the question on social media, as we have done in the past, for the residents to tell us your worries and concerns and needs. The followings issues were raised.
 1. Dog fouling and like of people picking up.
 2. Make Redmoss Road a mandatory 20MPH limit.
 3. The condition of pavements.
 4. Speeding through the village.
 5. The Bellway estate on the west side of Birdston Road requires a playpark based on the danger to children crossing roads in the village to reach existing play areas.
 6. General littering.
 7. Signs delineating the villages to let road user know they are entering a village.
 8. A Pub.
 9. Use of the Astroturf area at Craighead school. When open and unsupervised this area was constantly abused and trashed. For a period, it was opened and closed with supervision by one of the CC members. This is a big request to ask anyone one to do. Perhaps those with children or teenagers who want it open can put forward their name and form a rota of supervision to ensure the area is available to all without being vandalised constantly.
 10. Crossing the road at Redmoss – avoid the speeders.
 11. Illegal parking at Scotmid. This is not only just lazy but extremely dangerous.
 12. Potholes in general and re-surfacing. We have managed over the last two year to have virtually the whole of Birdston Road re surfaced and continue to

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fight for the remainder to be done. We have been advised that the pavements down near the cross are in line to be resurfaced. We will chase this on.

- 13. The stairs leading for the Barratt estate to the School are in dangerous condition.
- 14. More events should be organised in the village.
- 15. Dog fouling in particular around the school area. This is concerning as dog dirt is extremely dangerous to children and can cause serious health conditions. We will post more on this problem in the coming months.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was proposed to be the 17th April 2023 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

Treasurers Addendum

Treasurers Report

Grants

New Social & Loneliness Fund 2023 -26

Contact has been made in connection with the above fund, with consideration for an application being made in order that we can run a "Lunch Club" along the lines of our successful Senior Residents Christmas Lunch.

Applications are considered as part of a two stage process, with only those being successful at stage 1 (Expression of Interest) being invited to submit a Stage 2 application.

While stage is essentially a "tick box" exercise in relation to the applicants organisation, policies and proposals, if the organisation is unable to confirm that appropriate information is or will be available they will not be invited to progress to stage 2

Christmas Garden Lights

Since the February meeting I can confirm that gift card has now been presented to the winner of the Christmas Garden Lights and a photograph taken for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Newsletter

Since our last meeting I can confirm that these have now all been delivered. I would however recommend that we increase future print runs as the numbers for some reason were very tight with most of the outlying properties not being covered.

Village Hall Invoices

A cheque in relation to the hall bookings plus the donation from the sale of raffle tickets at the Old Folks Christmas Lunch has now been forwarded to the Village Hall Trust and I await the appropriate receipt confirming payment.

Bank Balance – Ordinary Account

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No change in available funds since our February meeting.

Funds available

£5349.78

Bank Details

Once again, I am in discussion with RBS in connection with confirming the change of contact details etc and once again thank Vicky for her forbearance as she continues to receive our correspondence until this is concluded.

Andrew MacKenzie

Treasurer

NEW SOCIAL ISOLATION & LONLINESS FUND 2023 - 2026 - (This fund is being managed by Impact Funding Partners (IFP) on behalf of the Scottish Government).

An open and competitive fund for third sector organisations and community groups, with funded activity taking place between 1st August 2023 & 31st July 2026. Grants of up to £72,000 are available across the full fund period. The aim of this fund is to support projects and organisations to tackle social isolation and loneliness and build stronger social connections across Scotland, in line with the A Connected Scotland (2018) strategy and contribute to the recovery and reduction in societal harm associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, and to mitigate the impact of the ongoing cost of living crisis. **Further information & guidance on how to apply, <https://bit.ly/SIALF23-26>.**

Stage 1 – Expression of interest (EOI)

Fund stage	Timescale
EOI applications open	Wed 8 th March 2023
EOI applications close	Fri 31 st March 2023
Decisions issued/stage 2 invites*	Thurs 9 th March – Wed 5 th April 2023

Please get in touch with our team if you wish to discuss anything relating to the fund. You can email us on SIALFenquiries@impactfundingpartners.com or you can contact us by phone on 01383 620 780.