

# **CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015**

### **Venue: Cambuslang St Andrews Church Hall**

#### **Present**

J Taylor     Chairman  
D Thomson Vice Chairman  
H B Allan   Secretary  
J Bachtler   Treasurer  
I Frame  
D MacDonald

#### **In Attendance**

Cllr R Tullett  
PC M Duncan (Police Scotland)  
PC A Hailstones (Police Scotland)  
M Farmer  
L Wallace  
E A Allan (Minute Secretary)

#### **Welcome**

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

#### **Apologies**

S Smith, H Allison, R Allison, B Hartel, T Stringfellow, E Cais, Cllr W Brogan, Cllr P Clearie, Cllr R Clearie, Cllr C McColl, J Kelly MSP, K Smith ("Reformer")

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> March were read.

#### **Corrections**

There were no corrections.

#### **Matters Arising**

**Cambuslang War Memorial** - Mr Thomson said the War Memorial has no names. The Roll of Honour was supposed to be in Cambuslang Institute. They only have records from World War 1. World War 2 records are not there. Commonwealth War Graves have details of records.

**Website** - Mr Bachtler said this has been launched in conjunction with Mr Thomson's Facebook page. A Google Analytics count has been set up to track usage. The figure was 110 in the first week. Mr Frame suggested contacting the "Reformer" and getting them to do a piece about the website to raise awareness.

**Air Quality** - Mr Bachtler said that, with reference to this, he had contacted South Lanarkshire Council to see why Silverbanks and Eastfield are part of the Air Quality Management Area. He was advised this is an identified boundary. There is an air monitoring post at the junction of Greenlees Road and Main Street. So far there has been less than a year's readings from this. An Air Quality Action Plan will be developed.

**Cambuslang Green Network** - Mrs Farmer said she has spoken to Mr Doig, Assistant Head Teacher at Cathkin High School. They would be interested in becoming involved. Mrs Farmer and Mr Bachtler will go in to speak to him.

**NHS Out of Hours Provision** - The Chairman said there had been a meeting in Rutherglen on 31<sup>st</sup> March, which the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Minute Secretary had attended. At present, residents of Cambuslang and Rutherglen can still continue to use the New Victoria for out of hours requirements, but the Victoria Infirmary Accident and Emergency facility will be closing in May, after which people from this area should go to the new South Glasgow Hospital. The Chairman said it is important that people in this area should have access to hospital and out of hours services which are as local as possible.

**Mark Henderson** - Mr Thomson said the Session and Minister of Cambuslang Parish Church have approved a proposal that a plaque be placed in the War Memorial section of the church with Mark Henderson's name on it. The cost of this will be met by Cambuslang Community Council and South Lanarkshire Council. It is intended to hold a service of dedication in the church on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Mr Thomson will contact forces chaplains and other representatives. The Chairman thanked Mr Thomson for the work he had put in to gaining approval for the memorial plaque for Mark Henderson.

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

### **Police Report**

See Appendix 1.

### **Questions to Police Representatives**

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

Mr MacDonald raised the issue of recent accidents, on West Coats Road at North Avenue, and at the foot of West Coats Road. He said he has complained about visibility in that area and also the speed of traffic coming down West Coats Road. The position of the boundary wall at the corner of North Avenue makes it very difficult to see round the bend. Mr Frame asked if there was any shrubbery which might be obscuring the view and, if so, could South Lanarkshire Council arrange for this to be cut back.

With regard to speed, the Secretary and Minute Secretary said speed on Brownside Road on the straight stretch of road between Buchanan Drive and Langlea Road is still an issue. There was a speed monitoring exercise carried out some months ago, but results had not been provided. Cllr Tullett said he would try to find out what he could about this.

Mr MacDonald also raised the issue of the bins on Main Street blocking visibility at the foot of West Coats Road. Mr Bachtler asked if there was any restriction on people having bins on the pavement rather than at the back of their premises. Cllr Tullett said there are no enforcement measures that South Lanarkshire Council can take. Refuse collection is a private contract between the shopkeepers and a private contractor. Mr Thomson said bins should be stored round the back of premises where possible.

There are still issues around some of the schools in the area with people parking on zig-zags.

There being no further questions to the Police representatives, the 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 a planning application has been received to convert two shop units into one hot food takeaway at 154 Main Street.

Notification has been received of a number of forthcoming public processions.

### **Treasurer's Report**

March balance	£1,801.56
Balance today	£895.90

Expenditure since last month:

Minutes	£90.00
Room Hire (Jan-Mar 2015)	£243.00
Graeme Lawson (web design)	£400.00
Stationery	£28.50

Morrison Park Expenditure:

Kirkhill Lawn Tennis Club	£72.17
Summerfest	£72.17

This means the Morrison Park Fund has now been completely spent.

Owing to the reduction in the grant being received, it does not appear to be feasible to remain in the present location any longer. After discussion, it was agreed that Meetings will be held from next month in Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road.

### **Bike Project**

Mr Bachtler said that with the Easter holidays, things have been quite quiet. A bid is being put forward to the Renewable Energy Fund for £5,000 to develop cycle track proposals.

The Chairman thanked Mr Bachtler for his update and the work being done on the project.

## **Community Council Strategy and Capacity**

Mr Bachtler said it can sometimes be difficult to get people involved. There are some dormant Community Councils in South Lanarkshire. He wondered if it might be possible for the Community Council to take a stall at events such as Summerfest or a Gala Day in Cambuslang Park to try to raise awareness.

Mrs Allison said a priority should be improving the appearance of Main Street. Mr Thomson said parking restrictions are restricting trade. On numerous occasions it is almost impossible to park in the car park behind Cambuslang Gate as many spaces are used by people who work there, so the spaces for shoppers is significantly reduced with many cars sitting there all day.

Cllr Tullett said in places such as Hamilton and Carluke, South Lanarkshire Council have set up Business Development Districts.

## **Any Other Business**

Mrs Farmer said she is hoping to organise a litter pick-up in Holmhills Park. She is intending to contact Kenny Smith at the "Reformer" to publicise this. There used to be a community ranger there, but funding for that was withdrawn. There is now a massive litter issue which has not been addressed. The Community Payback Team have cut back a lot of trees and this has exposed a lot of litter.

The Chairman said that Community Councils are the third tier of government. With regard to unapproved Minutes being submitted to South Lanarkshire Council, he asked if this was now the norm. Do South Lanarkshire Council submit unapproved minutes to the Scottish Government?

**Membership Application** - Mrs Wallace said she would like to join the Community Council. This was approved unanimously by the Members.

## **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 will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at the new venue in Cambuslang Institute, Geenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.

**APPENDIX ONE****Police Report Given to Cambuslang Community Council on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015**

PCs Duncan and Hailstones presented the Police Report to the Meeting.

Levels of crime have stayed similar to last month.

On Beat 72 there were 75 crime reports including house breaking and incidents involving youth disorder, some around Hamilton Road and Halfway around the shops. There are always some more incidents when the schools are off - when the schools go back it should be quieter. There were 11 seizures of small quantities of drugs and four assaults, one serious, which has been detected. There were 11 instances of vandalism, which is a slight increase compared to last month's report, including graffiti on walls and damage to vehicles. There were 10 instances of theft, including two shoplifting reports, and two housebreakings.

The police are asking people to be vigilant in locking cars and houses and not to leave keys visible. Generally, attempted car thefts are during the night, around 3.00 am.

There are some reports of street drinking, and young people in public places, including Quarryfield Park.