

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 20th June 2017

Venue: Cambuslang Institute

Present

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

In Attendance

PC P Patterson (Police Scotland)
PC A MacIntyre (Police Scotland)
E A Callaghan
D Ferguson
E A Allan (Minute Secretary)

Welcome

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

Apologies

I Frame, D Porter, M Cameron, Cllr A Le Blond

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of 15th May were read.

Corrections

There were no corrections.

Matters Arising

Closure of Cambuslang Police Station

Mr Bachtler said that, following the previous Community Council Meeting, a letter had been sent to Chief Inspector McSherry saying the Community Council were not happy with feedback regarding the possible closure of Cambuslang Police Station. Chief Inspector McSherry had invited Community Council representatives to a meeting. The Chairman, Vice Chairwoman, Treasurer, Secretary and Minute Secretary had attended a meeting with Chief Inspector McSherry and Inspector Gillespie, who were very approachable and explained the new community policing model. They talked about the need for patrols on Main Street and at parks and were seeking to build up relationships with the businesses in Cambuslang so that businesses could keep the police informed about any problems. It is the intention of the police to visit each of the businesses within the next few weeks to get to know them.

Mr Bachtler said that, although other issues such as speeding were brought up, the main point raised by the Community Council representatives at the meeting was to say the Community Council was not happy with the withdrawal of any kind of physical police presence in Cambuslang and if the closure of the actual police station went ahead could the police look at some sort of office sharing, for example in Cambuslang Gate, so that there is a permanent office of some kind. Chief Inspector McSherry said no decision has been taken. There are still various options. She said she will keep the Community Council informed going forward. If the Community Council's participation request is accepted, the Community Council will have to be involved in any future decisions.

Both Chief Inspector McSherry and Inspector Gillespie were approachable and wish to improve relationships within the community of Cambuslang.

Proposed Social Housing Development at former Mitchells' site

Mrs Allison said she and Mr Allison had attended the exhibition concerning the above proposal for the site at Somervell Street/Bridge Street. The proposal is to build 84 social housing but she felt the description of the development as "social housing" was not what some people might understand by that sort of description. With regard to the former Andersons yard which had been suggested as a park and ride facility, Mrs Allison said this is owned by three different groups

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

Police Report

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

Mrs Wallace raised the issue of parking near the bottom of Buchanan Drive. As this road is not a straight road and is also on a hill it is a potentially dangerous road to drive on and parked vehicles mean it is not always possible to see if a car or other vehicle is approaching from the opposite direction. PC Patterson said the police would look at this but if this was in relation to any no waiting signs, this would be a matter for South Lanarkshire Council's Roads Department.

Mr MacDonald raised the issue of the double yellow lines which are at the bottom of West Coats Road while there are no similar double yellow lines on Greenlees Road. Again, this would be a matter for the Roads Department.

Ms Callaghan raised the issue of problems around the Tabernacle Lane area with some incidences of fighting. PC MacIntyre said the end of the football season often coincides with good weather which encourages people to drink. With the forthcoming start of the new football season issues such as this will be monitored to ensure they do not become a regular problem. Police patrolling Main Street will monitor this and will liaise with licensed premises.

The Chairman raised the issue of graffiti on Main Street and Mrs Allison raised the issue of spray cans being used at Summerfest. Mr Bachtler said he had spoken to Inspector

Gillespie at Summerfest. The police have looked at ways these incidences could be stopped but there is no legislation to stop shopkeepers selling such things as Silly String. A proposal would need to go before the Scottish Government to get a change in legislation. The Chairman said shopkeepers had been approached by the Summerfest committee and asked not to sell these products but some shopkeepers had merely said that it was not illegal to sell them. PC Patterson said with these sorts of items there is no permanent damage to property. With vandalism there has to be some sort of permanent damage. Mr Bachtler said one suggestion had been to have a distinct sort of "spray zone" where children could "go mad" with these sorts of sprays.

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.

New Members

Mr Bachtler said Elizabeth Anne Callaghan and Don Ferguson had both expressed an interest in joining the Community Council. It was agreed unanimously by Members present that they should both join as Co-opted Members.

Secretary's Report

Several planning applications have been received relating to extensions and conversions.

The Secretary said seven notifications of processions have been received.

Constitutions have been approved for Cambuslang in Bloom and for Friends of Holmhill Wood Community Park.

Treasurer's Report

CCC Main Bank Account

May balance	£6,933.99
Balance today	£5,167.76

The expenditure since the last meeting relates to disbursement of grants for the Greening Main Street project and for Greening Cambuslang.

Mr Bachtler said the Administration Grant from South Lanarkshire Council was completely committed by the end of March. The TCCCF (Greening Main Street) money has now all been committed and paid, as has CCF (Greening Cambuslang). A report will be made to South Lanarkshire Council following the recent end of the financial year.

Cambuslang in Bloom Account

May balance	£3,537.16
Balance today	£2,147.16

Payment has been made to Urban Alfresco and some additional money has been received from shopkeepers. Some more money from shopkeepers is still to come in.

Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park Account

May balance	£1,542.00
Balance today	£1,542.00

Mrs Wallace asked what the position was with regard to any funds relating to Friends of Douglas Park. The Treasurer said they are a sub-group but do not currently have a separate account.

Mrs Farmer thanked the Treasurer for all the work done on the accounts throughout the financial year.

Cycle Project

Mr Bachtler said, as reported at the last meeting, a request is being submitted for a Community Asset Transfer. Logos for the project have been designed. A first draft of a funding strategy has been developed.

Clyde Walkway

Mr Bachtler said part of this will cross land at Clydebridge Steel Works. The new owners of the steelworks, Liberty, are interested in supporting cycling.

Friends of Holmhills Park

Mrs Farmer said the litter pick was very successful with around 20 people attending, the youngest of whom was a pupil from West Coats Primary One. Two elected representatives were present and there was an article about this in the "Reformer". The pond is being developed with help from Froglife. The Chair of Friends of Holmhills Park met Sgt McMahon and Police Constables on site last week to discuss problem areas of anti-social behaviour. The police will be putting on patrols in the park. On Friday night they were on patrol in the park when problems arose and they managed to speak to the parents of those involved. The bench has been ordered and South Lanarkshire Council are going to fit it. It will be installed at a good viewing point.

Further to last month's report, Mrs Farmer said she has attended the Committee Skills Training.

Friends of Douglas Park

Mrs Wallace said she had driven past Douglas Park when they were having their picnic and it looked brilliant. Mr Bachtler said the structure for the group will be the two tier system which South Lanarkshire Council prefer them to have. South Lanarkshire Council want to see this having a community impact.

Greening the Main Street

Mr Bachtler the money has now been fully spent and a report has been submitted to the Scottish Government.

Cambuslang in Bloom

Mrs Wallace said the lion's share of the grant went to buying hanging baskets and plants. There is now enough money for the plants this year for barrier baskets. Shopkeepers pay for plants for their own hanging baskets. They want funding in place for next spring. Mrs Wallace is liaising between schools and the allotment group. She said she is hopeful the care home on Greenlees Road will become involved with the project. Mr Bachtler said some banners had not been replaced properly after Christmas. New banners should be up in a couple of weeks.

Community Choice Fund

Mr Bachtler said last week the last amount was paid out to the Keirs Walk group. The Keirs Walk group are having a picnic tomorrow. There have been 22 projects some of which are now done while others are being developed. Healthy n Happy are providing resource support and they are going round to check on progress and activity and are also gathering evidence of these projects.

Town Centre Regeneration/LDP

Mr Bachtler said, as reported last month, submissions in relation to the Local Development Plan have been made to South Lanarkshire Council. Nothing has been heard back yet.

Mr Thomson, Mr Bachtler and Mrs Allison had a meeting with representatives of South Lanarkshire Council including Michael McGlynn, Director of Planning, and the Director of Economic Development. It was a fairly positive meeting. The Community Council representatives presented a strategy concerning the role they felt South Lanarkshire Council should play.

Mr Bachtler said he is in the process of chasing up each of the banks which have recently closed in Cambuslang. Royal Bank of Scotland has expressed an interest in helping. Clydesdale Bank has said they will be willing to work with the Community Council on assessment and sponsorship of events such as street festivals. Mr Bachtler has written to the Banks and Banking Committee of the House of Commons about the branch closures and the fact that the banks have just walked away and left Cambuslang without any bank.

A meeting with the CEO of Scottish Town Partnership, Phil Prentice, is due to take place on Friday 30 June, 9.30-10.30.

The Community Council have been working with Healthy n Happy on possible ways to redesign Main Street. Sistra organised an exhibition but unfortunately there was less than 24 hours' notice to publicise this so a lot of people were unable to attend at such short notice. The consultants will provide a plan so that another consultation can be arranged.

Air Quality

Mr Bachtler said he had been told that Dr Porter had a good meeting with Clare Haughey. A letter has been drafted to go to South Lanarkshire Council.

Any Other Business

Mrs Farmer thanked all Members for their efforts this year, saying that a lot has been achieved.

Closure of Meeting

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the Meeting, thanking all present for their attendance and reminding them that the Community Council will now be on a summer break. The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th September 2017 in Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.

APPENDIX ONE**Police Report Given to Cambuslang Community Council on 20th June 2017**

PC Patterson introduced himself and PC MacIntyre. They are based at Rutherglen. They are local problem solving officers for Cambuslang West.

The new policing model has been rolled out over the past five weeks. In some ways this model goes back to how things were in the past. There will be police out and about on foot or on bicycles. Their job includes such aspects as going into schools, liaising with schools and being out and about in the community engaging with people. They both have experience in community policing and know what the public expect.

He said that with recent good weather there have been some issues in the parks in Cambuslang.

PC MacIntyre said that in the Cambuslang West area since the beginning of May there have been 60 reported crimes of disorder including common assault, drinking in public and vandalism. 10 drug crimes were reported, including both supply and possession, 25 acquisitive crimes such as thefts and housebreakings and 18 miscellaneous crimes such as road traffic offences. Going forward these figures will be monitored each month. This will enable the police to identify problem areas. Information from Cambuslang Community Council and the wider community will help the police.

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