



## **MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 within the Fraser Centre at 7.00 p.m.

### **1. Present**

Community Councillors – Callum Christie, Caroline Diaz, Norman Peacock, Michael Millerick, Jean Pentland, Susan Lavrie, Rona Hooper, Rona Miller, Glen Johnston, Lon Edwards, Wilson Blakey, Lynn McCreadie, Alison Bain.

### **In Attendance**

Cllr Jim Gibbons, Cllr Maureen Henry, Cllr Eric Gotts, Community Police Officer Stewart Kerrigan.

### **2. Apologies**

Elizabeth Crombie, Marianne Prentice, Donald Hamilton.

### **3. Convenor's Opening Remarks**

The Convenor opened meeting and minutes of previous meeting were approved.

### **4. Police report**

During the past month crimes as follows:- 10 thefts, 1 Road Traffic matter, 1 Littering offence, 1 Drug related crime, 1 attempted fraud, 1 wasting police time, 3 Vandalisms, 1 Assault, 1 Breach of the Peace.

Incidents are not included in Police Report and it may be of interest to MCC if major local incidents could be discussed at meetings.

Town Centre Police Officer has been reinstated for Milngavie. Siobhan McAndlish has been appointed this position and will be available to all Traders in Precinct Mon to Fri where support needed.

Radio system is also becoming available to local businesses for inter business contact.

### **5. Treasurers Report**

Marianne Pentice not present, no update on funds. Flowers at a cost of £70 had been sent to retiring CC councillors with thanks, -

Anne Hunter and Joyce Kerr.

## **6. Bellway Homes Planning.**

The main concern is the one entrance/exit on Craigdhu Road. There is no pedestrian access on East or South sides of planned build, this is unacceptable especially as the local Primary School is at opposite side to exit/entrance. Our concerns should be brought to the attention of Planning Officer at this stage.

MCC would like EDC to advise us the proper definition of affordable housing.

It has also been brought to our attention the boundary of Fire Station Field is not the burn as stated by Bellway, it is 3ft into field as shown on Prestonfield land owners Title Deeds. This land can be referred to as Ransom Strip and it would appear Bellway may be using this as an excuse for not planning other access routes to Estate as this would involve buying extra land from existing householders.

## **7. BID Update**

Ian Lavrie came along to bring us up to date with Final Stages of the process.

A business plan will be available on the web site soon, this will detail the ideas of bringing a collection of businesses efforts & finances together to improve the business community.

e.g. Greening Town Centre in conjunction with Milngavie in Bloom would receive an allocation of £18,000. Improving visual impact again with M in B would receive £24,000. Improving welcome signage to Town Centre £28,000.

There would also be support in conjunction with Police Scotland for introducing a town centre police officer, a shop watch scheme and radios issued to shops within scheme. This all during the 5 year period of the BID.

The costs to businesses will be in the form of a levy calculated against their rateable value. EDC have adopted and support this plan with a contribution of £30,000 per annum over the five year period.

Next stage is the ballot which is over a six week period and if successful a BID company will be formed and a project manager appointed.

The BID area involves the entire precinct from all entrances and will include Tesco. If successful over the five year period a further cycle can be applied for.

## **8. Making the Most of Milngavie**

MMM would cover the interests of the whole geographic area of Milngavie. It has been unanimously agreed by members to carry out a Community Action Plan by professionals to obtain opinions on requirements and desires for the area. Development funds are available through various trusts and the BID would also give support to this.

Concerns would be for the time involved for supporters of this organisation although Action Plan could generate more interested people. Employing a Professional Company would cover majority of the work only the survey of local people would require manpower.

Making the Most of Milngavie (MMM) is functioning well as a sub committee of MCC and the crossover of members is vital.

MCC will be responsible for identifying funding to produce Action Plan and should provide a remit. MCC will ultimately be responsible for any decisions.

It was unanimously felt this was a good idea, and that MMM will be expected to provide feedback to MCC with recommendations for funding, tender options from professional companies, as well as looking for legal advice from EDC.

We already have several successful schemes and organisations running in Milngavie which could all benefit and have input in community decisions.

There was a majority agreement to this proposal.

### **9. Dates of future meetings.**

It was agreed meetings would be held in Fraser Centre at 7p.m. on 1st Wednesday of the month 2014 as follows.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup> June 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **10. AOCB**

a. Thank you letter received from Anne Hunter for flowers.

b. Could Fraser Centre be included in supply of Christmas tree lights?

c. MCC Notice Board too small and out of date. As part of the BID project things like this would be updated. MCC board could be larger and perhaps double sided to allow more space for notices. Items of interest can sometimes be out with local area. Notice sizes should be restricted

MCC minutes are not easy to find locally, more information should be made public and press releases given.

Callum Christie, Jean Pentland, Rona Miller & Norman Peacock are key holders for Notice Board.

d. Milngavie Hub. No information is available on this time. There is a council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December where assets will be discussed. MCC and the wider community would wish to be consulted on possible Hub before any decisions are taken by EDC. At a previous meeting of MCC that Cllr Henry had given assurances that a Milngavie Hub was not being considered at this time and the wider community would certainly be consulted prior to any decisions being made.

There are various definitions of Hub for different areas needs.

New buildings satisfy The Councils Green Agenda and Disability Requirements but would seem extravagant in this period of austerity and of condensing services while valuable properties are being sold off.

Facilities need to be kept in Milngavie to be accessible to local people. It was felt we should advise EDC of this and express our concerns over costs of Hub and possible loss of vital resources which should remain e.g. The Town Hall.

e. Representatives needed for Town Centre Steering Group.

Rona Hooper & Michael Millerick will attend.

Representative for EDC Community Councils Group

Lon Edwards will attend.

Lon Edwards will cover Planning for MCC for time being

Glen Johnston will assist Norman Peacock with Licensing.