



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 November 2015 - FRASER CENTRE, MILNGAVIE 7.15 P.M.

Present

Community Councillors Mr I McAllister (Chair), Mrs M Prentice (Treasurer), Mrs C Diaz (Secretary), Mrs L Edwards, Mr G Johnston, Mrs T Allan McIntyre, Mrs C McIntyre-Beon, Mr M Millerick, Mrs J Pentland. Mr C Christie, Mr M Reynolds. Ms R Rodger

In attendance – Mr E Gotts, Mr J Gibbons .

Apologies Mr J Goodall, Mr D Hamilton. Mrs M Henry

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 7 October 2015 were approved by Mrs C Diaz and seconded by Mr G Johnson

Police Report

Gillian O'Reilly from Police Scotland gave a verbal report on Police Activities in the Milngavie area include bogus calls, house and shop break ins and minor youth disturbances. It had been reported by an MCC Councillor that there had been an assault in Lennox Park. The foregoing incident was not reported to the Police

Treasurers Report

Mrs M Prentice presented her report which highlighted that in the Community Account there was £278.67 and in the Administration Account there was £7242.06. There are other minor cheques to be taken off.

Councillors Report.

The Councillors Report was circulated to all MCC Members and the following points were highlighted

- 1 The St Andrews/St Josephs Schools merger a Parent Team Council has been formed and it is expected the merger will take place during 2018
- 2 Milngavie Primary School and nursery and received a very good report from the Inspectorate.
- 3 Secondary Schools in EDC Examination results for Session 2014/2015 were very impressive from a recent inspection report
- 4 Resident Parking permits for Milngavie will be 30 and parking restrictions will be introduced next year
- 5 Housing Office at Stewart Street to close and there will be no loss of jobs.

6 Strict budgetary control will be in place for a number of years and EDC will share Services with other Authorities and possibly outsourcing services.

7 Local Development Plan on EDC agenda for 12 November

Bears Way

Kathleen McWhirter and David Keane of Transport Team EDC gave a presentation of the Bears Way Scheme including background and purpose of the Scheme, long term plans for the Scheme, before and after photographs, and next phase to be presented at drop in event at Kessington Hall on the 19 November.

MCC welcomed new proposals for cyclists but had severe reservations about the current Scheme and considered it potentially dangerous to all road users, cyclists are not using cycle lanes and using main carriageway, bus stop arrangements are causing traffic hold ups and there are concerns about emergency vehicles being restricted access at busy periods.

Further comments were made on the Bears Way Scheme particularly with respect to Junctions on to Bears Way such as Allander Sports Centre, Waitrose roundabout as there are limited signs and priority movement difficult to understand. Several accidents have been recorded at these junctions eg cyclist being knocked off his bike. It was noted that when the Kilmardinny Housing proposal introduces another 500 vehicles to the Bears Way further modification will be required to accommodate the traffic. The general consensus of MCC and the public present was that the Bears Way in its present form was a deterrent for cyclists and there is a high risk of a serious accident happening . In response the Transport Team took on board all comments and would investigate the matters raised and ensure that action is taken prior to Phase 2 proceeding.

Association of Community Councils in East Dunbartonshire (ACCED)

For the above Association the Constitution and Memorandum of Understanding for the ACCED was issued to all MCC members for comment. It was agreed MCC to write to Mr Carmichael indicating we have no comment to make and welcome the proposed association.

MMM

Callum updated the meeting on the progress of MMM by stating there has been a series of meeting to produce the Community Action Plan (CAP) based on the results of the survey data and the future Community Trust. A public meeting will be convened in early 2016 to present the CAP and give details of the Future Trust and request volunteers to assist and take office in the Trust.

The foregoing meeting and publishing will generate costs and the grant from the MCC was agreed to be extended to £2500

Planning

The Kilmardinny House Arts Centre planning application has been examined by Lon and after discussion it was agreed to submit an objection on the basis of a wasted opportunity in terms of the design of the internal space and the extension. Lon agreed to submit an objection at an early date

Station Improvements

A meeting was held with all parties to present the design proposals for the refurbishment of the station. The proposals were additional landscaping bus laybys and better circulation of vehicles. The proposals will reduce car parking by 2 spaces. EDC would have no objection for a tree and plaque to be dedicated to Norman Peacock and MCC to pay for any extra over cost

Refugees

Iain McAllister and Jim Goodall are composing a letter to Chief Executive on the sensitive issue of refugees

Facebook

MCC Facebook is now up and running and members should make full use of this facility to express any views

Notice Boards

Glen Johnston will review all posters for display in notice boards and decide on acceptability and any marginal posters will be referred to MCC.

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on 2 December 2015 at 7.15pm