



# MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL Held in the Fraser Centre on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013

### 1. Present

Community Councillors –N Peacock, , D Hamilton , E Crombie, M Prentice, M Millerick, C Christie, R Hooper, W Blakey, G Johnston, L Edwards, A Bain, C Diaz

### 2. Apologies : S Lavrie , R Miller

### 3. Convener`s Opening Remarks

C Christie welcomed everyone and noted that this was a special meeting to discuss the Main Issues Report and any matters arising from that.

### 4. Housing

It was agreed that MCC supports the preferred options and we do not want to see building on greenfield sites and further urban sprawl. EDC should build more affordable housing on brownfield sites in other areas in ED.

There should be a minimum of 40% affordable housing in any new development and EDC residents should be given priority for housing. The site at Keystone Av should be considered for this. The Chair agreed to finalise the response for this section.

### 5. Employment

W Blakey outlined his comments.

The preferred options in MIR seem acceptable. There is no demand for large industrial units in Milngavie mainly due to lack of road networks however there is a demand for small office space and some ideas for sites were discussed.

Garscadden depot was discussed in terms of possible uses. It was agreed that shop fronts should be kept for retail and not become offices. W Blakey agreed to write up this section of response.

### 6. Transport

The preferred options were supported.

There should be cycle paths which pedestrians could share as in the continental model, particularly in rural areas and also parking spaces for car shares. The Allander Rail halt should be pursued however the proposed car park should hold 500 cars and not 150.

The green cycle routes along the Allander/Kelvin corridor to Glasgow should be improved and cycle racks in the town centre are needed.

There should be a bus to Buchanan St bus station from Milngavie and improved transport within ED.

Long term parking for WHW walkers is needed and increased parking spaces at the stations for commuters. Park and ride facilities should be investigated.

There was concern that the new parking charges will push commuters cars onto the street where they can cause hazards and inconvenience. G Johnstone to write response.

## **7. Town Centre**

The preferred options were agreed. It was noted also that public toilet facilities are needed. Better signposting in the village is needed particularly for walkers. We wish to retain a range of retail and shop fronts for retail only.

It was noted that the BID will allocate £60,000 to improve the town centre as a shopping experience and clarification on how the Waitrose money is to be spent is needed.

It was agreed that Milngavie town centre might be expanded to include the Town Hall and Corbie Ha although there was some uncertainty as to what this would mean. C Christie to outline response.

## **8. Environment**

M Prentice outlined her submission. The residents at Ashburn Gdns must be consulted on any development of community growing space. EDC should also look further for more potential sites.

We should also be giving consideration to the requirements for outdoor sports facilities eg football pitches that are fit for purpose.

We require improved signage and pathways that connect in neighbourhoods and are fit for purpose.

Craigton woods should be a protected area.

TQ 5 should be expanded to include Fracking and we must stress to EDC that we do not wish this in this area eg no further mineral extraction.

The Allander should be looked at for possible green energy.

The Reservoir should be conserved and maintained. The report on heritage and preservation of the site and other uses should be re examined.

The green network areas should be cleaned up eg the Allander water area and not just by volunteers. There should be all ability paths in central areas.

EDC must ensure that all developers are required to provide adequate covers/hidden shelters for all of the bins that are now required for re cycling in order that they are not left outside. M Prentice to outline a response.

## **9. Bellway Homes**

It was agreed to finalise a response to this presentation at the next meeting.

## **10. Milngavie Hub**

It was suggested that it might be helpful for some members who have time to attend the EDC meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> Nov when the Milngavie Hub may be on the agenda. L Edwards to circulate the details.

## **11. Noticeboards**

It was noted that the criteria for adverts being displayed needs to be confirmed.

## **12. MMM**

MMM are a sub group of MCC. They wish to engage with the whole community to develop a Milngavie Action Plan for the future as EDC will not take on this task due to lack of resources. This will take forward the feedback from the public meeting in the Fraser Centre. A company with experience of this type of work could be engaged to help with this at a cost of approx. £15,000 to £20,000.

This could then lead to the setup of a Community Development Trust.

The Chair agreed to outline how this might be taken forward for members to discuss at the next meeting.

## **13. Constitution and Standing orders**

There was some discussion about this and it was felt that it would be helpful for all new members to receive a copy of the Constitution and Standing Orders. EDC had been approached for an email copy of the Standing orders however they had not been sent. Hard Copies can be provided by other members.

It was noted that EDC are making some changes to the scheme for Community Councils and the Chair had forwarded an email with info on this to members.

The Community Council Liaison Committee is revising the Constitution.

## **14. Date of Next meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013**