

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 17th November 2015

Venue: Cambuslang Institute

Present

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

In Attendance

Cllr R Tullett
Sgt P Bucknall (Police Scotland)
L Wallace
E Cais (Friends of Cambuslang Park)
D Porter (Friends of Douglas Park)
M Cameron (Friends of Douglas Park)
I McKenzie
E A Allan (Minute Secretary)

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Members and others present to the Meeting.

Apologies

I Frame, D Sinclair, Cllr W Brogan, Cllr P Clearie, Cllr R Clearie, Cllr C McColl, J Kelly MSP

Associate Members

Mr Cameron and Mr Porter of Friends of Cambuslang Park had expressed an interest in becoming Associate Members. This was agreed by the Members.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of 20th October were read.

Corrections

There were no corrections.

Matters Arising

The Chairman said any matters arising would be dealt with in the course of the Meeting

The Minutes were approved by Mr Bachtler and seconded by Mr Thomson.

Police Report

See Appendix 1.

Questions to Police Representative

The Chairman thanked the Police representative for his report and opened the Meeting to questions.

Mrs Farmer asked about youth crime. She said she had heard the helicopter in the area recently. Sgt Bucknall said the last time the helicopter was used, it was to assist with a search for a missing person.

Mr Porter mentioned a break-in to a property in Central Avenue in the middle of the night. Sgt Bucknall said someone has been arrested in relation to that. He said if people are concerned about home security, advice is available. Housebreaking is an acquisitive crime, and there will always be some instances of attempts at domestic housebreaking. Vigilance is important.

The Chairman said window alarms can be a good deterrent. Sgt Bucknall said the police still come across people who have burglar alarms fitted but do not switch them on.

Mrs Farmer asked if people are reporting crimes. There have been instances of people posting on Facebook that they have been broken into. Sgt Bucknall said all instances of housebreaking should be reported. If someone sneaks into a house it is regarded as theft.

Mr McKenzie asked if there could be a reporting system to alert people to things which were happening. He believed there had previously been one for Rutherglen and wondered if something similar could be operated for Cambuslang.

Mr McKenzie mentioned the ongoing issue of speed on Brownside Road and more instances of walls being broken due to car accidents. The Chairman said a recent incident had left parts of three walls broken.

There being no further questions to the Police representative, the Chairman thanked him for his attendance and the Police representative left the Meeting.

Chairman's Correspondence

The Chairman has received a reply from South Lanarkshire Council to his letter concerning possible housing development at Cambuslang Golf Club. The letter stated that at present no planning application has been submitted for development of this land. The Chairman intends to contact South Lanarkshire Council and ask to be kept informed of any future planning application.

Secretary's Report

There is the usual number of planning applications to turn garages into rooms or build extensions but nothing else to report planning wise.

On Sunday 8th November the Secretary and Minute Secretary had attended the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial where the Secretary had laid a wreath on behalf of the Community Council. While there was a good turnout, considering weather conditions, the Secretary said it was disappointing not to see more Members present.

Treasurer's Report

October balance	£1,254.13
Balance today	£1,916.85

Income since last month £88.50 Summerfest Prize Money, £574.22 Pride of Place Grant.

Outstanding Expenditure: £78.00 Community Survey - fee to Survey Monkey for three months at £26 per month. Not yet reimbursed to Mr Bachtler. £574.22 to be paid to South Lanarkshire Council for new bulbs - awaiting correct invoice.

Cycle Project

Work is continuing on the Clyde Walkway and Cycle Path and a bid by Central Scotland Green Network is being prepared.

Mr Bachtler circulated details of the proposed National Cycle Centre at Bogleshole Road as he thought it would be interesting to show what the proposals look like. A feasibility study has been commissioned and it has shown that such a centre can be accommodated. The likely cost is estimated at £5 million upwards. It is intended to set up a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Mr Smith is working on a bid for funding and a detailed business plan will be drawn up. It is intended that there will be four different courses which can be rented out during the week for revenue.

Cambuslang Green Network

Mr Bachtler has been in touch with schools which have been developing green plans. There will be a further meeting in December.

Community Survey Update

A strategy document has been prepared. Consideration is being given as to whether it would be possible to acquire any of the land at Mitchells for a park and ride. Abellio are interested in a park and ride. Mr Bachtler will write to Mr Laird, Head of Roads and Transportation.

Town Centre Community Capital Fund

A bid of £130,000 was submitted in September to fund a range of improvements to Main Street. £35,000 has been allocated. This is intended for a planting programme, hanging baskets, planters, a "welcome" sign, and to improve the appearance of the empty shop units in Cambuslang Gate.

Mr Bachtler passed on his thanks to Mrs Allison, Mrs Farmer, Mrs Wallace and Mr McKenzie for the work they had put in with regard to this bid.

Friends of Douglas Park

Two members attended a course on how to write successful funding applications. The management committee are meeting as often as possible. A local garden designer/landscape architect is drawing up plans. These will be finalised in the next few weeks and submitted to South Lanarkshire Council.

Holmhills Community Park

Mrs Farmer said she had been looking into the history of Holmhills Park. The Pride of Place grant will be used for planting of bulbs.

Relocation of Post Office

Mr Bachtler said he has heard a lot of people saying they are against the relocation of the Post Office to its new location. The feeling is that a Post Office should be in the centre of the community.

Any Other Business

Mrs Farmer said that a neighbour had asked her if anyone from the Community Council would be interested in speaking at a meeting of the Rotary Club.

Mr Taylor advised that the next meeting was scheduled for the third Tuesday in February. Mr Bachtler said it would be necessary to have another meeting before that date so that decisions could be made about the Town Centre funding. After discussion, it was agreed that an additional meeting would be held on the third Tuesday in January.

Closure of Meeting

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the Meeting, thanking all present for their attendance and wishing them an enjoyable Festive Season. The next, additional, Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th January 2016 in Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.

APPENDIX ONE**Police Report Given to Cambuslang Community Council on 17th November 2015**

Sgt Bucknall said that, as reported previously, there is currently a little lull in levels of anti-social behaviour. There had been some instances of disorder in Birch Drive but there is a CCTV camera there which seems to have helped solve the problem.

There have recently been some instances of housebreaking in Rutherglen, and Sgt Bucknall reminded all present how important it is to continue to be vigilant with regard to not leaving car keys visible and ensuring doors and windows are locked.

In general, things seem to be on a reasonably even keel at present.