



MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held in the Fraser Centre on Wednesday 4th February 2015

1. Present

Community Councillors: Alison Bain, Callum Christie, Caroline Diaz, Donald Hamilton, Glen Johnston, Iain McAllister, Jean Pentland, Lon Edwards, Lyn McCreadie, Marianne Prentice, Martin Reynolds, Michael Millerick, Rachel Rodger, Rona Hooper, Wilson Blakey.

Attendees: Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Henry, John Robertson, Moray Stewart and two members of the public.

2. Apologies: Elizabeth Crombie, Jean Pentland, Norman Peacock, Cllr Gotts

Approval of minutes 7th January 2015: Alison Bain proposed the agreement of the minutes and this was seconded by Iain McAllister.

3. Councillors Report

Maureen Henry explained that the decision on the public toilets had been the subject of some discussion in private on January 22nd. Cllr Henry and Cllr Gotts had persuaded their coalition colleagues that there must be a public toilet in Milngavie. The toilet within the Information Centre is an interim measure and EDC are totally committed to supporting Milngavie in Bloom. Thomas Glen has made a commitment to find a source of water for the bowser. Cllr Gibbons asked that it be noted that there was division within the Council regarding the public toilets decision. He would like the discussion to go back to community groups. A member of the public, Patrick Stevenson, asked Cllr Henry why the four proposals for the public toilets were rejected. His business plan was built with support from Milngavie Business Gateway and no full explanation has been provided by EDC to the gentleman or his lawyer. MCC stated that public toilets were important to both tourists and residents. As a next step, MCC will write to Diane Campbell the Freedom of Information Officer at EDC to request more information on the bids that were rejected.

Local Development Plan (LDP) this was passed by a majority vote on the meeting of January 22nd. The sites identified in Milngavie include (LDP 17) the Craighton Rd site (Clober Golf Course) and will go forward into the LDP consultation stage. It was noted that CC reps were not emailed directly about the LDP consultation. Cllr Henry gave apologies for this and assured us that Heather Holland will discuss the best way of consultation with the community, CC and residents associations etc.

The new Town Centre Parking policy was also passed at the EDC meeting. MCC have requested clarification on the parking area included in the scheme, in particular detailing resident parking permits.

EDC's Stalled Spaces Strategy has been launched and a maximum of £3000 can be awarded over the two year project. Local communities can apply for a grant where they have identified an area that has been neglected or overlooked.

4. Police Report

John Robertson told us there had been 9 detected crimes. There had been an increase in thefts from vehicles by opportunists. Last night the helicopter was called out to four youths caught running on the railway line. The helicopter had been used the week before for a high risk missing person who was found safe and well. The Sgt. will investigate the caravan on Sinclair Street. The police have spoken to the proprietor of the Talbot Arms who had assured them the cigarette ends will be cleaned after every shift. The police will ask the Community Safety Wardens to patrol the area. A member of MCC raised their concerns about the parked cars at the bottom of Mugdock Road.

5. Treasurers Report

There was unanimous support for Old People's Welfare's application for £200 pounds. It was agreed to reimburse the Secretary's expenses. MCC thanked the Secretary for preparing a grant applications form. The advice forwarded from Cllr Gotts provided helpful guidelines on grant giving. It was noted that grant giving is only a small part of MCC's business.

6. The talk on Fracking will be rescheduled. Locally, Douglas Muir Quarry is a potential site and the forthcoming LDP will provide more information on future land use.

7. Barratt Homes

Moray Stewart distributed proposals from the public exhibition for the Fire Station field site. In total, 45 homes with eleven 2 bed affordable homes, eight 3-beds and twenty-six 4-beds all over two storeys. Barratt Homes are applying to EDC for all relevant planning consents and have still to meet with EDC roads department. The rep. from MERA asked whether there would be sufficient provisions of bin storage and access and egress of all recycling bins esp. from terrace houses. Barratt have asked advice from their Urban Design department.

A Traffic Impact Assessment will be completed regarding access from the main road. SEPA have changed their flood maps recently and Barratt are in joint discussions with EDC relating to upstream and downstream. The scheme will not make the flooding situation worse said the rep. MCC would like all developers to include a full mix of housing in their proposals for all new sites.

Low cost home-ownership is the preference of Barratt who have used RSLs (Responsible Social Landlord) on other sites. MCC requested that the developer delivers a mailshot to all neighbouring properties as not all adjoining residents received notice of last week's presentation.

8. Gritting

A week last Saturday and last Saturday the Milngavie Precinct was likened to an ice-rink. Douglas Academy does not close except for extreme snow conditions. Other local authorities have different gritting policies. MCC will express their concern to EDC on the road and pavement gritting policy and priorities. One suggestion was a grit mountain located in the west of East Dunbartonshire.

9. Planning

Moss Park Road MCC written a letter to EDC expressing concerns pertaining to drainage. No reply has been received other than acknowledgements. MCC also expressed an objection to the apartments on Clober Road. This has been received and acknowledged by EDC. The Planning sub-group are reviewing the EDC Planning application for the A81 cycle lane. Kilmardinny the Cala development is to be released in stages beginning from April 2015 and will include 150 parking spaces with shuttle buses to three train stations. L. Edwards summarised the background to the Masterplan relating to the Bus Garage site included land from the West of Scotland club.

10. Pitch facilities

After two years of meetings Milngavie Football Club has a meeting at Kilmardinny House to put forward the club's view on what is missing, needed and upgraded in the town. Bearsden clubs have also been invited. MCC congratulated Milngavie Boys Club and in particular Caroline Diaz on the award received which was presented by Chic Young.

11. Making the Most of Milngavie

Ruth Blakey on the MMM sub-group committee described the leaflet which will be sent to every household in Milngavie, approx. 5000. MMM will collate responses from individual residents with a further stage of informal meetings with local community groups. The aim is together all information school holidays. MMM wish to express their gratitude to all EDC staff for their assistance in offering help and guidance with Data Protection, People and Place and the leaflet design. MMM have contacted the "Community" magazine to run an article on the survey and advertise the website for digital participation.

12. Health

A. Bain told us there is a meeting regarding the parking at the new Glasgow South University Hospital at the Larkfield Centre, Govanhill February 10th at 7.30pm. MCC will update their contact details with the relevant bodies.

13. CC Liaison Committee

Lon Edwards reported on the recent CC Liaison Committee. Members will update their contact details through the Secretary. The contact details displayed on the EDC website will be the email: communitycouncilmilngavie@gmail.com and MCC website: Milngavie.org MCC will discuss the EDC CC constitution policy document further at our March meeting.

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A Prestonfield resident has raised concerns about the condition of the path through the Craigdu wedge. This will be pursued through EDC by Councillor Gibbons. Parking is a concern close to Douglas Academy footpaths. MCC will contact the school to pass on this information.