

# **CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

### **Venue: Cambuslang Institute**

#### **Present**

D Thomson Chairman  
M Farmer Vice-Chairwoman  
H B Allan Secretary  
J Bachtler Treasurer  
H Allison  
R Allison  
I Frame  
D MacDonald  
Dr D Porter  
L Wallace

#### **In Attendance**

Cllr M Walker  
G Smith  
E A Allan (Minute Secretary)

#### **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed Members and others present to the Meeting.

#### **Apologies**

M Gurling, Cllr J Bradley, Cllr A Le Blond

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> April were read.

#### **Corrections**

There were no corrections.

#### **Matters Arising**

##### **Closure of Cambuslang Police Station**

Mr Bachtler said it had been decided that Cambuslang Community Council were going to write to Chief Inspector McSherry taking issue with the possible closure of Cambuslang Police Station. A letter was sent, raising a number of issues in relation to clarification of the decision making process and seeking details of the assessment being applied. A reply has been received saying this is an assessment process and any final decision has not yet been finalised. At present, feedback is being sought. Mr Bachtler said the reply did not address any of the substantive points and a further letter has been sent requesting a meeting. Cllr Walker said if a consultation process is to be carried out, it would be important to meet with local people.

The Minutes were approved by Mrs Allison and seconded by Mrs Farmer.

**Police Report**

There was no Police presence at the Meeting.

**New Members**

Mr Bachtler introduced Gill Smith who is interested in joining as an Associate Member and invited her to address the meeting. She said she has wide experience in marketing and marketing of events within the public and third sectors and has been involved in submission of various funding applications. It was unanimously agreed that she should join the Community Council as an Associate Member.

Mr Bachtler said Elizabeth-Anne Callaghan and Don Ferguson have expressed an interest in becoming members.

**Local Government Elections**

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Walker on her election and invited her to address the meeting. Cllr Walker said she is currently still feeling her way into what is going on. She will be finding out what the decision making structure is regarding the Local Development Plan. She is hoping to make sure she is on the relevant committee to put forward the case for an action plan for Cambuslang Main Street.

Mrs Farmer said she believes Glasgow City Council allow more access to the public to some of their committee meetings. It would be good if Cambuslang Community Council could get access to committee meetings especially with regard to some of the issues which have arisen over the last couple of years.

Mr Bachtler said it came up at the hustings meeting that people did not feel they were being specifically consulted about some issues. He said it had been good to see an attendance of 120 plus at the hustings meeting.

Mr Bachtler said the Community Council should write to the demitting South Lanarkshire Councillors to thank them for their service. This was agreed unanimously.

**Chairman's Correspondence**

There was no Chairman's correspondence.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary said details of numerous processions have been received.

Notification has been received that an external fire escape staircase is to be erected at The Bakery premises on Greenlees Road.

A letter has been received from Barham Glen Architects providing details of a proposed social housing development at the former Mitchell's premises on Somervell Street/Bridge Street. Since this would be for 50 or more dwellings, this application would be classed as

a major development. The Secretary circulated a layout map which had been included with the letter. He said it would appear that this relates to the site which the Community Council have been hoping for some time might be used as a Park and Ride facility.

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### CCC Main Bank Account

April balance	£50,889.10
Balance today	£6,933.99

Most of the expenditure since the last meeting relates to disbursement of grants. There are a couple of items such as a gazebo and banner which were bought as part of the project and which Cambuslang Community Council will retain for future use. One of the final payments made from the TCCCF was for two more barrier baskets.

Money raised through fundraising has been transferred over to Cambuslang in Bloom. There are still some items in the system including payment to Scott Hunter for labels for baskets and to Nairnbrook Printing for new banners.

Mr Bachtler said the Administration Grant from South Lanarkshire Council was completely committed by the end of March. He still has to make a report to South Lanarkshire Council on the year's accounts up to April.

Ms Smith asked what the payment of just under £15,000 to Healthy n Happy related to. The Treasurer said this was for work done by people seconded by Healthy n Happy to help with the CCF project.

#### Cambuslang in Bloom Account

April balance	£300.00
Balance today	£3,527.16

The increase in this balance is in relation to amounts advised at last month's meeting which were still in the system at that point.

#### Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park Account

April balance	£250.00
Balance today	£1,542.00

The increase in this balance relates to the CCF grant of £1,292 referred to last month which was still in the system at that point.

Mr Frame asked how it could be discovered that grants were available. The Treasurer said some projects appear on the Scottish Government website. There are also other organisations such as Tesco and the Lottery.

## **Cycle Project**

Mr Bachtler said a meeting was held on Monday and it was decided that Scottish Enterprise should be approached and a formal request put in for a Community Asset Transfer. This scheme allows groups to take over land and buildings if they show they can maintain them. A funding strategy will be developed as it will be necessary to raise between £5-8 million. He hopes an option agreement will be signed with Scottish Enterprise in the next few weeks. When this is done there will be a publicity-raising event to put the whole project onto the radar of the media.

With regard to the cycle path along the south bank of the river from Cambuslang Bridge to Dalmarnock Bridge, the Community Council has been trying to push this forward.

Mr Bachtler said South Lanarkshire Council were proposing discontinuation of the Cycle Partnership. This involves a lot of groups. He heard that South Lanarkshire Council were against setting this up in the first place and so have decided that they can do without it. This was a vehicle for getting groups and departments together to have a co-ordinated approach to cycling. Cllr Walker said she felt this should become part of the overall sustainability strategy rather than having a strategy of its own. She said she will look into why this decision is being made and to see if the Cycle Partnership can be retained.

## **Friends of Holmhills Park**

Mrs Farmer said there will be a litter pick at the park on 21<sup>st</sup> May from 10 am to 12 noon. South Lanarkshire Council have agreed to fit the bench for which the grant was received from the Community Choices Fund. The group have reapplied to enter "It's your Neighbourhood". Last year they won at Level 2 and this year are going for Level 3.

Two members of the group are going on VASLAN training courses. Mrs Farmer said she is going to do Committee Skills Training.

International Dawn Chorus Day is 7<sup>th</sup> May. This is where people get up at 4.00 am and go to their local park to listen to the birds. Two members intend to take recording equipment to record the birds.

Responses have been sent to South Lanarkshire Council in relation to the Local Development Plan, both as a group and also as individual members.

There have been cases of anti-social behaviour, including setting of fires, in Cambuslang Park and Holmhills Park.

## **Friends of Douglas Park**

Dr Porter said there is not much different from the last meeting. They are still waiting for the transfer to the community to go ahead. The committee want the area to become a focus for the community. They want to promote further community events. At the Guy Fawkes event there was a good turnout. They are hoping to hold a picnic-type event on 18<sup>th</sup> June. West Coats Primary School have agreed to participate.

### **Greening the Main Street**

Mr Bachtler said banners should be replaced soon. Labels will be put onto the barrier baskets then the rest of the money will be transferred to Cambuslang in Bloom.

### **Cambuslang in Bloom**

Mrs Wallace said the Sainsbury bag pack event raised £664. This means the total sum of money now means there is enough for this year's plants. There will be a launch event on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Mrs Wallace circulated flyers relating to this. The Minute Secretary will contact the "Reformer" to advise them of this.

An offer has been received from the Care Home on Greenlees Road to get volunteers from residents who are physically able to do some work, and another offer has been received from the Rotary Club. There has also been an offer of 1,000 croci.

### **Community Choice Fund**

Mr Bachtler said all funds have been paid out to neighbourhood groups who are now getting on with their projects. There will be ongoing activity through summer into autumn in this regard.

### **Town Centre Regeneration/LDP**

Mr Bachtler said submissions in relation to the Local Development Plan have been made to South Lanarkshire Council.

A meeting has been arranged with Michael McGlynn of South Lanarkshire Council. Mr Thomson, Mrs Farmer, Mr Bachtler and Mrs Allison will attend. He is still hoping to arrange a meeting with the Scottish Government.

Mr Bachtler has had a meeting with representatives of the Clydesdale Bank. All banks had been contacted to see what help they could offer with regard to the regeneration of Main Street.

### **Air Quality**

Dr Porter said a meeting had been held with Clare Haughey, MSP. This went quite well. It covered the Friends of the Earth report and they told her how the degree of pollution on Cambuslang Main Street put it in the top 10 worst places in Scotland.

Before going into the meeting because there is a new monitoring box Dr Porter had looked on the website to see if there was any new information. While it seems the new box will provide more information going forward, this is not yet available.

The first response from South Lanarkshire Council was that nothing will be done until figures were ratified and only then if any pollutant was found to be in excess of the limit. Dr Porter has reservations about their accuracy. He hopes to call a meeting where it can be seen whether the figures are robust.

**Any Other Business**

Mr Bachtler said the hack of the Community Council website should be repaired by the end of the week. A Dropbox has been created for everyone to access.

Mrs Wallace said if anyone wishes to make a donation to Cambuslang in Bloom there is a specific area on the website where a donation and dedication can be made.

Mr Thomson said the former Scotmid supermarket on Main Street is currently under offer.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.