



**MINUTES**  
**Monday 1st April 2019 in the Village Club**  
**Draft**

**Members Present:** - Marian Lever; Grace Edmonds; Julie Hutchison; Mandy Watson; John Gray; Evelyn McDougall

**In attendance:** Councillor Rob Davies; Police Constable Martin, Police Scotland; M Vass, SCDT; Pam Campbell SC +19 residents.

*(SC = Stirling Council. CC = Community Council. CDT= Community Development Trust \* Denotes an action)*

**1. Welcome from the Chair**

ML welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**2. Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies: Philip Graves. There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Police Report**

PC Martin reported that there had been very little crime in the last month. The police continue to carry out road checks in the village to deter travelling criminals, drunk drivers etc. He highlighted Police Scotland's national doorstep crime initiative, which has achieved significant results. There was a report of possible bogus workmen in the village and of suspicious people selling items around residential premises. There was also a report of a suspicious vehicle. Police attended these reports, but no crimes had been committed. PC Martin urged everyone to continue to report anything they think is suspicious.

Hand held radar has been continuing in the area to detect speeding drivers. There were a number of road accidents in the area, including one at the roundabout on Glasgow Road, but no serious injuries. PC Martin has been talking to the Camera Safety Unit regarding the positioning of the camera van in the villages.

ML asked PC Martin if they are planning to introduce the Herbert Protocol to help elderly people who wander. Families can complete a form with information about the person so that the police have something to work with immediately. PC Martin will enquire about this.

ML thanked PC Martin for attending.

**4. Minutes of March meeting and matters arising**

The minutes were accepted, proposed by JG and seconded by JH

Matters arising: ML said we do not have the resources to host a Big Lunch proposed by the Co-op. Unless there is real interest in the village we will decline.

JH enquired about the bus from Milngavie to Mugdock Country Park. This no longer runs but there is a bus that can be pre-booked. The number for this will be in the next BVB

PG is updating the Resilience Plan.

JG will resend our comments regarding the drive through café at Carbeth to Planning.

**5. Co-option to the Community Council**

Kate Ramsden was co-opted on to the CC. She was nominated by EM and seconded by JH. The nomination was accepted unanimously and Kate was invited to join the rest of the CC for the remainder of the meeting.

## **6. Participatory Budgeting**

EM circulated information about this to CC members. Participatory budgeting gives the public a say in how 1% of the budget is spent. Each ward will be allocated £100,000.

By April 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 organisations and individuals can propose ideas to SC. This is open to anyone of high school age and above and the ideas have to be linked to the environment or physical infrastructure. PC pointed out that the money cannot be used to replace anything affected by previous budget cuts.

By April 14<sup>th</sup> ideas have to be presented to SC.

From April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup> the project team will turn the ideas into proposals. Members of the public can volunteer to join this team as budget delegates.

From 27<sup>th</sup> May to 23<sup>rd</sup> June voting will take place.

From July onwards SC will turn the winning proposals into reality.

The CC plans to put forward ideas. ML suggested that we should consider road safety in the area and the meeting was shown a video from Primary 5 pupils who are concerned about this. ML suggested a cluster of things around health and wellbeing and safety e.g. Speed activated signs, safer crossing at the bottom of Campsie Road, parking at the Co-op. JH raised the point that there is to be a consultation on parking in the villages, but ML said that our village is scheduled to be one of the last to take part in this. JG said he is concerned that parking might confuse the issue. MW suggested asking the community for suggestions via the website and Facebook page.

ML said that we need a sub-group to discuss ideas. If we find a project that the community supports this will maximise our chances at the voting stage. ML, EM, MW and JG will form the sub-group.

## **7. Feedback from Rural Southwest Meeting**

The road maintenance budget for next year is £4.6 million. Very little of this is scheduled for our area. Some work will be carried out on the A811 between Ballat Crossroads and Drymen and between Buchlyvie and Stirling.

The question of potholes was raised. Category 1 holes should be filled within 12 hours and category 2 holes within 20 days. Reporting potholes should be done through the [info@stirling](mailto:info@stirling) site and photographs are helpful.

ML reminded the meeting that we had a lot of work done to the roads in this area last year.

## **8. Local health Initiative**

ML raised the issue of health services in the village in the BVB and asked people to let her know about any problems. She stressed that everybody was complimentary about the local GPs and nurses. Most complaints regarded out-of-hours services and ambulances going to Larbert. We are entitled to treatment at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, but ambulances will not go there unless the situation is life threatening.

Bruce Crawford is convening a meeting regarding this on April 11<sup>th</sup>. ML, JG and EM will attend.

## **9. Glasgow University Bio-diversity Initiative**

A map of the locations of the bird boxes will be put on the web site. They are all on public land so that they can be checked regularly. The project will supply boxes to individuals who are interested in monitoring the birds in their own gardens and feeding the information back to the University. ML will keep the CC updated. ML reminded the meeting that nuts should not be put out for birds during the nesting season. Insect based food should be used instead.

## 10. Elected Member's Report – Councillor Rob Davies

There has been no Council meeting since the last CC meeting so RD had little to report. He noted that BHS had been ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in Scotland on the school tables. GL and RD walked around Mugdock with PG to get some idea about issues there.

RD was pleased to see that the police were enforcing parking restrictions at Balmaha, although this is no longer part of their remit. He has asked about the possibility of putting a seat on the bike path to Lennoxton. SC agreed in principal, with the request being lodged on March 5<sup>th</sup>, but need to find a budget.

## 11. Planning and Licensing

[19/00168/FUL -Erection of dwelling house – Garden Ground of Punchbowl House 44 Old Mugdock Road Strathblane](#)

As a rule the CC objects to new houses on Old Mugdock Road on the grounds that it is unsuitable for increased traffic. Members of the public present did not support this building. The CC will maintain our objections regarding traffic and also that the plot has already been sub-divided.

[19/00174/LWP – Dumbrock House Old Mugdock Road Strathblane.](#)

This is a proposal to use the property as a dwelling house with not more than 4 looked after children living together as a single household with 24 hour non-resident care.

CrossReach Care and Education services plan to use the property to house 4 children with attending adults. There was a lively discussion about this proposal with several residents voicing concerns while others were in favour. Several residents raised issues of road safety but MW said that the organisation will have judged the location to be suitable. MV said that the experienced staff will look after the children. A resident suggested that, as a community, we should try to help these children. ML said that she didn't see grounds to oppose this and the CC members agreed.

RD noted that if 5 members of the public oppose the plans the Planners will discuss the proposal and ML said that if 5 residents oppose the plans they can write to the planners and ask for a review.

## 12. Feedback from Mugdock Country Park Meeting

JH said that the Park achieved a 4 star rating in their customer satisfaction survey. They have plans to build a barn to support the Forest School. There are three possible sites and no decision has yet been made about which one will be used.

The new barbeque site is now open.

The overspill car park is now expected to open in May, with space for 90 cars.

## 13. Community Comments

MW said that a member of the public reported that the kissing gate on Lovers Lane behind Blanefield House as fallen down and there are dangerous screws protruding. She does not know who owns the land, possibly Duntreath. A member of the public suggested Sir Archie will be responsible. ML will write to Sir Archie and to Guy Harewood at SC.

EM was approached by a resident concerned about longer opening hours at Edenmill. RD has spoken to the owner and he is going to apply for extended opening from 8.0am to 8.0pm

## 14. Finance

Current Account: £1896.84

Instant Saver: £1338.33



We received our Community Pride Grant of £450 and a new projector and screen have been purchased at a cost of £476.

#### **15. AOB**

ML received a letter from the church. Lynne James has contacted SC regarding the proposed traffic measures on Campsie Road, opposite the church. We will keep the letter on file. ML has tried to get clarification from the Participation Group regarding the road safety measures agreed for the village but this has not been forthcoming. RD emailed Carlyn Fraser in early March, but has had no reply. He will look into this.

ML has also received information about TAG. They have a Community Development Officer for Stirling and Clackmannan. The contact details will be on the website and in the BVB.

#### **12. Date of next meeting May 13th 2019 in the Village Club**

**Copy date for the BVB - April 12<sup>th</sup> 2019**

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