

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 15th November 2016

Venue: Cambuslang Institute

Present

J Taylor Chairman
D Thomson Vice Chairman
H B Allan Secretary
J Bachtler Treasurer
H Allison
R Allison
M Gurling
M Farmer
L Wallace

In Attendance

Sgt J Lee (Police Scotland)
M Cameron (Friends of Douglas Park)
D Porter (Friends of Douglas Park)
S Smith
E A Allan (Minute Secretary)

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Members and others present to the Meeting.

Apologies

Cllr W Brogan, Cllr P Clearie, Cllr R Clearie, Cllr C McColl, Cllr R Tullett, J Kelly MSP.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of 18th October were read.

Corrections

There were no corrections.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

The Minutes were approved by Mrs Gurling and seconded by Mr Thomson.

Police Report

See Appendix 1.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Lee for his report and opened the Meeting to questions.

Mrs Gurling asked if anything was being done about the use of mobile phones while driving. Sgt Lee said people doing this are actively targeted and receive a fixed penalty notice.

Mrs Allison raised the issue of vehicles which are stationary but still have their engines running. Sgt Lee said environmental issues such as this are dealt with by local councils.

Mr Cameron asked about a recent break-in in Stewarton Drive. Sgt Lee said he was not aware of any pattern of break-ins.

Mr Cameron said he is seeing a lot of people parking on double yellow lines in West Coats Road. Sgt Lee said this will be monitored.

There being no questions to Sgt Lee, the Chairman thanked him for his attendance and Sgt Lee left the Meeting.

Chairman's Correspondence

There was no Chairman's correspondence.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary said there have been the usual planning applications for domestic conversions. Notification has been received of several processions. The Secretary advised that he had laid a wreath on behalf of the Community Council at the Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial in Cambuslang Park.

Treasurer's Report

October balance	£4,001.92
Balance today	£62,949.80

Sums paid into the account since the October meeting were £58,960.00 (Scottish Government CCF grant) and withdrawn of £12.12 (L Wallace for TCCCF pulleys).

There is also £1,328.76 of expenditure incurred but not yet withdrawn. This comprises bulb planting for Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park, canes and evergreen plants for TCCCF, membership of Clyde Cycle Park, taxi fares and printing of business cards.

Effective balance is therefore £61,708.96.

With regard to other financial issues, the Treasurer said most of the £35,000 grant for the Town Centre Communities Capital Fund has now been paid out. There is £1,706.41 remaining.

Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park grant of £1,000 from Forestry Commission for woodland based activities is being negotiated.

Request has been sent to Royal Bank of Scotland for separate bank accounts for Cambuslang in Bloom and Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park. Application has been approved but not confirmed. The Treasurer said he will chase up this matter with RBS again.

Cycle Project

Mr Bachtler said there has been a meeting with the chief executive of Clyde Gateway to discuss their views on these projects. The current boundary of Clyde Gateway ends at the motorway. Mr Bachtler wants to see if the boundary could be extended.

A funding application is currently being worked on.

Friends of Holmhills Park

Mrs Farmer said the group have had a meeting recently and have put together a constitution. They have a project on craft woodland activities targeted at the over 50s, details of which are on their Facebook page.

Friends of Douglas Park

Mr Porter said there are ongoing dealings with South Lanarkshire Council. The committee are still awaiting a proposal on the terms of the lease. They held a successful event on Bonfire Night with over 100 people present.

Mr Cameron said they want to demonstrate significant community involvement. South Lanarkshire Council want evidence of what activities the community will be involved in. South Lanarkshire Council seem to be holding out on the lease unless they know the group show that they can run and manage the park and give effective plans on community involvement.

Greening the Main Street

Mr Bachtler said there is just over £1,700 left. Scotrail have provided additional welcome banners at Cambuslang Station.

Cambuslang in Bloom

Mrs Wallace said winter planting has been carried out, with use of evergreen plants. She said they are becoming a constituted group. Mrs Wallace is Chair of the group. Fund raising is the next task. It is hoped to hold a bag packing session in Sainsburys on 8th April.

Community Choices Fund

Mr Bachtler said a second steering group meeting has been held. It is the intention to open for applications in two weeks' time. There will be a general application process for anyone or any group in Cambuslang, and applications will then move on to neighbourhood specific applications. The steering group involves Health n Happy, school, Universal Connections, LEAP and representatives of different parts of the community.

Maintenance of Main Street

Mr Bachtler said a business survey is being carried out to back up data about parking and the state of the pavements. He has a meeting with Universal Connections on Thursday to try to get some young people to work on the survey. The survey is intended to find out how businesses feel their business is going and what is influencing businesses in terms of the environment of the Main Street, and what factors would business owners see as making a difference. It is the intention to make this an issue at the next local council elections.

Mrs Allison said a residents' survey would also be helpful.

Mrs Wallace said a major problem is that there is no town centre manager with direct responsibility for Cambuslang.

Community Rail Project

Mr Bachtler said he was invited to attend a Community Rail Partnership Group. It is their intention to form partnerships with communities from Rutherglen to Hamilton. They want to help support community groups and have received £20,000 from the Scottish Government to look at ways of helping community groups develop projects.

Any Other Business

Mr Thomson said the Cambuslang branch of the Royal British Legion now have their standards. These were dedicated on Friday and paraded on Sunday. Mr Thomson said he had attended the Remembrance services on the Friday and Sunday of Remembrance Week.

Mr Thomson thanked Chairman, Mr Taylor, for his work over the years and wished him all the best as he now steps down as Chairman of the Community Council.

Closure of Meeting

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the Meeting, thanking all present for their attendance. The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st February 2017 in Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.

APPENDIX ONE**Police Report Given to Cambuslang Community Council on 15th November 2016**

Sgt Lee said he is involved in the current drugs initiative in Cambuslang. At present, this is at the intelligence gathering stage and they have currently applied for some warrants. This should have a positive impact on the community. He is hopeful there will be progress within the next month.

Sgt Lee advised people to be cautious as there have been some robberies in the area with Post Offices and betting shops among the targets.

There has been an increase in stolen cars being found in Cambuslang. It seems the cars have been driven into Cambuslang from the motorway and left.

Disorder has not been too bad in the last month although two officers were injured in an incident in Newton.

Police will be launching a campaign in the first week of December targeting drink driving. This will run until the first week in January. The drink driving limit in Scotland has been lowered.

Sgt Lee said Rutherglen will have more officers from 6th February. Following a restructuring, more officers will come down from East Kilbride.