

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 21st June 2016

Venue: Cambuslang Institute

Present

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

In Attendance

PC Blair (Police Scotland)
PC Connal (Police Scotland)
J Read (SLC)
D Porter (Friends of Douglas Park)
M Cameron (Friends of Douglas Park)
Representatives of Cairns Road Residents
E A Allan (Minute Secretary)

Welcome

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

Apologies

I Frame, 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 17th May were read.

Corrections

There were no corrections.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

The Minutes were approved by Mr Thomson and seconded by Mrs Wallace.

Police Report

The Chairman thanked the Police representatives for their report. There being no questions to the Police representatives, the Chairman thanked them for their attendance and the Police representatives left the Meeting.

Jonathan Read - South Lanarkshire Council

The Chairman welcomed Mr Read and invited him to address the Meeting.

Mr Read said South Lanarkshire Council want to encourage people to report their concerns about matters such as anti-social behaviour. He has had a number of people telling him about youth disorder, street drinking and dog fouling.

Mr Thomson said there had been a recent article in the "Reformer" about Robyn Feeney, who is looking for more amenities to be provided for 12-18 year olds in Cambuslang. Universal Connections do a lot of good work in this regard. Mr Bachtler said in the community survey which was done last year one of the big areas of concern was the lack of facilities for young people, particularly sporting and leisure facilities. Facilities have not increased to keep pace with the recent explosion of new housing in Cambuslang. Eastfield is not accessible to everyone.

Mrs Farmer asked who was the best person to whom concerns about anti-social behaviour should be reported. Mr Read said estate wardens report anti-social behaviour to the police and housing as appropriate. Estate wardens are the eyes and ears of the council. CCTV vans can be used to try to gain evidence if that is felt the appropriate action to take. South Lanarkshire Council have a number of strategies to try to deal with problems, and these strategies include anti-social behaviour investigation teams and environmental enforcement teams, and teams which try to deal with issues such as noise or music in the middle of the night. These teams have monitoring equipment.

Mr Thomson raised the issue of flyposting, as some local taxi companies have been posting leaflets onto lamp posts. Mr Read said this is illegal and he would pass this information on.

Mr Bachtler mentioned the state of the Main Street after Summerfest where there had been significant problems with graffiti and silly string. This is a recurrent problem every year after Summerfest. Mr Read said there had been an attempt to block sales of silly string during Summerfest but this attempt had failed. Mr Bachtler said the problem was that attempting to have a voluntary agreement not to sell this had not worked. There are two shopkeepers who set up stalls outside their shops and sell sprays and silly string. Mrs Wallace said there is a problem in that, in some instances, parents were seeing this sort of behaviour and were condoning it. Some parents do not seem to see this for the vandalism that it is. The difficulty is that South Lanarkshire Council officers are restricted to what they can do to prevent this sort of behaviour.

The Chairman thanked Mr Read for his attendance and Mr Read left the meeting.

Chairman's Correspondence

The Chairman said that further to a letter sent by Mr Robertson, a Cambuslang resident, to SLC regarding the cycle lanes on Main Street, Mr Robertson had advised that an acknowledgement had been received from South Lanarkshire Council about his letter. Mrs Wallace pointed out that some pavements in Cambuslang have been designated as dual use, for both pedestrians and cyclists. It is important that all parties should respect

each other. Mrs Farmer said it would be helpful to have some explanation from the person who designed the cycle lanes and to try to get a perception of the bigger picture.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary said there have been some of the usual planning applications for domestic conversions and several notifications concerning marches.

Treasurer's Report

May balance	£36,092.93
Balance today	£32,698.13

The majority of expenditure since last month had been on various elements of the work on Main Street - including such items as plants, trees, watering guns, steps and photographs for banners and reimbursement of the money for the Dropbox upgrade, mentioned last month, to the Treasurer.

Outstanding Income: FoHWCP grant from CSGN £872.00.

Outstanding Expenditure: Watering equipment, plants, hanging baskets and brackets totalling £4,241.45.

With regard to the Town Centre Communities Capital Fund, grant items will be paid out as expenditure is incurred.

In relation to the SLC Administration Grant, accounts information for end-of-year report to SLC is being prepared.

A request has been sent to Royal Bank of Scotland for separate bank accounts for Cambuslang in Bloom and Friends of Holmhill Wood Community Park.

Cycle Project

Further progress has been made relating to the proposed National Cycling Centre with the posts of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the new SCIO being filled. It is intended to open this to membership.

In relation to the Clyde Cycle Path, preparations are being made to submit applications for grant funding. There have been no further developments with regard to the walkway along the south bank of the Clyde.

Mr Bachtler said he has written to Glasgow City Council, copying in South Lanarkshire Council, complaining about the closing of the cycle route near Cuningar.

Greening the Main Street

Mrs Wallace said the plants had successfully been kept alive during the hot weather. There is a group of 25 volunteers involved in this project. Investment has been made in pressurised water sprayers to prevent people having to climb ladders.

Barrier baskets had not originally been included as it was felt they were quite costly. However, now there is some remaining budget to be spent due to not having the virtual shop fronts.

Mr Bachtler said work is to be carried out on the north side of the Main Street from the bus stop to Bank Street.

Friends of Holmhills Park

Mrs Farmer said two members went to speak to VASLAN with regard to setting up a constitution. Progress is being made with that. It is hoped it will be up and running after the summer.

Mrs Farmer said there has been an ongoing issue with regard to land which backs on to Grenadier Park. Some of this land has been sold to the owners of three houses in Grenadier Park who wanted to extend their gardens. She had made enquiries because trees had been cut down and there had been some excavation work. She said Scottish National Heritage had been contacted. She is 95 per cent sure that this land was Green Network Land which should be protected.

A planning application has been submitted by one resident. The land was sold to the three house owners in December 2015. She reiterated that this land should be protected.

Following discussion of various issues of concern, it was decided that a letter would be sent to South Lanarkshire Council on behalf of Cambuslang Community Council.

Friends of Douglas Park

Mr Cameron said the group is now registered as a SCIO. They are working on a business plan and at some time in the future are considering installing some benches. They are currently having monthly or bi-monthly meetings. Mr Porter said it was possible an initial lease may be for around 12 years.

Traffic Issues on Cairns Road

The Chairman invited representatives of residents of Cairns Road to raise their issue of concern. Mr Travers said they are concerned that there are two blind spots on Cairns Road and the speed of traffic in the area. There had been a collision outside the church. They are also concerned that the proposed development at Gilbertfield will bring even more congestion into the area. The Chairman suggested that they should bring their concerns to the attention of the local councillors for that area.

Any Other Business

Mrs Farmer said she had walked Main Street with Cllr Tullett and a representative from Environmental Health to look at the ongoing problems with bins. There were bins lying open. SLC will take steps to try to ensure bins are closed. A request was made that some parts of Main Street could be swept and some of the pavement power washed.

Wetherspoons have agreed to store their bins at the back of their premises. SLC will follow up to ensure agreed changes are being carried out.

Mr Bachtler said details of a new Community Grant Scheme have been forwarded to Community Councils by Margaret McDougall, SLC CCLO.

Closure of Meeting

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the Meeting, thanking all present for their attendance and hoping they have an enjoyable summer break. The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th September 2016 in Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.

APPENDIX ONE

Police Report Given to Cambuslang Community Council on 21st June 2016

PCs Blair and Connal gave the Meeting an update.

There have been nine housebreakings over the last two weeks. The police reiterated advice for people to be as vigilant as possible.

There have been more plain clothes patrols in the Cambuslang area, targeting known offenders.

There has been one serious assault in the last two weeks and two discoveries of drugs.