

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 17th October 2017

Venue: Cambuslang Institute

Present

D Thomson Chairman
H B Allan Secretary
H Allison
R Allison
M Gurling
E A Callaghan
D Ferguson

In Attendance

PI R Bryce (Police Scotland)
PS B McMahon (Police Scotland)
PC P Patterson (Police Scotland)
PC A MacIntyre (Police Scotland)
Cllr A LeBlond
Cllr M Walker
L MacAskill
E A Allan (Minute Secretary)

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Members, Police representatives, elected representatives and others present to the Meeting.

Apologies

J Bachtler, M Farmer, D Porter, L Wallace, Cllr J Bradley, G Killen, MP

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of 19th September were read.

Corrections

There were no corrections.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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

Police Report

The Chairman thanked the Police representatives for their report and opened the meeting to questions.

Mrs Allison asked if it would be possible to have more patrols at the bottom of West Coats Road as there is now a problem there with more cars U-turning again. Mr Ferguson said this also happens at the traffic lights at Cambuslang Station. PC Patterson said the police will be around that area on bikes and on foot. Fixed penalty notices can be issued.

Cllr Walker said parking is a major issue right across the whole South Lanarkshire Council area. A parking review document has been issued by the Scottish Government. Some of the points have been referred to the Road Safety Forum which has been tasked to come up with an action plan to see how police and the local authority use their powers. She will keep the Community Council updated with any developments.

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked the Police representatives for their attendance and the Police representatives left the Meeting.

Chairman's Correspondence

There was no Chairman's correspondence.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary said this has been a quiet month with regard to planning, with only the usual applications for change of garage to accommodation or other house extensions.

He said he and the Minute Secretary had been happy to receive an invitation to attend the service for the receipt of the VC paving stone in memory of John Brown Hamilton VC. He wished to record his thanks to everyone involved in organising what was a memorable occasion.

The Secretary confirmed to the Meeting that, after 25 years as Secretary, he intends to step down as Secretary at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. He also confirmed that Mrs Allan would be stepping down as Minute Secretary.

The Secretary said he would be laying a wreath on behalf of the Community Council at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was unable to attend but had provided the following report. The only change since last month has been the addition of 45p interest.

CCC Main Bank Account

September balance	£3,124.19
Balance today	£3,124.64

Balances in the two undernoted accounts are the same as at last month's Meeting.

Cambuslang in Bloom Account

Balance today	£2,979.48
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Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park Account

Balance today	250.00
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Cambuslang Cycling Project

The Minute Secretary said Mr Bachtler had asked that the Meeting be advised that the position is the same as last month, with engagement with local businesses and Scottish Enterprise. A meeting of the Clyde Cycle Park SCIO is being arranged.

Friends of Douglas Park

The Minute Secretary gave the Meeting details of an update provided by Dr Porter. In this, he confirmed that, after two years of discussion, the Asset Transfer Committee within South Lanarkshire Council has recently recommended in favour of the Council granting a 12-year lease for Douglas Park to Friends of Douglas Park to retain the site for community use. While this decision is still subject to final agreement with the Council, the terms of the lease are being discussed and it is now possible to begin to plan ahead with community regeneration of the park. The Committee is looking for input from anyone in the community with any ideas or proposals.

Friends of Douglas Park encourage any individual aged 16 or over, or family, who reside in the area adjoining Douglas Park, or who use Douglas Park, or who have a connection with the Cambuslang Area, to support the project and become a member of the group. Membership is free. Members will be kept up to date with what is happening, be able to vote in members' meetings and vote in the group's AGM. The more people in the community who are members, the stronger the group will be, and the stronger the application Friends of Douglas Park would be able to make for funding to look after and develop Douglas Park for the community.

Greening the Main Street

The Minute Secretary said Mr Bachtler had asked that the Meeting be advised that a final report is now being prepared.

Community Choice Fund

Mr Bachtler had asked the Minute Secretary to report that most projects are still being delivered. A legacy video is being filmed by Healthy n Happy.

Town Centre Regeneration/LDP

The Minute Secretary gave the following update which Mr Bachtler had provided.

Police Station - Cambuslang is not included on list of vacant stations being sold. There is no further information on plans for police service for the town.

Regeneration Forum - Mr Bachtler is preparing an application to the Scottish Government under a new scheme for funding to run the forum.

Petition - Mr Bachtler met Clare Williamson to discuss the petition for town centre improvement and she subsequently met Mrs Allison, Mrs Farmer and Mrs Wallace to brainstorm ideas for publicity. Mrs Allison said she and Mr Allison, Mrs Farmer, Mrs Wallace, Clare Williamson, and representatives of the Tea Bay and Pandora's Box had a

meeting to see how the petition could be pushed forward. The plan is now to approach John Ross, leader of South Lanarkshire Council, to request a meeting to discuss the matter further before starting to do any publicity.

Parking - South Lanarkshire Council have rejected the Community Council's latest request to widen the scope of the parking review, using justification of a 2014 SLC survey which apparently supports the status quo. A request has been made for a copy of this survey.

ATM - Mr Bachtler has spoken to local business near the station about installing an ATM, and will follow up with RBS and Clydesdale. Mrs Allison said the ATM currently located on Main Street near the station has been vandalised.

Capacity - Mr Bachtler has requested approval to spend up to £250 on buying administrative support for town centre regeneration and cycling projects. Officers and South Lanarkshire Council have agreed; researcher should be made an Associate Member of Cambuslang Community Council. Via Dom Sinclair of Universal Connections, Mr Bachtler is also looking at the possibilities of Cambuslang Community Council getting a student placement from a university community development course.

Cllr Walker said Gerard Killen, MP, is still in conversation with the banks to see if they can provide any alternative service. He has had a couple of meetings with them.

Cllr Walker said she has a meeting with Michael McGlynn in a fortnight's time. She is still continuing to press for any parking review to consider all concerns. She has asked Michael McGlynn if South Lanarkshire Council would be prepared to put in any time, support or resources with regard to the Regeneration Group and he said the Council will consider this.

Any Other Business

Mrs Allison said residents of the area around the former Mitchells site have received a letter from Link Housing with a new plan. Objections have to be in by next Tuesday. She said it looks as if any park and ride facility is now not going to be an option on that site.

Mrs McAskill said she had come to the meeting to see what was going on in the community. She has retired recently and now has more time to walk about in the community. While there are a couple of card shops on Main Street, the bulk of the other shops are charity shops and betting shops. She had come to the meeting to see if there was anything she could do to help. There is no problem with parking at night. The problem with parking at Cambuslang Gate is because so much of the parking there is taken up with staff parking there all day.

Cllr Walker said Cambuslang Community Council has put in a request under Community Empowerment so they have to be involved in any developments going forward. Ms Cunningham said she would like to see the Main Street made more attractive so that it would be a good environment and encourage people to go for a walk along it on a nice day. Cllr LeBlond said she has been speaking with South Lanarkshire Council about the bins. Something has to be done in that regard.

The Chairman said he had put in a Freedom of Information request about loose slabs to see how much had been paid in compensation as he wanted to compare the cost of compensation against the cost of repairs but South Lanarkshire Council would not provide figures.

Mrs Allison said the Cambuslang Remembrance Garden Group will be observing Armistice on Friday 10th November at 10.45. It is being held on Friday so that children from the local schools can attend.

Closure of Meeting

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

APPENDIX ONE**Police Report Given to Cambuslang Community Council on 17th October 2017**

The Police representatives introduced themselves to the Meeting.

PC Patterson said the police have met with the Parent Council and spoken to the Head Teacher at West Coats Primary School in relation to engines idling. It is intended to have a Road Safety Day. The school will address the issue of cars being stationary with engines running. Information about this will be put on their Facebook page. It is intended to progress this following the October week.

PC MacIntyre said with the darker mornings the police will be trying to increase their presence there and look at educating drivers on safety and how important it is.

Inspector Bryce said he oversees the local Problem Solving Team in Rutherglen and Cambuslang. He has recently taken over from Inspector Gillespie. He is going round all Community Councils to meet with them. He said Cambuslang Police Office is CID only. There is no local policing team or Problem Solving Team presence there. Staff use the office to use the computers and can spend their breaks there. Strategy is constantly under review. The police are currently running a participation survey which is still ongoing. Anyone who has not completed the survey still has time to do it. There is no definite date for the survey closing but he would anticipate it may be 4-6 weeks rather than much longer. The date of closure should be communicated once decided. He said there are two dedicated officers per ward and in some areas there may be surgeries to encourage engagement. If anyone has a view on how the police should engage, they would be interested to hear. It is important for people to see police in the community and to feel they can come up and speak to them if necessary.