

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 18th October 2016

Venue: Cambuslang Institute

Present

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

In Attendance

D Porter (Friends of Douglas Park)
D Thompson
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 R Tullett, M Ferrier MP, C Haughey MSP, J Kelly MSP.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Corrections

There were no corrections.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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

Police Report

There was no Police presence at 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, including the usual annual marches for Remembrance Sunday.

Treasurer's Report

September balance	£14,426.52
Balance today	£4,001.92

Sums paid into the account since the September meeting were £2.48 interest and £872.00 CSGN Grant.

The majority of withdrawals from the account over the same period related to the TCCCF work carried out, including banner printing and installation of street planters and planting of new plant bed. General items of expenditure which have now been shown on the bank statement are those items mentioned at the September meeting, ie stamps, Lady Haig's Poppy Factory for the Remembrance wreath, and membership of VASLAN.

There are some other items of income and expenditure which have not yet been recorded on the bank statement. Income relates to £87.92 raised through CiB fund raising, and the CCF grant of £58,960.00. Expenditure relates to £19.59 for pulleys and canes for TCCCF and £872.85 for bulb planting at Holmhills Park.

As reported at the last meeting, most of the £35,000 grant has now been paid out. There is currently £2,104.41 remaining.

FoHWCP are currently negotiating a grant of £1,000 from the Forestry Commission for woodland-based activities.

A request has been sent to RBS for separate bank accounts for Cambuslang in Bloom and Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park. Further forms have been received from RBS and have been returned.

Cycle Project

Clyde Cycle Park - A meeting has been held with Scottish Enterprise with a view to leasing the land required for this project.

The big question is whether bids can be made for EU grant funding which could give up to £1 million. However, this would need matched funding. The cost of the whole project is anticipated to be at least £5-6 million.

Clyde Walkway - Mr Bachtler said there have been no further developments since the last meeting with regard to this.

Friends of Holmhills Park

Mrs Farmer said three ponds have been drained. Funding for this came from Living Waters, funded by Viridor. Diggers cleared out the ponds and surrounding vegetation.

Application is being made for funding for equipment such as photographic equipment and equipment which can be used for camp fires and cooking. If this equipment is obtained, it can be stored when not needed and It is intended to try to encourage groups in the community to make more use of the park. Groups such as LEAP will be contacted.

Friends of Douglas Park

Mr Porter said the most recent meeting which had been held with South Lanarkshire Council's Asset Management Committee had been a very positive meeting, and the FODP committee came away with various things which they agreed to modify in terms of proposals and organisational structure. South Lanarkshire Council had expressed concern that there was not enough evidence of community involvement, so the constitution has been modified to include such matters as holding an AGM.

The FODP committee would like Cambuslang Community Council to nominate a member to be a trustee on the group to strengthen the community aspect.

South Lanarkshire Council will shortly write formally with a proposal for a 12 year lease with a break clause in year 2 in the event that the necessary funds cannot be raised to carry out proposed development. It is hoped that this proposal will be received before the end of the year. Mr Porter said this was a big step forward from where they had been before the meeting.

Greening the Main Street

Mr Bachtler said there is just over £2,000 left. It is hoped to commit this expenditure by the end of the year.

Cambuslang in Bloom

Mr Bachtler said most hanging baskets have now been removed over the winter period. Fund raising has started for next year's planting. Mrs Wallace has contacted supermarkets about the possibility of carrying out bag packing sessions and other fund raising options are being considered.

Community Choices

Mr Bachtler said the first steering group meeting was held on 27th September. The intention is that one third of the funding will be allocated through an online process and the remainder will be neighbourhood based so that all areas can have a chance to share in this. From this week, groups, associations, clubs, etc, will be alerted that this funding is available. There will be criteria attached. Bids would have to be doing something new, not just replicating existing projects unless this would involve new people. They should have visibility and be sustainable. It will be necessary to work out a funding system. Healthy n Happy will advise on this.

Maintenance of Main Street

Mrs Farmer said from South Lanarkshire Council's perspective, there is no one person who has overall responsibility for looking after Main Street as a whole. Responsibility is left to individual departments, eg Roads, Land Services. There is currently no Town Centre Forum. It is left to the community to report anything they think should be replaced or repaired. If any issues are reported to South Lanarkshire Council on their website a receipt number will be issued.

It is proposed to carry out a survey of businesses to provide support for issues such as railings and parking. Cambuslang is not alone in having issues over parking capacity. Mrs Farmer said it is hoped that the survey will lead to a more positive outcome.

Mr Thompson said parking improvements at Newton had received some funding from the City Deal project.

Mr Bachtler said he is looking for clarity with regard to when railings could be painted. He has written to Cllr Tullett, who is going to organise a walk through Main Street as a first step.

Community Council Annual Meeting

Mr Bachtler said this was held on 21st September and was attended by representatives from Burnside, Cambuslang, Halfway and Rutherglen Community Councils. This had been organised to see to what extent there were shared issues. Identified areas of concern were linking between health boards and whether medical staff in Greater Glasgow Health Board can access Lanarkshire Health Board patient records, and vice versa. Capacity building was another area of concern. Lack of attendance of elected representatives at Community Council meetings was another issue. Some never attend and some only attend intermittently.

Any Other Business

Mr Frame asked if there had been any information about what would be happening to the former Royal Bank of Scotland premises. To date, nothing is known about this.

Mrs Gurling asked about any possible new tenants for the units in Cambuslang Gate. Mr Bachtler said nothing more has been heard.

Mr Thomson said, further to last month's report, in Phase 1 boards with names will be mounted at the rear of the War Memorial in Cambuslang Park. There will be QR barcoding to enable more information to be accessed. In Phase 2, Cambuslang Remembrance Garden will be set up at the Miners' Wheel.

The Royal British Legion want to see about getting standards now the Cambuslang branch has been set up.

Following a review of policy by South Lanarkshire Council, Mark Henderson's name will be added to the South Lanarkshire War Memorial.

There will be a Remembrance event at the Miners' Wheel on 11th November.

Remembrance Sunday - The Secretary said he will be laying a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf 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, including the Annual General Meeting, will be held on Tuesday 15th November 2016 in Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.