



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2015 WITHIN THE FRASER CENTRE, MILNGAVIE  
AT 7 P.M.

**Present**

Community Councillors Mr I McAllister (Chair), Mrs M Prentice (Treasurer), Mrs C Diaz (Secretary) Miss R Rodger, Mr M Millerick, Mr M Reynolds, Mrs L McCreadie, Mrs L Edwards, Mr G Johnston, Mr C Christie, Mr D Hamilton & Mrs R Hooper.

In attendance – Councillors Mrs M Henry, Mr E Gotts together with four members of the public and a representative from Milngavie in Bloom.

**Apologies**

Ms A Bain, Mrs J Pentland, Mr N Peacock, Mr W Blakey & Police Scotland rep.

**Chairperson's Opening Remarks**

IM welcome everyone to the meeting and advised that the Minute Secretary had resigned and that a replacement would require to be found. RH agreed to take the minutes of the meeting on this occasion. Thanks were expressed for the time and hard work given by the minute secretary and it was agreed that a small gift of thanks and appreciation would be purchased and sent together with a letter of thanks.

MR raised an issue on behalf of several MCC members regarding respect at the end of the February meeting. The Chair reminded those present that all should indicate through the Chair that they wish to speak and that fellow Councillors should be treated with respect. It was also agreed that a show of hands should be requested to ensure that each member could indicate his or her decision, viewpoint etc. This was agreed by all present. (It should be noted that two MCC members did arrive late).

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 February 2015**

Cllr Gotts pointed out that Mrs Pentland was shown in the minutes as both present and absent. It should read that she was absent and had sent apologies. Also under section 11, line 3 the sentence starting "The aim is together" should read, "The aim is to gather".

Proposed by GJ & seconded by MM.

Matters Arising – Cllr Gibbons reported that the footpath at the Craighdu Wedge on the Milngavie side would be repaired towards the summer months when the weather is better. This had been delayed due to the fact that the contractor to the original company who carried

out the works had gone into liquidation. RH advised that the new parking charges etc. which were due to come into effect in April would not now be introduced till the summer.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The balances in the accounts are – Admin £9,355.29 & Community £909.47.

There were several expenditure amounts paid to Making the Most of Milngavie (MMM) in connection with the survey. CD to receive administrative expenses. There were two applications for funding, one from Milngavie in Bloom and one from Milngavie Heritage Centre. It was agreed to give a grant of £750 to Milngavie in Bloom and £539.46 to Milngavie Heritage Centre.

It was suggested that perhaps the MCC should consider an upper limit to grants by Cllr Gotts. This would be considered at a later date.

It was highlighted that other areas have museums and heritage centres funded by the Local Authority and/or premises provided and that within EDC Kirkintilloch has The Auld Kirk museum and there is a current consultation into opening the Town Hall in Kirkintilloch as a similar venue. Cllr Gotts advised that the Milngavie Heritage Centre had proved that there is a demand for such a centre within Milngavie and that it would be anticipated that this need would be included when EDC are looking at creating the Milngavie Hub.

### **Councillors' Report**

Cllr Gibbons gave a full report including items on the closure of the public toilets, EDC budget, disabled badges, Town Centre Steering Group, Council meetings, Municipal Bank Closure and Licensing. One CC member asked for assurance that the toilet provision in the tourist information centre would have a baby-changing shelf. Cllr Gibbons also confirmed he would be looking into the LDP with regard to the section 17 on Mineral in connection with Douglasmuir Quarry and the Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence. RH advised that MERA had asked our local members for clarification of this too.

### **Police Report**

No police were in attendance but a report was submitted by e-mail. Concern was raised in regard to the assaults and in particular the fact that areas of the Town Centre are not entirely covered by CCTV. There was also concern that there is not enough police presence in Milngavie at the times when anti-social behaviour is perceived more likely to happen e.g. Friday and Saturday nights. It was also disappointing to note that the report did not feedback on the issue the CC raised regarding the caravan parked in Sinclair Street, Milngavie. Also there is concern about the T-junction where Sinclair Street meets Mugdock Road. There are currently construction vehicles on Mugdock Road together with vehicles parked at the junction on Sinclair Street. It really was felt that more could be done and there were several members of the public in attendance, who reside in this area, who were also extremely concerned and

worried over this matter. It was agreed that we would write again to the Police and EDC concerning this section of street.

### **Sub Group Updates**

Planning – There were no submission of concern. However it was felt that MCC could do with some hard copies of the final draft of the LDP. LE agreed to pursue this.

MMM – The questionnaire leaflets would be posted out to every household within the next week. An article has appeared in the community magazine and all members have been asked to circulate the message and link to completing the questionnaire on-line. MERA have posted this on their website and through their Facebook. CC advised that responses are already arriving.

Sports Facilities – CD advised that there had been a good turnout at the consultation for facilities and pitches for Milngavie. A Company called KKP have been appointed by EDLC to carry out this consultation. They will feedback to EDLC and EDC.

Health Forum – MP advised that transport and parking is still a huge issue for the new south side hospital at the Southern General. There is concern that not enough parking is being provided for staff and visitors. Also there seems to be large gaps in the public transport provision. It is understood that a travel hub at Partick is being promoted where buses and trains can connect to travel to the site. More investigations will be made and this will be monitored, as developments will be on going. It was also felt that more could be done to promote the “dial, book and ride” bus service that goes to the hospitals and will it cover this new hospital?

Licensing – GJ advised that the Burnbrae is seeking to open earlier on a Sunday although this falls within Bearsden CC area. There were no other issues for Milngavie.

### **Road Closures**

A resident had contacted us regarding the issue of temporary road closures. A section of the A81 is currently closed due to the construction of a new store. As a result, increased traffic is coming from the Auchenhowie along Glasgow Road and Main Street through Woodburn Way and Park Road. However, the traffic lights at the junction of Strathblane Road, Glasgow Road and Station Road with Baldernock Road have not been adjusted to allow for the temporary increase in traffic. Furthermore, neither have the lights at Woodburn Way with Ellangowan Road and the Tesco/Kwikfit entry/exit. The resident had written to EDC but was not given a satisfactory explanation. It was reported that other members of the community had experienced similar incidents. It was agreed that we would support this resident and the concerns raised and it maybe that in future more consideration should be given when road closures are planned as this particular incident was having a knock on effect through

Bearsden too. It was also highlighted that the roads and pavements in the Milngavie area were in a poor state in some areas.

### **Forum for Community Councillors in Lennoxton**

It had been circulated to all members that this Forum would be happening on 28<sup>th</sup> March in the Glazert Hotel in Lennoxton. CC councillors were asked to state who would be willing to attend. The cost of £10 per person would be met from CC funds.

There is also a workshop on 10 March in Kirkintilloch as to how improvements could be made to the running of the CC Forums.

### **Constitution Changes**

It was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting.

### **AOCB**

IM agreed to take up the invitation to join the Mugdock Country Park committee as a non-voting member.

It was agreed to invite Mrs McIntyre of St Joseph's Parent Council to attend a meeting to update the CC on the current situation.

RH updated the CC on the meeting with Mrs Arthur's land manager (Mr C Bushby) and several other local wildlife groups, CCs and residents groups together with representatives from EDC with regard to the ongoing situation with the Mains Plantation Woodland, part of which comes down to Chestnut Lane in Milngavie. Mr Bushby is suggesting that pockets of approx. 100 trees would be taken down. With approx. 5/6 pockets being taken down at a time and replanted. They would be heavily replanted for commercial felling. It was felt, by Mr Bushby, that this would help manage the woodland and still make it available to the community whilst providing an income. The entire area is under a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). Concerns, by others, were that this was still large areas that would be felled. Other concerns were for the wildlife and biodiversity in the area and eventually the site as it is would be lost in its present form. Also what would happen should the commercial felling cease? Also water run off and the effect further downhill. However the woodland needs to be managed. More documentation should be circulated by Mr Bushby and Scottish Woodlands (on behalf of Mrs Arthur) and comments can be submitted to them and Mr Findlay and Jackie Gillespie of EDC who will be deciding on the council's viewpoint re TPOs and biodiversity.

The Chair of Milngavie in Bloom gave thanks for the grant and support from the CC.

LE advised that there was a strong case locally in Bearsden not to sell off Brookwood Library but to stick to the original suggestion of an Enterprise Centre. There is strong feeling that too many public buildings are being sold off and lost to the community forever.

Arrangements to be made to gain access to the Fraser Centre for the next meeting.

### **Dates of next meetings**

1 April 2015 at 7pm within the Fraser Centre

6 May 2015 at 7pm within the Fraser Centre