



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 February 2016 - 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 C Macintyre-Beon, Mr Jim Goodall Mrs T Allan McIntyre, Mr M Reynolds

In attendance – Councillors Mr E Gotts, Mr J Gibbons.

Apologies

Mr C Christie, Mr D Hamilton, Councillor M Henry, Mrs J Pentland,

Resignations

Mr Millerick and Ms Rodger have resigned

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 2nd December 2015 were approved by Mrs C Macintyre-Beon and seconded by Mr Jim Goodall

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 £6490.83.

After discussion it was agreed to award £500.00 to the Boys Brigade for two new defibrillators to be located in the town centre. It was suggested the taxi office open 24 hours may be an ideal location for one of the defibrillators

Secretary expenses approved for administration costs

It was noted the Heritage Group will be re-issuing a book on Old Milngavie and may require assistance from Councillors and costs

Councillors Report .

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

Kilmardinny House refurbishment was granted by EDC and was referred to Scottish Ministers for listed building consent. It was noted none of MCC comments were taken in to account

Drumclog Avenue planning application was granted.

Craigton Road appeal has been dismissed

Craigdhu Primary school received a glowing report from Schools inspector and once again East Dunbartonshire is the top education authority for providing school leavers with positive destinations with Douglas Academy performing particularly well.

Because of a fallout among the 3 political groups forming the Administration over the escalating costs of the Huntershill project and the knock on effects on both Council's capital programme and revenue budget, the Administration is now a minority one. Councillor Maureen Henry has replaced Councillor Eric Gotts as Education Convener.

EDC Budget Deficit is now £10.9 million due to reduced Central Government Grant reduction and EDC to make difficult decisions with respect to level of services provided by the Council.

Police Report

Julie O'Donnell from Scottish Police gave a verbal report on Crime within the Milngavie Area as follows :- 31 crime reports including careless driving, 3 vehicles stolen, housebreaking, 4 assaults, shoplifting and bike thefts at Mugdock. The following report was normal for this time of year

Stalled Spaces

There is proposal to improve the glade area north of the library for a children's play area and a meeting is to be convened with all parties including Mugdock rangers

ED CC Association Meeting

Last meeting was well attended Funding for accommodation and administration was sought and it was agreed £50 was a reasonable contribution. The constitution for the new association was agreed and office bearers were elected. Next meeting will be for all community council members – details to be confirmed.

Proposed Station Improvements

The proposals for station improvements now confirmed and the memorial tree and plaque for Norman Peacock included.

Pitch Strategy Update

Caroline Diaz reiterated her concern about total lack of co-operation by EDC on the provision of pitches in the Milngavie area. Various groups within Milngavie wish to become involved in Pitch Strategy Could EDC come on board. It was noted that the new Allander Sports Centre would not be provided until 20/21. It was also noted there was no provision in Milngavie for sports facilities for the disabled.

The next Councillors' report would focus on the leisure and culture strategy, including the pitch strategy, in more detail.

Planning

Lon Edwards circulated notes on recent Planning issues including Kilmardinny House, Active Travel Strategy and the Culture, Leisure and Sports Strategy. There are two new applications for sites in the Kilmardinny Strip. It was agreed a Focus Group would be formed to clarify MCC position with respect to the future planning of this area Lon Iain Tracey and Martin would meet to discuss

MMM Update

An update on MMM was circulated to all councillors with the main points being Action Plan now prepared, Development Trust now in process of being formed and next public meeting to be held in March

Membership

To increase membership a notice will be sent to local community groups and press requesting interested proactive residents to become community councillors. MCC now require a vice chairman and a minute secretary

Notice Boards

A non-member of MCC accessed the notice boards and added and removed notices. The foregoing was stopped and Glen and Tracey are only members with Keys, Tracey being back up for when Glen is away. Caroline now holds the third key as a spare. The Boards require a bit of maintenance and EDC to be approached for assistance.

Dumping of Rubbish

Behind Greggs there was rubbish tipped including soiled nappies and EDC. EDC have cleared at present and now aware it is a problem. It needs to be monitored to ensure kept clear.

Gas Board Works in Town Centre

A letter to be sent to Gas Company expressing our concern about the time taken to complete the works, inactivity on site and the environmental impact of the works on the town centre

Refugees

No feedback from EDC and MCC would like to become involved with other groups like local churches to give support. There was a full discussion about EDC and CC responses to the crisis at the meeting of the CCLC on 30th November. The next meeting of that body is on the 22nd of February.

Next Meeting March 2nd at 7.15pm

