

Milnathort Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Date:	14 th July 2016
Location:	Milnathort Town Hall
Attendees:	David Baudains (CClIr and Chairman), Craig Williams (CClIr), Campbell Lawson (CClIr), Steven Young (CClIr), Mike Barnacle (Cllr), 6 members of the public
Apologies:	Kevin Heneghan (CClIr), Lisa Cartwright (CClIr), Elyse Kirkham (CClIr), Joe Giacopazzi (Cllr), Willie Robertson (Cllr), Dave Cuthbert (Cllr)
Minutes:	Stephen Bolland
Web site:	http://www.milnathortcommunitycouncil.org/

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave thanks to Brian Cook who had resigned from the community council due to personal circumstances.

Agenda

Police Matters - No police were in attendance but an update had been provided to the CC in advance. There were no matters to report but the CC had been asked to make residents aware of the increasing number of fraudulent telephone calls and internet scams. Many people are being taken in by these.

Minutes of last meeting – The chairman asked for any comments of which there were none. The minutes were proposed as a true record by Steven Young and seconded by Campbell Lawson. The chair noted that a correction regarding the filling in of pot holes had been included.

Matters arising from previous meeting

Public right of way through primary school - Elise Kirkham had met with the acting head. There are some concerns about vandalism and PKC are proposing to pilot a Mosquito Anti-loitering device (ultrasonic siren) to assess the impact. Signs will also be placed on all gates reminding people to close them, school doors are alarmed, and supervisors are in attendance during breaks. No concerns from school.

Roads items – The CC have been asked to identify roads where increased safety is a priority. Due to Brian Cook's resignation this will be covered in the August meeting.

Long grass in Donaldson Park. Steven Young had met with Nigel Patterson of PKC and was very impressed by his willingness to ensure that the Health and Safety concerns of residents were addressed and that the park was maintained to a good standard. Within 1 week many of the areas have been cut back and additional strimming done. It was felt that the park was looking good and the Council has given a clear commitment to continue to maintain the North East/West corners of the park at the same frequency as the other parts of the park. The CC thanked Willie Robertson and Dave Cuthbert who added their support at the meeting.

Public toilets – Craig Williams and Willie Robertson approached Heaven Scent who offered to participate in the PKC Comfort Scheme, a scheme whereby a local business agrees to allow members of the public to use their toilets. However, businesses receive payment from PKC for providing this service and PKC have no additional funds to support a second scheme in Milnathort. The Thistle Hotel currently participate in the scheme and wish to continue. There was little knowledge about the terms and conditions of this scheme, e.g. required opening times, and whether or not these were being adhered to. Mike Barnacle offered to find out more about the schemes T&Cs.

Pace Hill Development – The developer, Dundas Estates, ran a public consultation event on 10th June which was attend by the CC and members of the public. Concerns highlighted include – plan is for 80 houses against the local development plan indicative figure of 50; increased traffic and the lack of north bound motorway access; vague on timescales. There is a deadline of 22nd July for initial feedback with plans expected to be submitted to PKC planning mid-late August. As the event was run by the developers themselves feedback should be sent to the architects at debbie@hypostyle.co.uk. A feedback form is available on the community council website. A number of CCllrs and members of the public made comment that they had sent in ‘negative’ comments and have not had their feedback acknowledged. One CCllr who followed up with a phone call was told their feedback had not been received. Those submitting feedback are encouraged to do so by email and to keep a copy of their submission. As the CC must represent the views of the community in planning matters comments should also be forward to the community council. Mike Barnacle informed the CC that there had been a development committee meeting on 13th July where the pre-application notice had discussed. Joe Giacopazzi also raised concerned about 80 house against 50 in the development plan, education capacity, and lack of motorway junction to Milnathort. A member of the public asked if the project could simply be land speculation but the CC understanding was that it was the developer’s intention to build.

Planning applications submitted - Erection of dwelling house at Hattonburn lodge – no comment

Planning applications determined – erection of dwelling house and garage at land 20 metres north of Craigmill Farm Cottage - approved; extension to Ashley House Care Home - approved; extension to house in Auld Mart Lane– approved

New matters and Correspondence

There will be road resurfacing taking place between Powmill and Crook of Devon. The work is due to start on 15th Aug and is expected to take 3 weeks. A convoy system will be in place during this time.

Best Kept Village - Milnathort has entered for the first time in a number of years. Judging takes place on 26th July. The intention had been to get young people involved in this but school holidays have made that difficult. It was felt that the village was looking well with the 2 ex-pubs looking good, especially The Royal. There is an untidy area around the school where new young saplings have been planted but this can only be tidied once the saplings are dormant. Other unkept areas highlighted include Forth Wines and the former CarSpa garage. The community are allowed to nominate 1 exclusion zone for the judges and it was agreed that this would be garage.

Steven Young had received an anonymous letter about tree branches overhanging pavements and asked what could be done. Mike Barnacle said PKC can ask the landowner to cut these back and if not PKC would do it and bill the landowner. Steven Young agreed to make a list and send to PKC. A member of the public brought up that there were overgrown areas at Burleigh Castle making passing difficult. Steven agreed to contact PKC Community greenspace team about this.

There were no further comments or questions from members of the public.

PKC Ward CCIr Update

Mike Barnacle – Mike had sent a letter to Nick Brian and Peter Marshall of PKC calling for the Ochil Hills to be given regional park status. PKC have not been helpful but Mike has also sent his letter to Clackmananshire council. Glenfarg and Fossoway CCs have given support for this. Mike is now on PKCs Outdoor access forum with responsibility for obtaining feedback from CCs. Mike has also written a letter to SEPA and Environment Scotland about the Loch Leven catchment policy. There are concerns that policy and protocol may not be being adhered to, especially with retrospective planning applications. Mike is calling for the policy to be reviewed or enforced. Mike had received a telephone call from the Courier about Milnathort becoming a conservation area. Mike said that PKC were not intending to introduce any more conservation areas, instead ensuring that the current ones were maintained as required. Mike felt there had not been enough public consultation with Milnathort residents on the town's status.

Joe Giacobazzi – Joe provided an update in advance. The broken fence along the roadside between Milnathort and Kinross has now been repaired. Stonework on the town hall steeple needs repaired.

Willie Robertson – Willie provided an update in advance. He had received a complaint about builder's debris being left. PKC inspected the materials and it was found to be materials required for work on a block of flats, no action required. The grass verges in Tillyrie area needed cutting and residents were now cutting them themselves. Mike Barnacle said that PKC cuts are once a year but that if safety issues are reported they should come out and cut them. David Baudains will follow this up with Willie.

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There was a request for town hall clock to tell the right time.

Edinburgh Airport are holding a consultation on potential arrival/departure routes. No routes have proposed as yet. Further details are on the MCC web site.

Next meeting 11th August 7:30pm in town hall.