

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 20th October 2015

Venue: Cambuslang Institute

Present

J Taylor Chairman
D Thomson Vice Chairman
H B Allan Secretary
H Allison
R Allison
M Gurling
D MacDonald

In Attendance

Sgt P Bucknall (Police Scotland)
J Kelly, MSP
L Wallace
E Cais
B Loney
S Smith
L Watson
E A Allan (Minute Secretary)

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Members, Elected Representatives, Representatives of Police Scotland, and others attending to the Meeting.

Apologies

J Bachtler, I Frame, M Farmer, D Sinclair, Cllr W Brogan, Cllr P Clearie, Cllr R Clearie, Cllr C McColl, Cllr R Tullett

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Corrections

There were no corrections.

Matters Arising

The Chairman said that matters arising from the last Meeting would be dealt with as they arose in the Agenda.

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

Police Report

See Appendix 1.

Questions to Police Representatives

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

Mrs Wallace said that the issue she had raised at last month's Meeting about parking on Buchanan Drive seems to have improved.

Mr Cais asked if the police still carried out regular patrols through Cambuslang Park. He said a couple of benches had been destroyed by fire at Cambuslang Park. There are also incidences of anti-social behaviour, vandalism, drug taking and drinking. Sgt Bucknall said that disorder in the park had not been highlighted to the police. He said the police patrol through Cambuslang Park as much as any other park. The extent to which such patrols can be carried out has much to do with resources requirements. He said Mrs Farmer has been in touch with one of the community officers in relation to Holmhill Park and they are trying to forge some relationships there.

The Minute Secretary raised the ongoing issue of speed on Brownside Road, particularly on the straight stretch of road between Buchanan Drive and the roundabout at Langlea Road. The Chairman asked if it might be possible to have "20s Plenty" signs erected on Brownside Road.

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

New Members

Mr Bachtler had previously advised that several people were interested in becoming associate members of the Community Council. Accordingly, Scott Smith and Leigh Watson were approved by the Meeting as associate members.

Chairman's Correspondence

The Chairman advised the Meeting that he had written to the Chief Executive of South Lanarkshire Council expressing concern at the possible redevelopment of Cambuslang Golf Club. He read this letter to the Meeting.

Secretary's Report

This was not called for.

Treasurer's Report

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| September balance | £1254.03 |
| Balance today | £1254.13 (£1838.85 including Pride of Place grant) |

The Minute Secretary read a summary provided by the Treasurer to be read to Members in his absence. Interest of £0.10 has been received since last month.

There is still outstanding income of £88.50 for Summerfest prize money and a Pride of Place grant being held for Mrs Farmer (Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park) of £574.22.

There is outstanding expenditure of £78.00 for the fee to Survey Monkey for three months at £26.00 per month which has not yet been reimbursed to Mr Bachtler.

Cycle Project

Mr Smith said the Clyde Walkway and cycle path feasibility study was finalised as discussed last month. This project will cost around £1.6 million to complete the cycle path, so consideration is being given to it being done in parts with the first stage being to have the original pathway reinstated by the Community Payback Team. The intention is to create a through route from Cambuslang Bridge to Cuningar Forest Park within two years.

Cambuslang Green Network

Mr Bachtler had asked the Minute Secretary to advise the Meeting on his behalf that at present those involved in the Green Network are waiting for schools to develop their action plans, but are hoping to meet with them during the last week in October.

Community Survey

Mrs Wallace said that a discussion meeting had been held in Cambuslang Institute to review the issues raised in the Community Survey. This was attended by a number of individuals, elected representatives, members of organisations and local business people. The discussion had focused on the priorities for change, and the number one priority was identified as being Main Street.

The intention is for people to work together on a Community Strategy. It is hoped to engage further with other community groups to keep the momentum going, and particularly to engage with people who are running businesses in the area.

Town Centre Communities Capital Fund

Mrs Wallace said that a bid for £130,000 of funding has been submitted. If successful, it is intended that this would be used to improve Main Street by, among other things, placing large planters, painting the railings, a "welcome" sign, erecting bin shelters and putting up hanging baskets, which are initiatives which should help make Main Street more inviting. These proposals are a direct response to some of the comments in the completed surveys. It is hoped that a decision about whether or not the application has been successful will be received by the end of October.

Friends of Holmhills Park

The Minute Secretary gave Members details of an update which Mrs Farmer had submitted to be read in her absence. Daffodil and tulip bulbs have been planted by Land Services around the base of the entrance posts. The grant cheque from Pride of Place was sent to Mr Bachtler and this will be held by Cambuslang Community Council to enable

Land Services to be paid for this work. The bat boxes which were initially installed were not suitable as the wood had been chemically treated. New boxes will be installed. The outstanding items on the Pride of Place grant application are the notice board, welcome signs and four waste bins. These are in hand and will be looked at by the Pride of Place team.

An OPAL workshop held at the pond on 26th October was reported in the "Rutherglen Reformer". Mrs Farmer had attended the opening of Project 31's Bug Hotel on 10th October. This is situated at the Greenhill Road end of the park, and is excellent for educational purposes. A walking group has been set up from Whitlawburn Resource Centre and they are walking through the park on their weekly Health Walk.

A recent incident at the park has been reported to the Community Police. It is hoped that it might be possible to have the area monitored to prevent any repetition.

The group have been on the lookout for support to help with administration and co-ordination. Mr Bachtler had contacted Universal Connections, and as a result of this Mrs Farmer is meeting with a Community Learning and Development University student who may be able to help the group in some capacity which would meet the needs of her placement requirements.

Japanese Knotweed, an invasive plant, was spotted in the woodland area. This has been dug to the root by South Lanarkshire Council Countryside Rangers and hung on a branch to dry before being burned. Due to the nature of the plant, it has to be burned on site.

There are still some raspberries and blackberries in the park if anyone wishes to pick some before the cold winter weather sets in.

Friends of Douglas Park

A management committee has now been set up with 10 people on it. On 8th October a first meeting with South Lanarkshire Council was held, with Joanne Forbes of SLC. Ms Forbes said that there is no pressure of time, she is more keen that the whole process is set up properly. A scheduled meeting last week was put back because of the school holiday week and has been rescheduled for Thursday. It is intended that a feasibility study be carried out and to get a landscape architect to prepare a design taking account of safety and then get back to South Lanarkshire Council. VASLAN are running a course on how to apply for funding, so Mr Loney and Mrs White are going on that course.

Possible Relocation of Cambuslang Post Office

The Chairman raised the issue of the consultation which has started in connection with this matter. Mr Bachtler had also asked that this be brought up at the Meeting. Mrs Allison said she has already submitted a response raising concerns about this matter on behalf of the Central Cambuslang Tenants and Residents Association.

Any Other Business

Mrs Gurling said it would be helpful if there could be better signage around the area of Westburn Cemetery - both regarding where it is and how to get into it.

Mrs Gurling said there will be a Remembering Service on 1st November at Flemington Hallside Church. Details about this will appear in the "Rutherglen Reformer".

Mr Kelly, MSP, said there are still concerns locally about the situation regarding Out of Hours NHS provision. NHS Lanarkshire have said the status quo will remain at present with Cambuslang and Rutherglen residents still able to use the Out of Hours facility at the Victoria Hospital. There is now a national Out of Hours Consultation taking place run by the Scottish Government and the conclusions on that should be reached quite soon. NHS Lanarkshire have said that if the final report on this consultation comes up with a policy change, NHS Lanarkshire will implement it.

Mr Kelly said the possible closure, or at least mothballing, of Clydebridge Steel Works would be a big blow to the area. Steel has been an iconic part of Cambuslang for many years. It is important that Scottish and UK governments work together to look at all options for the UK steel industry as there is still a demand for steel in Scotland. One significant factor has been high energy costs. The Scottish Government has set up a task force and Mr Kelly will be a member of this. South Lanarkshire Council will also be represented.

Closure of Meeting

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the Meeting, thanking all present for their attendance and reminding Members that the next Meeting, and Annual General Meeting, will be held on Tuesday 17th November 2015 in Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.

APPENDIX ONE**Police Report Given to Cambuslang Community Council on 20th October 2015**

Sgt Bucknall said there are no major issues of concern to report this month. As was the case last month, there are currently no hot spots in the area.

Sgt Bucknall said there had been one or two housebreakings at the start of the month but some people have been arrested for this.

With regard to issues with disorder, at present this is on an even keel.

He reiterated the point made in previous reports that people should continue to be careful about leaving car keys visible and to continue to exercise vigilance in locking cars and houses.