

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 20th September 2016

Venue: Cambuslang Institute

Present

D Thomson Vice Chairman &
Acting Chairman
H B Allan Secretary
J Bachtler Treasurer
D MacDonald
M Farmer
L W Wallace

In Attendance

PC Patterson (Police Scotland)
PC Forrest (Police Scotland)
D Porter (Friends of Douglas Park)
E A Allan (Minute Secretary)

Welcome

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

Apologies

J Taylor, H Allison, R Allison, Cllr W Brogan, Cllr P Clearie, Cllr R Clearie, Cllr C McColl, Cllr R Tullett, J Kelly, MSP.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of 21st June were read.

Corrections

There were no corrections.

Matters Arising

Fly posting - The Minute Secretary said Cllr McColl had asked that the Meeting be advised that taxi firms which had been fly posting had been contacted and told to take down these posters and had been advised that if they failed to do so and South Lanarkshire Council had to do so themselves, then the relevant companies would be billed for the cost of the removal of the posters.

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

Police Report

The Acting Chairman opened the Meeting to questions. Mrs Farmer said there have been some issues in Holmhill Park concerning drinking and anti-social behaviour within the park. PC Patterson said at daily briefings officers are asked to patrol the park area as much as possible. Both uniformed and plain clothes officers do this when possible. He said there are issues with all parks in the area at this time of year.

PC Patterson said it is important that community wardens are also made aware of any problems in the parks. There being no further questions to the Police representatives, the Acting Chairman thanked them 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 there have been some of the usual planning applications for domestic conversions.

Treasurer's Report

June balance	£32,698.13
Balance today	£14,426.52

Sums paid into the account since the June meeting were the Administration Grant of £500 and £3.84 interest.

Withdrawals from the account over the same period related to the TCCCF work carried out, including items such as plants, baskets and brackets, along with their installation, watering equipment and spray lances.

Outstanding income not yet recorded on bank statements was CIB fundraising of £87.92, CSGN grant to FoHWCP of £872.00 and CCF grant of £58,960.00.

Expenditure incurred but not yet withdrawn was £11,388.67, comprising TCCCF £11,310.57, plus amounts for stamps, Lady Haig's Poppy Factory for the Remembrance wreath, and membership of VASLAN.

With regard to other issues, concerning TCCCF, most of the £35,000 grant has now been paid out. There is currently £2,104.41 remaining.

End-of-year report of accounts information has been submitted to South Lanarkshire Council, audited and approved.

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

Cycle Project

Mr Bachtler advised the Meeting that at a meeting of the steering group for this project in August he was appointed Chair. The intended name is Clyde Cycle Park. A Secretary and Treasurer have also been appointed and the SCIO have started applying for grants. So far, only small grants have been applied for but they are looking at applying for an EU

grant. They are starting to prepare for a community consultation and will be briefing elected representatives.

Mrs Farmer asked what a possible target date was. Mr Bachtler said 2019 was currently a possibility depending on funding but work will have to be done in phases.

Clyde Walkway and Cycle Path

Mr Bachtler said Healthy n Happy have identified possible new grants. It is hoped to submit applications in the next few weeks. At the last meeting he had mentioned that he had written to Glasgow City Council regarding the closure of the cycle route into town. He has received a reply saying that while the Council sympathised with the situation, construction work had to take priority and the construction company had not provided any diversion.

Friends of Holmhills Park

Mrs Farmer gave an update to the position with regard to the land which backs on to Grenadier Park. Permission for change of use has now been granted. She explained the background to the issue.

Mr Bachtler said Cambuslang Community Council are unhappy with the whole process regarding the way in which South Lanarkshire Council have handled this, starting from the original sale of the land up until the present. A letter had been sent to South Lanarkshire Council and a reply has been received from Mr Freeland saying South Lanarkshire Council will review their procedure going forward. The Scottish Government had been asked to call in the application for change of use but they had refused to do this.

Mr Bachtler proposed sending a letter to all Community Councils in South Lanarkshire to draw their attention to the situation and ensure they were aware of the need to be vigilant in case this happened elsewhere in South Lanarkshire.

Friends of Douglas Park

Mr Porter said that an issue which had arisen at their last meeting with South Lanarkshire Council related to what was called the "succession policy". This meant that there had to be a guarantee of continuity. This had to be reflected in the structure set up under the Charities Regulator. They had been under the impression that a single tier structure was deemed to be suitable for a small organisation with limited objectives. A single tier structure would have comprised a board or committee but would not have necessitated having a membership list or members who voted. This matter will be looked into further. There are only very minor issues with the business plan, which can be addressed.

Greening the Main Street

Mrs Wallace said this project has now been delivered with hanging baskets, barrier baskets, street planters and plant bed all now in place. With regard to the proposed virtual shop fronts, the developer had said they are not now needed as they are in negotiation with possible tenants.

Cambuslang in Bloom

Mrs Wallace said the organisation is a sub-group of Cambuslang Community Council and has now been constituted so they can now apply for more grant funding. A celebration event had been held on Main Street on 27th August. This had been a very successful event with members of the business community becoming involved and attendance of members of the public and elected representatives. A competition had been held for local schoolchildren. This event had raised £87.92. The hanging baskets will be withdrawn for the winter. This will be carried out over 30th September and 1st October.

Community Choices

Mr Bachtler said the application for this had received a grant of just under £59,000. The intention is for clubs, tenant groups, schools or individuals to put forward proposals for improving their neighbourhood - for example, planters, street art, trees. It is anticipated grants given to such groups may be up to £2,000 or possibly up to £4,000. This will be labour intensive so there will be a project worker who will support this over a year and will go out and promote the project. It is expected that a steering group will be set up representing different groups from the community. An update will be provided at the next Community Council Meeting.

Maintenance of Main Street

Mrs Farmer said there have been some issues with some of the road and pavement furniture on Main Street. Lamp posts and pillar boxes are needing painted and a telephone box also needs some attention. Different companies are responsible for different items of street furniture - eg BT for the telephone box.

She says there is a concern in the community that nobody seems to take responsibility for maintaining the Main Street. She said it would be helpful if something like the Town Centre Forum could start up again.

Since South Lanarkshire Council had sent a representative from Environmental Health to walk the Main Street with Cllr Tullett and Mrs Farmer some time ago, Mrs Farmer said if she sees any serious issues of concern she now takes a photograph and sends it to the representative who attended at Main Street. She said she feels at least there is now a point of contact to hopefully attend to such issues as necessary.

Mr Thomson asked about the bins at Wetherspoons. Mrs Farmer said Wetherspoons have agreed to move their bins off the Main Street.

Mrs Farmer said she felt it would be helpful if a formal request could be made for a specific person in South Lanarkshire to be tasked, among their responsibilities, with supporting the area, either Cambuslang or possibly Cambuslang and Rutherglen, and that this could be publicised so that people would know who to contact to deal with any issues which arose.

Community Council Annual Event

Mr Bachtler said at the last Annual Event which he attended with Mr Thomson, Vice Chairman, it was suggested that more local events should be held. To this end, a meeting is being held in Rutherglen on 21st September comprising representatives from Burnside, Cambuslang, Halfway and Rutherglen Community Councils. It is anticipated that Mr Taylor, Mr Thomson, Mr Allan, Mr Bachtler and Mrs Farmer will attend.

Cambuslang Community Council Logo

Mrs Farmer said she had circulated samples of possible logos and a consensus had been reached with regard to a logo for use on letterheads. She asked Members for their views on two possible layouts for business cards - either portrait or landscape. It was agreed that the landscape view was the preferred option.

VASLAN Membership

Mr Bachtler said the Community Council has now taken out membership of VASLAN. He feels this will be worthwhile as it will give access to information and advice if necessary.

Any Other Business

The Acting Chairman said Cambuslang Remembrance Garden Group has now been set up with himself as Chair and Mrs Allison as Treasurer. It is intended to add names to the area around the war memorial in Cambuslang Park. Another aim is to set up a Remembrance Garden around the Miners' Wheel sculpture as some people find it not physically practicable to access Cambuslang Park. It is expected this will cost around £16,000 - £18,000 and fund raising will be carried out for this. Updates will be provided on progress.

Mark Henderson

The Acting Chairman said South Lanarkshire Council have now changed their policy and service personnel from the area who have lost their lives in conflicts after the Second World War will have their names added to the South Lanarkshire Council Memorial in Hamilton. It is hoped this will take place at the end of October.

Closure of Meeting

There being no other business, the Acting Chairman closed the Meeting, thanking all present for their attendance. The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th October 2016 in Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.

APPENDIX ONE

Police Report Given to Cambuslang Community Council on 20th September 2016

PC Patterson introduced himself and PC Forrest to the Meeting.

He said they work out of Rutherglen. While there were no major issues to report, previous advice that people should remain vigilant was still of relevance.

He said they were keen to hear any areas of current concern around Cambuslang.