



MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL Held on Wednesday 3rd April 2013 within the Fraser Centre at 7.30 p.m.

1. Present

Community Councillors – Fiona Risk, Joyce Kerr, Elizabeth Crombie, Norman Peacock, Michael Millerick, Anne Hunter, Marianne Prentice, Rona Hooper, Rona Miller, Susan Lavrie, Caroline Diaz.

2. In attendance

Cllr Eric Gotts, Cllr Maureen Henry, Cllr Jim Gibbons. L Gibbons, D Cameron, M Fallon, A Watt, L McIntyre, R Greenlees Smith, J McAllister, S Gibson, J Hooper, L Edwards N Craig (Police) 3 Parents from St Josephs P.S.

3. Apologies

Callum Christie, Jean Pentland, Donald Hamilton.

4. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted since there were a few people from St Josephs Primary we should skip to item 8A (EDC PSIP). After we receive the Police Report.

5. Police Report

Police Constable Neil Craig gave us a summary of crimes during the previous month. 2 road traffic, 2 anti social behaviour, 7 general thefts, 5 misuse of drug crimes. A resident raised a problem in Mains Estate with bottles being left on Woodland Walk and there was concern about traffic parking on blind hill at Clober Rd split.

6. St Josephs P S discussion

It was asked what MCC stance would be on the proposed merger of St Josephs with St Andrews P S Bearsden. Chair advised this matter would be discussed in full during EDC consultation which starts at the end of August. 96% of parents feel merge is unacceptable and a Catholic education provided in Milngavie necessary. St Josephs

have been willing to consider other options such as a shared campus and would like to see costings for new build against leaving schools in good repair alone and listening to parents wishes.

EDC opinion was there is a huge squeeze on budgets and school rolls have fallen by 23% in recent years. It is not economic to keep all schools, some don't meet standards of Curriculum for Excellence. A third of all children could be in a new build school. It was noted that EDC will be holding a public meeting. MCC thought that the location of this meeting was important and asked the 3 local Councillors to consider holding 2 public meetings, one in Bearsden & one in Milngavie
MCC feel no school in Milngavie should close.

6. Minutes of the Meeting of 6th March 2013

Minutes were approved subject to the below paragraph being added to the end of the 5th paragraph on page 2.

"The CC member also stated that at the Douglas Academy meeting it was stated that other options could be looked at, Craigdhu was mentioned then as was Lennox Park and suggestions of joint campus for St Joseph's within the Milngavie area. Nursery, breakfast and after school care were also discussed and reference was made to Craigdhu & Clober already sharing nursery facilities and breakfast and after school care being shared with St Joseph's and Craigdhu on the St Joseph's location".

7. Treasurers Report

There has been no progress with Bank Account signatories.

A Gift of Wine has been purchased for John Edwards.

It was agreed to support M&B Highland Games with £500.

Contribute £500 to Friendship Circle for their outing to Largs.

Due to delay in Bank Accounts there will be an imbalance of Accounts and invoices remain outstanding.

A data protection payment should have been made and a check done that we are up to date with this.

8. Town Centre proposals

Parking was discussed, EDC advised all council car parks would be free for 2 hours and thereafter an hourly charge. It was felt 3 hours would be a better period for the average shopper. Wardens will be employed to enforce this order and hopefully free up a lot of spaces for persons wanting to visit local shops. A concern was raised cars could decide to park long term in streets just outside centre and cause problems for residents.

Toilets. No Progress

Heritage Centre had a very successful exhibition and received very positive comments and new members. Their AGM is 17th May.

Tree Preservation Order. All MCC members will be emailed to ask if they can volunteer to gather signatures in precinct over the next few Saturdays or gather as many signatures as possible through their own organisations.

Fish Ladder Notice is proceeding.

9. Planning

The land along the Banks of the Allander could be preserved under the terms of the Central Scotland Green Network.

Another planning application has been lodged for 15 Baldernock Rd, this one would appear to be more acceptable, members should have look on website.

Planning has been granted for 5 flats at Highland Rd. Parking is still a consideration. It was discussed any planning applications now approved have to be carried out within 3 years.

Waitrose hearing on 24th April with a pre meeting on 17th April.

Community appears to be divided on Waitrose, it is important that we take an interest in what goes along with Waitrose if approved. New build homes will affect school rolls & The Sports Centre. It is also dependant on whether this application is considered 'out of town' or not as to whether Milngavie centre would be considered to have adequate Supermarket provision and therefore prevent further development.

10. AOCB

'Vision for Milngavie' will be carried over to next meeting.

Boundary Commission letter. NP will look over before next meeting.

Grants Advisory Committee meeting on 18th April. SL will attend.

Joyce Kerr no longer wished to be the Milngavie in Bloom representative on MCC but still would like to be a member of MCC. It was agreed that she be co-opted into the one vacant elected position. In addition Neil Weir had resigned because of ill health. We should approach the Heritage Centre & Milngavie in Bloom to nominate a replacement to represent them on MCC meetings.

We should refer to Constitution re co-opting members, as only a certain number are allowed.

A letter should go to Neil Weir to wish him well and thank him for his valuable time on the Council.

Notices had been placed to advertise AGM on 1st May 2013.

Communications & Protocol.

Copies of the Constitution & Standing Orders were circulated.

FR requested the followings comments be minuted.

We are a democratic organisation, all have an equal vote although the majority vote is carried however any dissent can be recorded.

If members have been consulted and have approved Minutes then to go to the Press with an issue is unacceptable unless that member has previously dissented.

Minutes cannot be verbatim, it is impossible to minute everything although things can be added at the time when the minutes are approved if a member feels something has been missed and the other members agree.

During a discussion a particular point can be requested to be minuted.

Names should not be mentioned against items.

If a decision is made at a meeting with or without a vote then the consequent actions can be carried out by the office bearers before the minutes of that meeting have been

approved e.g. routine letters can then go out to do with applications for grants, contributions to organisations, making inquiries etc.

Where email correspondence is sent to members, care should be taken with whom these are addressed to. It was noted that on at least two occasions the Convener had not been sent correspondence which was addressed to her although the other members had received this. This had caused obvious communication difficulties.

Members agreed that they did not wish to receive any unpleasant communications and that it would be unacceptable for any member to send something of this nature to another member.

Members have to feel happy about using email as a method of communication and agreed that it was not appropriate to use the "Blind Copy" correspondence function for MCC emails.

Members agreed that they wished MCC to carry out its business in a respectful manner even if the committee did not always agree on matters.

When communicating by email it should be borne in mind that not all members have access to email. The main business of MCC should be conducted at its public meetings.

Email Protocol within all Community Councils should be raised at the EDC Community Councils' Liaison Committee and guidelines should be obtained.

It was also requested that members of the public should be addressed properly.

Next Meeting AGM 1st May 2013