



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL Held in the Fraser Centre on Wednesday 4th September 2013

1. Present

Community Councillors – Fiona Risk, Norman Peacock, Susan Lavrie, Donald Hamilton, Rona Hooper, Rona Miller, Elizabeth Crombie, Anne Hunter, Marianne Prentice, Michael Millerick, Calum Christie, Joyce Kerr

2. Attending

Lon Edwards, Cllr Gotts, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Henry, Charlene Miller (Strathclyde Police) John Mackie and Gail Macfarlane EDC, Lauren McIntyre, Helen Greenlees and Caroline Tunney St Josephs School

3. Apologies

Caroline Diaz and Jean Pentland

4. Convener`s Opening Remarks

The Convenor welcomed everyone and suggested that there should be a separate group set up to look at the matter of the Councils proposals for St Josephs school as the agenda was lengthy and this required full consideration. After discussion it was agreed that a meeting be arranged for 19th Sept after the public meeting of 16th sept . Responses are not due to EDC until 11th October. It was agreed that MCC would issue a press release to the local paper saying that at this time MCC did not support the closure of any schools in Milngavie and that a meeting would take place to discuss EDC's proposals in regard to St Joseph's school. J Mackie and G Macfarlane of EDC were welcomed to talk about the parking proposals.

5. Police Report

PC Miller reported thst there were 40 reported crimes in July and August .She was asked if a report could be brought back to MCC on the gunshot incident near Douglas Academy in August which was not one of the recorded crimes.

6. Car parking proposals for Milngavie

EDC have made an application to the Scottish government to allow powers re parking charges to be transferred to EDC. The proposal has to be self financing although it will not make any money initially. Glasgow City Council will train the 4 parking wardens for EDC and tickets will be issued from April 14. As there will be a

move onto nearby residential streets then further proposals will be developed later to deal with this. It was noted that cars are parking on the road near Hillfoot station and this has caused a narrowing of the road. There will be no charges at weekends or in the evenings. There will be further consultation in January 14. The money gathered will also be used to improve the carparks and the wardens will be able to deal with other issues also eg parking near schools. There will be free parking for 2 hours and after that it will cost £1 per hour. EDC are considering setting aside a carpark for the traders and it was noted that residents will have a permit and not a designated parking place. This will affect the carparks at Clober Crescent, Ellangowan, Douglas St, Stewart St, Mugdock Rd, Town Hall and Library but not the Station. The EDC representatives were not conversant with the recent national report on Town centres and it was suggested that as only a very limited number of commuters had been surveyed by EDC prior to making their decisions this might be insufficient to provide robust data on parking patterns in Milngavie.

7. Minutes of Meeting of 5th June 2013

These were agreed by all present and there were no points arising. It was noted that lines have now been painted on Allander Rd.

8. Financial Report

The treasurer reported that there is £1,343.51 in the Community fund and £7,923 in the Administration fund. We have paid the Auditor and the Insurance.

A request for a grant of £150 to the Chess Club to assist with their young peoples events in the Milngavie Town hall was agreed and also a grant of £1,200 to assist the Heritage Centre to purchase special cabinets to store materials. It was noted that they have exhibitions during Sept on the History of the Railway station and also the Clubs of Milngavie.

It was agreed that the treasurer could move funds from one account to another to cover these costs.

It was noted that Making the Most of Milngavie was supported with the cost of the rent of rooms for meetings.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Highland Games Committee.

9. Town Centre Proposals

a) Heritage Centre, it was noted that there was to be an exhibition from 10th to 14th September **b) Toilets**, There will be a report on this to the Town centre steering group next week **c) TPO**, The Councillors stated that this matter should come up for consideration soon **d) Fish Ladder Notice**, the wording for this is being worked on **e) Making the Most of Milngavie**, The meeting of 17th June was successful with nearly 100 people attending and several volunteers coming forward to discuss in detail the ideas for Milngavie's future. There have been 2 meetings and the minutes will be emailed to MCC. The next meeting is wed 18th Sept in the Heritage Centre at the Town Hall.

10. Planning

a) Waitrose, There is to be £160,000 allocated for town centre improvements and £190,000 for A81 improvements.

- b) **11 Grange Rd**, these are the former council offices & the plans to convert the building into flats appear acceptable.
- c) **164 Mugdock Rd**, this house is in the conservation area but the plans appear acceptable
- d) **Bankell farm**, permission is sought to convert the outbuildings into 10 residencies – this should be looked into further.
- e) **4 Highland Rd** a revised application has been submitted
- f) change of conditions to former Halleys site – this indicates that the application is still live despite a gap of several years.
- g) **Barloch Av/Mugdock Rd**. This has gone to review panel for a site visit. It was noted that this had been part of Barloch Moor and recently the grounds have been cleared of trees and bushes by owners and that granting this would set a precedent.
- h) **Tesco**, the MCC request for the control of trollies had been knocked back
- i) **Local Development Plan 3 2016-2021**

Cllr Gotts outlined the importance of the local plan which lays out plans for matters such as Housing, Industry, Transport, Environment and Town centre regeneration. Bearsden and Milngavie will appear as one area and the plan will present a range of options in each category for the community to give their views and responses.

It will be available in a few weeks and there will be public events and a special community councils meeting and presentation. Local Plan 2 is still being implemented and the new plan is an update on this. A point was raised about EDC doing wider consultation to involve more people. Cllr Gotts suggested that EDC would be interested in any ideas on how this could happen. MMM is putting together a list of the usual groups etc who are consulted on matters as stakeholders. A special MCC special meeting will be arranged to discuss the Local Plan.

11. AOCB

- a) It was agreed to co-opt former member L. McCreadie. The Councillors will approach Douglas Academy for a young member. There are still two places available to representatives of organisations.
 - b) The matter of the Chairs post being vacant in November was discussed in terms of filling office bearer positions. It was agreed that it made sense to share the tasks out amongst members. One member stated that he would be interested in sharing the Chairs post with the Vice chair. It was agreed that actions after meetings could be shared out however we still required a named secretary for correspondence and other tasks. The matter of paying an honorarium was discussed. One member said that he might consider undertaking the Planning role and might require some more information on this.
 - c) The Crime Prevention Panel had not met.
 - d) It was reported back that at the Community Councils Liaison meeting that the matter of email protocol had been discussed and that it had been agreed that it was entirely inappropriate for any member of a Community Council to send intimidating or unpleasant emails to any other members and that if this happened then that person should be asked to apologise and if necessary to leave the group. If the matter continued to be a problem then EDC Liaison Officer for Community Councils would speak to them.
- It was asked of the matter of the payment of Honorarium could be put on the next agenda.

- e) The plant catalogue was given to Milngavie in Bloom Rep
- f) Scottish Water, details of their Annual Consultative Meeting on 27.08.13 had been distributed
- g) Climate Change Fund, information on this had been distributed
- h) rep from MCC is attending the Tenant Participation event in November
- i) Bearsden North CC minutes had been distributed
- j) It was noted that the Post office is closing for refurbishment from 19th Sept to 3 Oct.
- k) There is to be a demonstration in the precinct this Saturday for St Josephs school and Colpis are giving all children an icecream
- l) A member of MCC had passed some comments to the Licensing Board re The Crosskeys proposals

13. Date of Next meeting – 2nd Oct 2013