



MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Milngavie Community Council
Held on Weds 1st June, 2016 - Fraser Centre, Milngavie, 7:15pm

Present:

Community Councillors Mr I. McAllister (Chair), Mr M. Reynolds (Vice Chair), Mrs M. Prentice (Treasurer), Mr A. Ainslie, Mr C. Christie, Mrs L. Edwards, Mr J. Goodall, Mrs J. Pentland, Mr G. Johnston, Mr D. Hamilton, Mr M. Russell, Mrs T. McIntyre.

Councillors E. Gotts, J. Gibbons

Sgt J. MacDonald

Apologies:

Mrs C. Diaz (Secretary), Mrs S. Kay, Councillor M. Henry

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the AGM of 3rd Jun, 2015 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Mr J. Goodall and seconded by Mrs L. Edwards

The minutes of the meeting of 4th May, 2016 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Mrs L. Edwards and seconded by Mr G. Johnston

Police Report

Sgt Julie MacDonald provided a written report on crime in the Milngavie area over the previous month showing 27 crime reports, of which 9 had been detected - a rate of 33%. Sgt MacDonald also reported that over the previous 12 months there were a total of 437 crime reports of which 199 had been detected - a conversion rate of 46%.

There was discussion about the anti-social behaviour and action that the police were taking.

Chairman's Report

Iain McAllister reported on the significant actions and achievements of the last year:

I wish to briefly review the events, issues and activities of Milngavie Community Council over the last year.

We have had a number of resignations from the Council over the year which has been offset with a number of new members giving a current balance of one vacancy.

An Executive Committee has been formed to deal with any urgent issues raised between meetings.

Martyn Reynolds has been elected Vice Chairman and Sandra Kay Minute Secretary.

The following is a brief summary of major issues that occurred have come to the fore over the last year.

1 The MMM subcommittee now does not exist and the Milngavie Community Development Trust (MCDT) has been established to implement the Action Plan proposals for a variety of projects for Milngavie including the return of the Milngavie Week.

2 The continuing saga of the Town Centre public toilets is in part resolved by the proposed refurbishment of the Youth Centre Building to incorporate public toilets funded by £50k from EDC. MCC would still prefer a designated toilet facility block in the Town Centre at the start of the West Highland Way.

3 MCC have expressed their concern regarding The Bears Way Scheme in particular the detrimental impact on the traffic flows along the A81 allied with road safety issues along the length of the road.

4 Station car parking improvement scheme is almost complete and is undoubtedly aesthetically more attractive albeit the problem of lack of spaces still exists with the consequential impact of congestion parking in the adjacent public roads.

5 MCC have award grants to local groups including MMM, MCDT, Highland Games, Fraser Centre and Boys Brigade for a defibrillator in the town centre.

6 The Police in the form of Julie O'Donnell has given monthly reports on crime in Milngavie area and it is reassuring to note that crime in Milngavie is low. Thank you Julie for attendance at our meetings.

7 In May 2016 The Association of East Dunbartonshire Community Councils (AEDCC) held their AGM and office bearers were elected. The foregoing Association was established to provide a relationship of collaborative working between CCs and EDC.

8 In Planning terms MCC have commented on proposals for Drumclog Avenue, Kilmardinny House, Tambowie Farm and changes to garage in Main Street.

9 MCC members attend following meetings AEDCC, Mugdock Country Park, EDC Active Travel Study, Town Centre Steering Group and Stalled Places.

10 Allander Station Halt Proposal is still at early stages albeit MCC support the Scheme.

11 Caroline Diaz is having protracted discussions with EDC to achieve a definitive strategy and a commitment to provide more facilities for football in Milngavie.

12 I wish to thank our office bearers namely Caroline Marianne and Sandra for their contribution to the management of MCC and in parallel I wish to thank EDC Councillors for their attendance at our meetings and their contributions to MCC.

There was some discussion about the provision of toilet facilities and Councillor Gotts clarified that the £50K investment was to improve facilities in the area such as MIB storage facilities and an information centre, as well as toilet facilities. There was some concern about the on-going situation as Councillor Gibbons indicated that the community action funding was for one year only. It was pointed out that there have been meetings relating to the provision of facilities to which MCC had not been invited, an oversight that our local councillors said will not be repeated.

Financial Report

Mrs M. Prentice reported that in the community account there was £278.67 and in the Administration account £5777.33. The grant for the next session is £3,255.

Allander Halt

Mr Kenneth Sutherland gave an excellent presentation on the benefits of an Allander rail halt to the local community. He cited examples of the benefits that such a project could bring based on parallels with other recent rail developments, but perceived hurdles to progress as responsibility for instigating and implementing any development now lies with a central body rather than local councils. This central body (Transport Scotland) currently has no agenda for rail expansion, so in spite of council cross party support within EDC and local studies confirming the viability of such a scheme it could be a difficult to get positive backing.

There was a lengthy discussion about the scheme with specific mention of the requirement for modal shift away from car travel, and how funding and support could be secured for progressing the idea. It was suggested that the newly established Community Development Trust might wish to get involved as its

backing may assist the case. It was felt that it was important to establish whether there is any negative stance towards the halt, so there was a suggestion that local groups be invited to a future MCC meeting to establish a community view on the subject. It was decided that MCC should contact Thomas Glen at EDC to ensure these community views are represented as further technical studies are undertaken on the feasibility of the project.

Sub Group Reports

Planning:

- EDC have submitted an application for an award for proposed changes to the Burnbrae roundabout and into Milngavie to include changes to cycle and pedestrian priority that is linked to the Bears Way cycle way. There was significant consternation among those present at this development as the project was understood to have been put on hold by local councillors. The Executive committee will follow up on this during the summer.

- Supplementary Guidance to the local plan has been put out for consultation - please contact Lon for details.

- The preliminary application for the latest proposals for the fire station field development was expected to run from 16th May - 16th Aug, but no information has been forthcoming. The latest proposal is understood to be for development at the far end of the site only.

AOCB

- Chair expressed concern about the number of shop closures in the precinct area.

- Minutes correction requested for meeting of 6th April, 2016, where it is stated in para 032 that a second amount of funding had been given for Milngavie week. As previous funding had been given to MMM for the purposes of establishing MCDT it was agreed that the minutes should be altered to remove the reference to a second funding of the event.

The Chair drew attention to the fact that concerns about the minutes should be addressed at the meeting where minutes are to be approved and not at a later date.