



MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Milngavie Community Council: Wednesday 2 February 2022 at the Fraser Centre and by Zoom.

Present: Dr M Reynolds (Chair) E Crombie (minute), C Diaz (secretary/ treasurer) L Edwards, A Ainslie, T Allan McIntyre, I McAllister, C Cotton, D Nickson, S Calderwood, Dr R Yarr

Attendees : Cllr Gibbons , Russell Herbert (EDC Community Safety Officer)

Apologies: , J Winterbottom, A Ainslie, Cllr Goodall , S Lister.

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that this would be the first face to face and Zoom meeting. Russell Herbert was welcomed.

2. The previous minute was agreed but it was noted that Susan and Alistair had been missed off the apologies.

3. Matters arising from last minute: MCC Had sent the response to the consultation on **Mugdock Country Park**. Supplementary information on LDPD2 had been sent, mainly on climate issues.

There would be an article on the **Lennox Park Plans** in the local paper and the community magazine asking the community to contribute their ideas and responses and then a report will be compiled which will reflect the wider community views.

Dr Roddy Yarr was welcomed to MCC as a member. He was proposed by M. Reynolds and second by D. Nickson.

The noticeboards have been viewed for repair and the Insurance company will quote for the boards and anything else that MCC owns. Susan has an old projector that can be tried before MCC purchase one. Cllr Gibbons stated that the precinct camera will be repaired.

A microphone and camera purchase will open up future meetings to work more efficiently online and allow the possibility of inviting people unable to attend actual meetings .

4. Police Report: The Police report had been circulated. There were crimes of dishonesty and bikes getting stolen. There has been public disorder at Charlie's Loft, the new sports bar and they have changed their admissions age to 21. There were some domestic incidents. It was noted that the situation regarding allocated officers for Milngavie was still changing. MCC are concerned about this and feel that it could lead to poor policing in the area as there would be no local relationships built up with police officers who also do not get the opportunity to become familiar with the area and develop a picture of trouble spots or get local intelligence. MCC will ask for continuity of police officers.

5. Community Warden Service: Russell Herbert told the meeting that he will be working across Milngavie and Bearsden with a partner, and they are getting to know community groups and will be pleased if people contact them about local issues in order that they can become familiar with areas of concern. They go to Douglas Academy at lunchtimes because of littering however they cannot issue fixed penalty notices to juniors.

It was reported to him that there are problems with dog faeces at Oakburn Park and it is so bad that the football team do not want to play there. The community wardens will look at this. There is also a problem at

Auchenhowie pitches. Any antisocial behaviour can be passed to them e.g. fly tipping, littering, neighbour noise and they will investigate as they wish the team to make a difference. Any areas of concern to be notified to Caroline and she will pass to the team. There was a discussion about parking. The law to make pavement parking illegal has not been introduced yet and it will mean that every street must have an assessment for a Traffic Restriction Order in case exceptions need to be made. This is a huge piece of work. Transport Scotland has an online Pavement Parking consultation just now which closes on 11th March and members were encouraged to complete.

6. Treasurers Report: There is £5,903.24 in budget of which £676.82 is for Open Spaces. It was suggested that this could be utilized to repair the notice boards. It is expected that as things return to normal and more groups are meeting that there will be several grant applications. Some of the monies could also be used to attract funding for MCC projects.

7. Councillors Report: There has been a delay to the capital programme due to Covid. The budget is currently being set for 22/23 however there will never be sufficient funding for everything that EDC needs to do. The council elections will be in May, and it is possible that the makeup of the council could change. There is nothing major on the next council agenda. A discussion took place about the number of roadworks in place with no one working on them. Complaints can be made to the utilities companies and to EDC about this. With regard to encouraging Active Travel and priorities for cyclists and pedestrians. It was discussed if we could have Smart pedestrian crossings which activate when someone approaches. We already have this with some traffic lights.

Some of the work on refurbishing Milngavie primary will start after the summer. It is not certain yet when the school will move into the portacabins at Oakburn Park. This will mean that the local football club will have to move.

8. Mugdock Country Park Strategy: The presentation attended by Iain and Lon was very good but there wasn't much time for questions. Parking is a major problem and encouraging access to the park for walkers and cyclists and via a bus link from the station was discussed. They are considering parking charges. The consultant Gillian Smith is to be invited to a future meeting of MCC.

9. Planning: It was noted that the applications for Breadie Avenue and Heathfield would likely be approved by EDC.

10. Licensing: The Keystore near Douglas Academy are seeking approval to be able to deliver alcohol. There will be a requirement for a minimum £15 food purchase with this. MCC had no objections as long as the usual requirements to ensure that this is not going to underage people are met.

11. Climate Subgroup: The funding application for the project drawn up by Dr R Yarr was refused on the basis that it was not focused enough. Dr Yarr met with Local Energy Scotland and will resubmit looking at energy generation schemes and narrow the scope to Oakburn Park, Lennox Park, Milngavie Reservoir, and the Built Environment. It aims to move towards making Milngavie Carbon neutral and look at where funding is possible.

12. AOCB: Susan needs a log in to make changes to the MCC website.

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd March at 7.15pm.