

Minutes of MIB Committee meeting held on Monday 2th July 2021 in the garden of Sandra Wilson, Robinsfield, Bardowie

Present: Tim Rhead (Chair), Sandra Wilson (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Parbrook, Fiona Lawrie, Helen Martin, Ian Mitchell, Moira Clark, Anne Craw, Tam Spaeth, Diane Black

Apologies: Norman McLeod, John Davies and Sheena MacLachlan

1. The minutes from the meeting on 21st June 2021 were approved.

2. Chair's Report

- a. **Pandemic** – Now that we are in Tier 0 more people can meet outdoors but indoor gatherings of more than 4 households are not permitted. This may change from 9th August.
- b. **Publicity** - Sandra contacted the Community Magazine and spoke to the Sales department. She is planning an article for the September edition about bulb planting in Lennox Park and one for the November edition about our 2022 calendar. She asked about flyer inserts but it is too expensive and we will be placing an advert instead which will mention the shops that will be selling the calendar. This will cost £100.
- c. **Healthy Habits** - We have agreed to have a stall at this event in the precinct on 11th September, which could be an opportunity to recruit new volunteers. Suggestions for items for the stall included a display of before and after photographs of some of our sites, knitted flowers, cress in eggshells and strawberry plants. Diane will co-ordinate with help from other committee members and volunteers. **Action: DB**
- d. **Health & Safety** - Tam has updated the risk assessments but there is concern about the clause that states that a trained person will attend all group activities, as this is not realistic. Jon Berry, Training Coordinator for Carers Link could be invited to come to the AGM and do some training. He has had a recent bereavement but Sandra will make contact nearer the time. **Action: SW** The risk assessments will be added to the website and all new volunteers referred to them as part of their induction to MiB. It was noted that we do not have an accident book. Evelyn volunteered to put a notebook beside the First Aid kit in the shed. **Action: EP**
- e. **Lennox Park** - Tim circulated the report following the recent visit. The proposed location for a polytunnel is not suitable due to lack of services and we feel it is best to concentrate on bulb planting in the lower part of the park as well as improving sports facilities and seating. Tim will respond accordingly. **Action: TR**
- f. **Milngavie Youth Centre** - Tim circulated a report following the meeting he and Sandra attended with Lynne Gibbons and Stuart Sharkie on 15th June to discuss future plans. MYC hopes to resume activities soon and as their income has been severely reduced due to lockdown, they are planning on applying for grants. They are keen to improve the exterior of the building and would welcome help and advice from MiB, although we suggested they contact EDC to weedkiller the weeds around the Waypoint. The toilets should be open in the near future as

agreement has almost been reached regarding funding for staff. Tim advised that MiB would need access to the Centre to turn off the power while new sockets are being installed. He has since emailed Stuart to request a meeting but has had no response. Tim will follow up. **Action: TR**

- g. **AGM** - We are hoping to hold this indoors and as we have to give 2 weeks notice, the proposed date is either 23rd or 30th September 2021. The Waypoint is too small for MiB meetings, however the United Free Church Hall was suggested as a possible venue as it has ample seating and equipment. Sandra will contact Heather Lindsay regarding use of the hall. **Action: SW** As Anne Craw is stepping down from the Committee any nominations for a replacement should be forwarded to Tim at least 7 days before the AGM. **Action: ALL.** With regards possible speakers at the AGM, initial thoughts were Tony from the BID, Stuart Sharkie or Jon Berry.
- h. **Plant Sale on 31st July** - Plants will be taken to the church garden the evening before. Helen and Diane will be directing visitors when they arrive at the sale and will provide them with a box or plastic bag for plants if required. There will be no prices on the plants, donations will be made on the way out of the garden.
- i. **Telephone Box** - Diane has emailed Hamish from Men's Sheds regarding the perspex that needs to be replaced. She hasn't had a response as yet as they are currently working on Gavins Mill. In order to draw attention to the phone box, Diane is proposing to put a couple of hanging baskets on the outside. She has still to print off before and after photographs for display inside the phone box and it was suggested that Rannoch Press may be able to produce banners which could also be hung inside. **Action: DB**
- j. **Visit to North Berwick** - Stan Da Prato has invited a group of us to visit on 5th August 2021. It was suggested that a maximum of 14 people could go and Sandra will email the gardening group and ask if anyone wishes to go. **Action: SW**
- k. **MSP** - Marie McNair, our new MSP, has asked for a meeting to discuss any help she could give to MiB. Tim has provided potential dates that he and Sandra are available and is waiting to hear back from her.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. **Monthly accounts** - Norman submitted his monthly report.

4. Fundraising Report

- a. **Grant Fundraising** – John circulated an email detailing 3 potential grants available for us to apply for. After some consideration it was agreed not to proceed with any applications at present.
- b. **2022 Calendar** - Ian has been providing photographs for consideration but does not wish to be involved in choosing the final 12. It was agreed that similar to last year, a sub group will be set up and Sandra, Helen and Moira agreed to assist. Anne will arrange a meeting to draw up action plan. **Action: AC** It was noted

that we still need a good photograph with Milngavie in the background for the front cover of the calendar.

5. Gardening Report

- a. **General** - There have been 3 main sessions and 1 evening session since the last committee meeting. Attendance has been good with some new volunteers. The focus has been on maintenance of all areas and adding extra plants where needed, mainly with contributions from volunteers' gardens. During the evening session work was carried out by the station steps, cutting back overgrown bushes and weeding and tidying. Work days on the WHW are back to normal, with no requirement to stagger start and finish times with volunteers from the Ramblers. General weeding and cutting back has been done as well as some strimming. Some plants are needed for the new bed at the junction. We are waiting to see the BID improvements to the town centre, especially around the Fraser Centre, and have moved barrels and some other plants from one of the beds. All areas are looking good and greatly admired.
- b. **Watering** - It was agreed that we should recognise the contribution from the "Bowser Boys" who have watered our beds, planters and barrels continuously during this exceptionally dry spell, by way of a Milngavie Gift Card. They should also be provided with MiB tabards as members of the public may think that they are council workers. **Action: EP** We could do with another person to help with the watering and could use our stall on 11th September to advertise.

6. Clean Sweep

- a. Another good month with great turnout on both days, although some volunteers still continue to litter pick in their own time. All areas around the village were covered as well as the Auchenhowie Road, Hunter Road and Craighdu Road. There have been several instances of bags of clothes being found on the pathway alongside the railway station and in the car park next to the Tesco recycling bins. This is most likely due to the charity shops being overwhelmed with donations.
- b. Tim and Sheena met with representatives from Tesco and Marks & Spencer to discuss the issue of discarded trolleys around the village and in the river. Both employ people to round up trolleys but they provided us with contact numbers to report stray trolleys and they will endeavour to pick them up. Although they have the same Health & Safety issues as MiB, they will try to retrieve trolleys from the river if they are reported, provided it is low enough.

7. IT Report

- a. **Email account** - Fiona met with Thelma Will to try and resolve the issue of access to our hotmail account. At present emails are being forwarded to Fiona's personal email account. Although this was successful, when Thelma tried to delete the request to forward emails, it threw up security questions about Barbara Adam who set up the account originally. We are locked out of the account until 16th August but emails are still being forwarded to Fiona. Barbara

has confirmed that she would be happy to meet with Fiona and Thelma to resolve the security issues.

- b. **Facebook** – We have had several requests for help with gardening which have been responded to.

8. Volunteers

- a. **Membership Listing** - Lists are being updated and there are 20 people to be contacted to ascertain if they still wish to remain on our contact list. **Action: TS/IM**
- b. **Milling about Milngavie** - Tam suggested that we print the document in colour for the general public to enjoy. Copies could be made available at the train station, library, Gavin's Mill and the Lillie. Some of the photos may need updated, Sandra will review and get a quote for printing from Rannoch Press. **Action: SW**

Date of Next Meeting - Monday 13th September 2021, time and venue TBC

ACTION LIST

Liaise with relevant individuals re stall at Health Habits event on 11 th September	DB
Contact Jon Berry re training at AGM	SW
Provide Accident book for shed	EP
Respond to Lennox Park report	TR
Follow up with Stuart Sharkie re access to MYC	TR
Contact Heather Lindsay re use of United Free Church hall for AGM	SW
Contact Rannoch Press re banners for telephone box and print off photographs	DB
Email gardening group re visit to North Berwick on 5 th August	SW
Arrange calendar sub group meeting	AC
Purchase gift cards for “bowser boys” and provide with MiB tabards	EP
Update membership listing	TS/IM
Review photos in Milling about Milngavie document and obtain quote from Rannoch Press for printing	SW

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