

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 19th September 2017

Venue: Cambuslang Institute

Present

M Farmer Acting Chairwoman
D Thomson Acting Secretary
J Bachtler Treasurer
H Allison
R Allison
D MacDonald
M Gurling
L Wallace
D Porter
S Smith

In Attendance

PC P Patterson (Police Scotland)
Cllr A LeBlond
A Hyslop
M Spooner ("Reformer")

Welcome

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

Apologies

H B Allan, I Frame, G Smith, Cllr J Bradley, Cllr M Walker

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Corrections

There were no corrections.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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

Police Report

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

Mrs Wallace and Mrs Allison raised the issue of illegal parking and also the matter of cars waiting outside schools, especially those drivers who sat with engines idling.

Cllr LeBlond raised the issue of littering.

PC Patterson said he would look into these issues.

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

Chairman's Correspondence

There was no Chairman's correspondence.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary had provided a report and asked that this could be read in his absence.

There have been the usual number of planning applications for conversions or extensions to domestic properties and several notifications of public processions.

An email was received today from Planning confirming that final permission has been granted for the erection of a Memorial Wall on the land adjacent to the Toll Pitch Pavilion.

Construction of houses has now begun on the former Hoover site.

The former Jobcentre on Somervell Street seems to have fallen victim to vandalism - broken windows, etc. It was not apparent if the windows had been boarded up previously. If not, this might have been a prudent precaution to take when the Jobcentre was closed.

The Secretary fully supports ongoing efforts to try to ensure that any future survey into parking in Cambuslang should not just be confined to Park and Ride but should address all issues. The article in last week's "Reformer" highlighted the growing concerns of traders on Main Street.

Treasurer's Report

CCC Main Bank Account

June balance	£5,167.76
Balance today	£3,124.19

The Treasurer said the bulk of expenditure since the last meeting relates to disbursement of grants for the Greening Main Street project and for Greening Cambuslang. The Remembrance Day wreath has been paid for. Two payments have been made in relation to TCCCF which have still to show on the bank statement, including one for transfer of remaining money to Cambuslang in Bloom.

The accounts have been submitted to South Lanarkshire Council and approved. The administration grant will be paid by South Lanarkshire Council.

Cambuslang in Bloom Account

May balance	£3,537.16
Balance today	£2,979.48

As stated at last month's Meeting, payment has been made to Urban Alfresco and some additional money has been received from shopkeepers. As detailed in the Treasurer's Report, the balance of money from TCCCF has been transferred to Cambuslang in Bloom.

Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park Account

May balance	£1,542.00
Balance today	250.00

Payment has been refunded to Alison Park through CCF for park bench costs.

Cambuslang Cycling Project

Mr Bachtler reported on a meeting held with Liberty Steel and discussions about them becoming a major sponsor of the project. Scottish Enterprise have undertaken to provide Heads of Agreement for acquisition of the site within the next month. Community consultation will be launched to get views of the public on the project. The new Chair of the South Lanarkshire Cycling Partnership, Cllr Peter Craig, has agreed to be trustee of the Clyde Cycle Park SCIO.

Clyde Cycle Path

Mr Bachtler said Liberty Steel have also expressed support for the new cycle path and are arranging a meeting with their Estates Director.

Friends of Holmhills Park

Mrs Farmer gave a report to the Meeting.

A metal bench bought with CCC Greening Cambuslang funding has been successfully installed by South Lanarkshire Council at viewpoint location. It is proposed to spend the balance of £357.20 split between bird boxes/bug hotels made by local group Handy Folk and equipment to support group events to engage with local community. Provisional spending list will be submitted to CCC for prior approval.

Wooden toadstool seats (from earlier Cent Scotland Green Network fund) installed by Council were installed beside main pond. On several occasions vandals have thrown toadstools into pond, but they have been rescued and have remained in place in recent weeks and it is hoped they will remain in place for visitors.

The park was assessed by Keep Scotland Beautiful officer for the "It's Your Neighbourhood" annual award scheme and achieved Award as Level 2 Improver. An Award Certificate to follow.

The group is now preparing for the first AGM following advice gained from VASLAN training and support. Current Office Bearers on steering Committee are willing to volunteer for re-election, except for the Secretary. It is hoped to fill all Committee positions and adopt the Constitution at the AGM. This is provisionally scheduled for 2 November (TBC). The group are looking for new members to join and volunteers to serve on the Committee.

Project 31 and Wildly Wise run successful events within the Park. The group is arranging a Bat Walk and hopes to introduce a programme of more regular public events shortly. It is hoped to arrange an event led by a Forager.

Community Police are still patrolling the Park and have met with several group members. There is concern about three incidents where it appears that some residents bordering the Park have caused damage and enquiries are being pursued with South Lanarkshire Council. There has been further damage and no repair to dumpsite created next to Grenadier Park in 2016, felling of large trees in woodland next to Holmhills Terrace and gaps in the hedge/tree line alongside Grenville Drive.

Continuing with improving the ponds there has been some work to remove two invasive plants that have been identified. Additional volunteers to assist with this task and other practical activities would be welcomed by the Group.

The Chair of the group joined and attended a meeting of Rutherglen and Cambuslang Green Network meeting. The group aims to provide a means for local organisations to share knowledge, skills and resources with others and work in partnership to promote sustainable and healthy living throughout our community.

Friends of Douglas Park

Dr Porter reported that a letter had been received from South Lanarkshire Council Asset Management Committee approving lease of the park for two years conditional on Friends of Douglas Park raising funds for maintenance of the park. Evening events are planned for 27 October (games event and fund-raiser) and Guy Fawkes night on 5 November. Members of the board are attending a fundraising course organised by VASLAN.

Greening the Main Street

Mr Bachtler reported that the budget has now been wholly committed and paid out. A report is still to be drafted.

Cambuslang in Bloom

Mrs Wallace reported that a rota of Saturday and Wednesday shifts is working well, now involving people from a residential home. Managing the care of the planters/baskets is more manageable this year but new volunteers are needed. Also, more Cambuslang in Bloom involvement in the selection of plants next year will be necessary to ensure the right floral mix is secured. A bag pack has been organised for March 2018 at Morrisons, but a large number of helpers will be needed.

Community Choice Fund

Mr Bachtler reported that the implementation of projects was generally going well with 6 of the 24 projects complete, and these have completed an evaluation form. One project is problematic and the others are all in various stages of delivery. Jan Taylor and her team at Healthy n Happy are putting together a photo record for use in articles for the "Reformer" and a video.

Town Centre Regeneration/LDP

Mr Bachtler reported on a meeting held with Scottish Government and Scottish Towns Partnership held at the start of the summer. He proposed setting up a project group to take the regeneration plan forward and a larger forum of local groups, but the key issue is having capacity to run this. Scottish Government have advertised a new grant scheme 'Making Places' which might provide funding, and he will look into this.

Mr Bachtler also reported on progress with parking. A Participation Request had been submitted to South Lanarkshire Council for involvement of Cambuslang Community Council in decisions on parking in Cambuslang; this has been accepted. A letter signed by the Chairman has been sent to South Lanarkshire Council urging them to widen their proposed feasibility study beyond the specific issue of a Park and Ride. Mr Bachtler has been in touch with the Cambuslang West councillors, each of whom is providing support.

Air Quality

- Air quality

Dr Porter reported on the latest data from the new monitoring station in Cambuslang which provides information on a wider range of air quality indicators – so far, figures are lower than for last year. Waiting for South Lanarkshire Council's Annual Monitoring Report and Dr Porter will draft a letter to find out from South Lanarkshire Council when this is due for publication. Dr Porter met with Dr Iain Beverland of Strathclyde University over the summer; he has proposed doing a study on air quality in Cambuslang, working with the Community Council. Dr Porter will follow up.

- Emissions Review

Dr Porter reported on a Scottish Government Consultation on Low Emissions which has been launched and to which we should submit a response.

- Incinerator

Dr Porter and Mr Bachtler raised the issue of a new large-scale incinerator proposed for Hamilton which would affect Cambuslang because of the distance travelled by emissions. Blantyre and Halfway Community Councils are leading opposition to the project; it was agreed to support them by writing a letter of objection.

Any Other Business

Ailsa Hyslop (resident from Monkcastle Drive) raised several concerns:

- Lack of ATMs in the town, nowhere to get money. The Post Office is too small and lacks privacy. Mr Bachtler agreed to forward concerns to Gerard Killen MP and Clare Haughey MSP and raise them with regional directors of Royal Bank of Scotland and Clydesdale Bank.
- Paving slabs are loose on the street. Mrs Farmer asked for photos to be forwarded to her so that this could be taken up with South Lanarkshire Council.
- The MUGA pitch at James Aiton School is open in the evenings and is used for noisy ball games late into the evening. Mrs Farmer recommended contacting the local police support team.

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 17th October 2017 in Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.

APPENDIX ONE**Police Report Given to Cambuslang Community Council on 19th September 2017**

PC Patterson gave a report to the Meeting.

The new policing model is being embedded.

Police are concentrating on the Parks in Cambuslang (Holmhill Wood Community Park and Cambuslang Park) where the main problems are alcohol abuse and anti-social behaviour. Inroads are being made by identifying ringleaders and intervening early in the evening before behaviour gets out of hand. This strategy means that a reduced level of complaints is being seen.