



MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Unconfirmed minutes of the Milngavie Community Council (MCC) meeting which took place on Wednesday 6th April 2016 (Also published on MCC website: www.milngavie.org).

In attendance: Mr A Ainslie, Mrs T Allan-McIntyre, Ms M Apczynski, Mrs C Diaz (Secretary), Mr D Hamilton, Mr G Johnson, Mr J Goodall, Mrs L Edwards, Ms S Kay, Mr I McAllister (Chair), Mrs M Prentice, Mr M Reynolds, Councillor E Gotts, Councillor J Gibbons, Sgt J MacDonald (Police)

By invitation: Mr M Russell

Apologies: Mr C Christie, Ms C Macintyre-Beon, Mr G Johnston, Mrs J Pentland and Cllr M Hendry

Also in attendance: Mr D Cameron (Milngavie in Bloom), Ms J Overton (Milngavie in Bloom), Ms R Blakely (MCDT), Mr W Blakey (MCDT), Ms V Dunn (Boys' Brigade), Ms F Risk (Milngavie Youth Centre), Mr I McKerracher (observer), and Ms M McKerracher (Observer)

Minutes

019 The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the MCC held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016.

020 That the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, after amendment made in relation to car parking, proposed by Ms C Diaz and seconded by Mr J Goodall. It was agreed from now on that Ms S Kay would distribute the minutes to all and members would have 3 days to which submit proposed changes. Also, that minutes will be unconfirmed until approval at following meeting, rather than be draft unconfirmed.

Action: That Minute Secretary will receive the amendment relating to car parking (MR)

New Members, Selection of Vice Chairman and Executive Committee

021 The Chair invited approval of Mark Russell as a member of the MCC. This was proposed by Ms C Diaz and seconded by Mr I McAllister.

022 The Chair suggested that it would be useful for the MCC to have a Vice-Chair for situations where the Chair may not be available. It was proposed by Lon Edwards that Martin Reynolds would be best placed to fill this role, this was seconded by Marianne Prentice.

023 The Chair proposed the forming of an executive committee, the function of which would be to provide timeous responses and decisions on behalf of the MCC, where these were needed to be made in between MCC meetings.

024 After discussion, it was agreed that the membership of the executive committee would be Iain McAllister, Caroline Diaz, Marianne Prentice, Tracey Allan-McIntyre, and Martin Reynolds.

025 Cllr Eric Gotts suggested that it should be made clear who represents the MCC at particular meetings and events.

Action: That MCC will receive the membership and composition of the MCC and the executive committee at the May meeting (CD)

Police Report

026 A written report was provided on crime activity within the Milngavie area which indicated a slight increase on crimes reported compared with February 2016, with a 27.5% conversion rate to detected crimes.

Treasurer's Report

027 Treasurer advised members that the annual allocation to the MCC from EDC is £3605, which is a reduction on previous years. Also, that EDC had approved a reduction in annual allocations to all community councils within EDC which for some equated to a 47% cut. MCC members discussed the cut being made in £ amount rather a percentage pro-rata being applied.

028 Cllr Jim Gibbons advised members that Baldernock would have its allocation supplemented, therefore, would not receive a 47% cut on previous allocation.

029 Jim Goodall suggested that the MCC should provide EDC with the activities and events which are funded by the MCC and that the EDC would be aware of the negative effect of the cuts being made.

030 Treasurer advised that the administration account stands at £5777.33, and that the Community Account remains at £278.67.

031 The Chair invited members to consider a request from the Milngavie Community Development Trust (MCDT) for a further grant from MCC for £525. The proposed use for this money is for posters (£225) and prizes for six competitions (£300) for Milngavie Week.

032 Members agreed, after lengthy discussion, to award £525 to the MCDT for the purposes of setting up Milngavie Week. This second amount of funding for Milngavie Week (first funding given to MMM) was approved as members agreed that Milngavie Week is beneficial to Milngavie. Members agreed that Milngavie Week has the ability to generate income and should be self-funding in future. Therefore, any future requests from MCDT should be accompanied with accounts to demonstrate that a grant is needed

033 Treasurer sought and received from members agreement that £600 was an appropriate amount to provide the Old Peoples Welfare, for the use of the Fraser Centre by MCC for meetings.

Action: That MCC would write to Martin Cunningham highlighting concerns surrounding the EDC cut to the annual allocation (IM/CD)

Councillors' Report

034 Members noted that:

- The East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) housing revenue and capital budget was set on 4th February 2016, and I 2% increase to council house rent.
- Cllr Jim Gibbons advised that the papers relating to the revenue budget reductions, and social work and education were not available for this MCC meeting as they could not physically be accessed.

- Members attention was drawn to a reduction in cemetery charges by 25%, and that Brookwood library building will not be sold.
- An agreement had been reached by EDC and Stirling Council which would gradually reduce the percentage of the costs of Mugdock park to EDC
- EDC had approved the pitch strategy report with the amendment that EDC find local solutions to the unused red blaze pitches in consultation with the local community.
- After assets being investigated, EDC has committed to bringing all Milngavie lock ups up to standard, in particular the Oakburn lock-ups would be worked on in 2017.

Action: That the papers referred to by Councillor Jim Gibbons would be made available at the next meeting of the MCC (JG)

Public Toilets

035 Members were asked to agree on their preferred option for the provision of public toilets in Milngavie. Members were advised by the Chair that the first option of a standalone unit would cost around £150k and would be centrally located, and the second option would be improvement of toilets in the Milngavie Youth Centre.

036 Members agreed that improving the toilets in the Milngavie Youth Centre was the preferred option, as they could be self-funding in time and would be maintained by staff in the Centre. This option also provided an information centre and space for Milngavie in Bloom to store equipment. Regarding the standalone option Lon Edwards pointed out that, before voting for this, it was necessary to identify a location where such a building would be feasible and acceptable.

Planning

037 Lon Edwards advised that the EDC Economic Development Strategy was available on the EDC website and encouraged members to Members to complete the survey. Details of earlier consultations which had taken place were also available on the website.

Defibrillator

038 Members were advised that the defibrillator purchased by the Boys' Brigade, and part funded by the MCC, was still not in use due to EDC reviewing the legal position regarding insurance, and of health and safety aspects. It was noted that before awarding the funding to the BB, the MCC attached the condition of BB approaching local taxi offices and have a secure place to put the defibrillator Members agreed that everything should be done to have this defibrillator available for use as soon as possible, but understood that EDC must review all aspects of this before fitting it and making it available.

Action: The Chair is to send an email to the EDC Chief Executive expressing concern that the defibrillator is still not in use (IM).

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039 The Chair congratulated MCDT for the organization of Milngavie Week and wished them well.

040 Mr I McKerracher raised the issue of the poor state of pavements and roads throughout Milngavie. Cllr Jim Gibbons advised that EDC was currently relaying roads in order to remedy this situation and that this will take time to complete.

041 The Chair advised that the MCC AGM would take place on 1st June 2016.

042 That Sandra Kay would provide a paper on Health and Social Care to the next MCC meeting.

043 That MCC Office Bearers should attend the Milngavie Week Board meeting scheduled to take place on 12th May 2016.

Action: Health and Social Care paper to be provided at next meeting (SK)

Next meeting scheduled in the Fraser Centre at 7.15pm on Wednesday 4th May 2016