

# MILNATHORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting June 11th 2015 in Milnathort Church Hall

1. Welcome. CClr Hamilton Chair, welcomed CCllrs Cottinham, Halford, Milne-Home, Smith and Thomson. Also in attendance P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi, and three members of the public.
2. Apologies. CClls Bennet & Pettinger and PKC Cllr Robertson.
3. Police Report. PC Goodison our community sergeant presented a brief report. The Scottish Government Safety Campaigned on drink and driving has had an impact and over the same time scale in 2014 and 2015 Jan – March there has been a 17% reduction in convictions. Speeding convictions are also down 57%.  
A vehicle obstructing pavement in Stirling Road has been removed and the owner traced. Nothing should obstruct the passage of wheel chairs and prams on pavements, and to do so is against the law.  
The Chief Superintendent is positive about Police Scotland, and Perth & Kinross have found a better service of unusual resources, which improves the emergency services and outcomes.  
A prescription drug is being invented to eventually produce a roadside kit to test for drugs as we have now for drink driving.  
A wheelbarrow was stolen in the area.
4. Minutes from the May meeting were proposed and seconded by CClls Smith and Thomson.
5. Matters Arising
  - a) Prizes for the Best Dressed windows in Milnathort Shops are being awarded to four windows reflecting Yesteryear. Milnathort Agriculture (formally Robertsons), the MB Salon, Davidsons Chemist and Heaven Scent were outstanding, reflecting vintage Agriculture, The Flower Show, Vintage Pharmaceutical, and wonderful Steam Trains at the likes of Milnathort Station. Prizes go to all four businesses and our appreciation for the excellent displays.
  - b) Mains Gas is to be installed in Bridgefauld Road and is presently scheduled to happen in July 2015.

- c) Proposed CC Boundary Changes. PKC and the CCs are against this proposal happening and our Councillors are to keep us up to date.
- d) Signs are now up regarding dog control, and the lady frightened by an unruly dog in Donaldson Park has written to thank the Council for the prompt action.

6. Planning

MCC considered the following applications – no objections were raised.  
**15/00687/FLL** Extension to dwellinghouse at Bridge House, Dalqueich for Mr Eric Waugh

**15/00712/FLL** Change of use and alterations of steadings to provide additional domestic storage and amenity space at Thomanean House for Alexander Harley Seeds Milnathort Ltd

The Mcc also noted the following decisions by PKC

**15/00240/IPM** Variation of conditions 1 and 2 of permission to allow additional time for the submission of applications for the approval of matters specified in conditions, and the commencement of development Land At Pitdownies Farm Manse Road Milnathort for The General Trustees Of The Church Of Scotland – Application Approved

**15/00472/FLL** Installation of roof mounted PV solar panels Blairfield Milnathort - Application Approved

**15/00488/FLL** Change of house type. Site Of Tarhill Farm Kinross for Mr And Mrs G Irwin - Application Approved

7. Milnathort to Mawcarse Cycleway Strimming.

PKC have no funding for maintenance and turned down the request to remove the turf on the tarmac (at a cost of £1,000). However MCC have managed to arrange for strimmers and labour from the Unpaid Work Team in return for providing strimmer cord at a cost of £15.90. It was suggested this is extended to Tillywhally wood where the main path is narrowing. Strimming will help, but some judicious use of weed killer maybe necessary.

8. Parking Suspension 1-3 July in Stirling Road.

The work will be repairing sunken drains. Parking will not be allowed between Mill Lade and Wester Loan during the work, and drivers are asked to park in Kays Car Park to help minimise the disruption to the area.

9. New Community Councillors Needed.

There will be an election for Council and Community Council members on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2015. Nominations close at 4pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. We will need several new members on MCC, as three of the present CCLLs are not putting themselves forward for re-election. IF YOU FEEL YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP THE COMMUNITY PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PUT A NOMINATION FORWARD FOR A PLACE ON YOUR CC.

10. PKC Councillors Comments

Cllr Giacomazzi

The Gypsy Travellers have had the PKC decision to refuse their application near Mawcarse reversed in an appeal to the Scottish Government... Permission for two pitches are now allowed with condition on sewage and generator noise. (A pitch is for one semi permanent dwelling and two towing caravans).

Milnathort Sewage upgrade is on line. It will be a big upheaval but Milnathort needs this upgrade of the sewage system. Pipes will be laid by the cross and in the paddocks to the south of the village behind New Road, with a tank in that area too.

A dog waste bin is now in place on Ba' Hill. Dog owners are requested to take dog foul in plastic bags to Dog waste bins and NOT to leave them in the country side and pathways.

The Civic Trust has applied for Milnathort to be made a Conservation Village despite the strong rejection of the concept at MCC meetings.

Cllr Barnacle

An overview of representation on the new Local development Plan will be made on line shortly. Most sites are as before, so no new ones in Milnathort. On Oct 7th the plan will be out for consultation till Dec. The revised plan will be published in the News Letter in the New Year. Then there will be public meetings in the villages. There will be a need to asses

if the villagers are relaxed about the changes which will come into effect in 2019.

There being no comments or question from the floor the meeting was closed

11. The next meeting will be on Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> in Orwell Church Hall at 7.30.