

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL Held in The Fraser Centre on Wednesday 2nd October 2013

1. Present

Community Councillors – F Risk, N Peacock, S Lavrie, R Hooper, R Miller, E Crombie, M Prentice, C Diaz. J Kerr, J Pentland, L McCreadie,

Apologies

M Millerick, C Christie, A Hunter, J Logan (Baldernock CC)

Attending

L Edwards, Cllr Gotts, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Henry, W Blakey, PC Miller, M. Cusker

2 Convener's Opening Remarks

The Convenor welcomed everyone to the meeting and a special welcome to a new member of MCC Lynn McCreadie. The Convenor asked that it be noted that this would be her last meeting as Chair of MCC.

3 Special Item Planning Application

2 storey extension at 14 Roselea Drive. This is a re application and the plans have hardly changed. The objection is on the basis that this proposal is out of keeping with the rest of the buildings in the drive. MCC agreed to support the objection after looking at the planning drawings on the basis that it was inappropriate.

4 Minutes of 4th Sept

These were approved

5 Minutes of St Josephs School meeting 23 September

These were approved

5. Police Report

The report back from PC Miller was that the incident at Douglas Academy where gun fire shots were heard was a group of youths with a car which had posssibly backfired and there were no fire arms. A member of MCC stated that there were 7 bangs and that Inspector Hunter had only said that there was no evidence of firearms.

A report back was requested on what action is being taken on the hunting of wildlife in the area.

There were 42 reported crimes last month and 21 of these have been detected. The CCTV monitors people in the precinct. Cllr Gotts asked for details of where the cars had been damaged on the Clober Rd and he was told that it was on most of the road

and there is no CCTV there. PC Miller handed out some surveys for collection the following day.

6 Report from Treasurer

The Community Acc holds £1,343, the Admin Acc £6,723, the Project Acc £4,700. The project Acc is to close & funds be amalgamated in the Community Acc. There have been no requests for grants and there is only the payment of room lets to be dealt with.

7 Town Centre Proposals

Heritage Centre – no report

TPO – This matter will go to either the October or the Dec EDC committee **Fish Ladder Notice** – the wording was amended to add "near the West Highland Way ". The chair is awaiting confirmation of the views from Mr. William Yeomans of the Clyde River Foundation.

Public Toilets – this will be on the agenda at the October or Dec EDC committee. MCC are very concerned that the toilet building will be sold and not leased and that in future there will be no provision. It was noted that the Council should look at viable alternatives and that the daily costs of cleaning of the toilets was minimal. MCC feels it is vital to a town that has so many tourists for the WHW that it has a toilet provision. The Morris men who had been dancing in the precinct had asked where they were.

MMM –There was a meeting on the 18th Sept and background work is being done. There is another meeting on 16th October.

8 Planning

It was noted that the Licensing Board had granted the application for the variation of licence for the former Cross Keys.

It was noted that the Post Office is not responsible for the area outside the building which is in a very poor state. A member asked if EDC might be responsible for approaching the current owners.

New Applications- 16 Stewart St , Cyan for a bakery – no issues raised 2 storey houses at 75 Craigdhu Rd in the Firestation Field by Bellway Homes. There is outline planning permission for this and it is not known how many homes are proposed or the number of affordable homes. They wish to come to MCC on 6th Nov to discuss their plans – this was agreed.

Old Applications - The resubmission of the application for a house at Barloch Av/Mugdock rd . it was noted with dismay that this had been granted by EDC.

EDC Local Plan/Main Issues Report

23 Oct there is a meeting for Community Councils in Bishopbriggs Eagle Lodge at 7.30. Those attending to let Fiona know asap. The treasurer is able to give some a lift.

There are workshops

1st Oct at Bearsden Burgh Hall at 9.30 to noon and 31st Oct Milngavie Town Hall at 6.30 to 9pm and a drop in session on 2 Nov at the Allander Leisure Centre from 10 am to 1pm.

Those wishing to attend to reserve a place by emailing development.plan@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

The local Plan is complex and it was felt that it was disappointing that the Libraries only have one copy. It is also online.

The next MCC meeting will start at 7pm and the only item on the agenda will be the Local Plan Main Issues Report as it requires proper consideration. Members were asked to ensure that they study the plan prior to the meeting and note their comments and issues to bring to the meeting for discussion. The important pages for Milngavie are 39 to 49. The only other item on the agenda will be Bellway Homes and they will be allocated 15 minutes maximum for a presentation and then some questions.

All other items to be deferred to the next meeting. MCC only has until 18th Nov to make comments to EDC.

9 St Josephs Primary School

MCC was made aware that anonymous letters had been posted through doors of traders who had displayed posters supporting the schools campaign. The intimidating tone of the letter was noted as unpleasant and entirely inappropriate. It was noted that at the last MCC meeting the suggestions to have either a community Hub or a joint campus on this site had been discussed however the St Josephs committee are carrying out consultation on this with parents. At this time MCC do not support the closure of any schools in Milngavie.

10 Remembrance Sunday – it was noted that M Millerick be asked to attend on behalf of MCC.

30th **Nov- Christmas Lights switch on** - there will be a big event in the precinct from 4.30 onwards and all are encouraged to attend.

Milngavie Pipe band – it was noted that they are in Croatia participating in a festival of music and have had a very successful year. It was suggested that the Provost might recognise the Band's achievements.

11 MCC membership and retiral of Convenor

The Chair was warmly thanked by the committee for her years of service to MCC and her efforts on behalf of the community of Milngavie. She would be greatly missed by MCC.

C Christie is taking over as Chair and M Millerick is vice chair. Cllr Gibbons has spoken to the head teacher at Douglas Academy re a young rep.

L Edwards agreed to ask the Civic Trust if she could represent them and come on the committee for a short time as a nominated rep.

W Blakey agreed to join the committee as an elected member

R Hooper to approach the churches, perhaps the united churches would send a rep.

M Millerik to be asked to ask the Ramblers if they had a rep.

C Diaz offered to be the named contact as secretary.

It was agreed that all members would require to divide up tasks needing done and that MCC should discuss and agree a process for this including how to deal with Planning applications. MCC could also re-examine its representation on outside bodies as it doesn't have to be the chair that attends eg the Town Centre Steering Group and the Bid. As traders from MCC were already represented on these bodies it was suggested that a non trader should represent MCC.

The web site needs to be maintained and those without emails have to be able to accesss information.

As 3 members would be leaving eg A Hunter, J Kerr and F Risk then this leaves the following vacancies to be filled:

1 young rep , 2 elected positions and 1 nominated position. (This is correct provided Lon comes on as a nominated rep - since the meeting she has indicated that she does not mind which – you might want to adjust this according to how may other people are available bearing in mind that according to the Constitution there must always be a majority of elected members!)

The Chair thanked members for attending.

13. Date of Next meeting – 6th Nov 7pm 2013