

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 20th May 2014

Venue: Cambuslang St Andrews Church Hall

Present

A Reynolds Vice Chairman &
 Acting Chairman
H B Allan Secretary
I Frame Treasurer
D Thomson
B H Hartel
R Rooney
H Allison
R Allison
T Stringfellow
J Taylor
D MacDonald

In Attendance

Cllr R Tullett
PC R Giulanotti (PS Scotland)
PC D Hannah (PS Scotland)
J McGuigan (Chair, Halfway CC)
J Stewart (Celtic BC)
K A Whyte (Cambuslang BC)
S Fulton (Cambuslang BC)
S Ali (Kids Complex)
E Cais (Friends of Cambuslang Park)
I Steele (South Lanarkshire Council)
M Farmer
H Pasparas
K Smith ("Reformer")
E A Allan (Minute Secretary)

Welcome

The Acting Chairman opened the Meeting, welcoming Members, Police Representatives, Elected Representatives and others attending.

Apologies

E Wallace, S Smith, M Gurling, J Bachtler, N Berry, Cllr W Brogan, Cllr P Clearie, Cllr R Clearie, Cllr C Deanie, Sgt G McLaughlin (PS Scotland), T Greatrex, MP, J Kelly, MSP

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Corrections

There were no corrections.

Matters Arising

Slabs on Main Street – Mr Rooney thanked Cllr Tullett and CCTRA for a walk round and repairs were done, but he was in the chemist today and the pharmacist said an 83 year old man had to be taken to A&E last Tuesday after falling outside the old Hasties bakery shop. He had needed 40 stitches in his arm. Mr Rooney doesn't see the situation improving until the slabs are changed.

Cllr Tullett said a lot of problems are related to utility companies. They come in and do repairs but do not repair as well as they should do. Scottish Power is going to do a significant amount of work on Main Street. Roads Department will monitor the work. He said there is not a quick fix but it is necessary to look at the different options. It needs to be safe and people need to be able to walk on it.

Mr Rooney said the pharmacist told him she has referred quite a few people to A&E. The 83 year old man he mentioned had not reported it to South Lanarkshire Council but the pharmacist reported it.

Mr Taylor said this matter was the responsibility of the consulting engineer or resident engineer. They should be checking the work. If these problems have been there before, then this comes back to supervision not being carried out properly.

The Acting Chairman said this ties in with the issue of who follows up work done.

Ms Farmer asked if a risk assessment could be carried out.

Cllr Tullett said he didn't know but he would find out.

Mr MacDonald said on West Coats Road outside his premises there were slabs which had been there for 40 years. There have been more problems with the tarmac there now than there were with the slabs. This shows the standard of work being carried out. An area should be inspected every time something is done.

Cambus Court – Mr Hartel said air quality and air pollution should be a material planning concern but he did not think this might have as much weight attached to it as it should have. He thinks at present air pollution in the area at present is at a reasonably good level but with the proposed flats there will be 40 parking spaces and potentially 40 cars coming in and out of that space. One of the car parks is taking over garden ground which will be covered/monoblocked/concreted in some way for parking and bin storage. There will also be an issue of noise pollution.

The Acting Chairman asked if there is any further movement on the Planning Committee.

Cllr Tullett said the Cambus Court is not on the agenda for the next Planning Committee. Cllr Tullett said he had objected more in terms of the scale and the amount of traffic but air pollution can be considered by Planning.

Mr Taylor asked raised the issue of the density of the proposed development. Mr Hartel said the density in the conservation area is 10 dwellings per hectare. The Cambus Court site is 0.5 hectares so, on that basis, the same density measures would have meant there should only be five dwellings on that site.

Dukes Road – Mr Thomson asked for an update. Cllr Tullett said Cllr McColl was dealing with this matter.

Food Bank – Mr Taylor asked how people were referred to this. Cllr Tullett said this was generally by Social Work or their GP.

Western Road – The Acting Chairman said there had been a crash there and fencing had been damaged. There had been another in Whitlawburn at the Soft Play Centre.

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

Police Report

See Appendix 1.

Questions to Police Representatives

The Acting Chairman opened the meeting to questions.

Mr Taylor asked which areas have been more exposed to burglary. PC Giulanotti said anywhere there is a high value vehicle is vulnerable, but burglaries can occur anywhere throughout the division. However more vulnerable areas are the more affluent streets in the sub-division, eg Brownside Road, Douglas Drive, Stewarton Drive. The police have extra patrols in the early hours of the morning.

A number of cars had been recovered. Any intelligence from members of the public is helpful. Everything is anonymous.

Mr Thomson raised the issue of vandalism of bus shelters in Dukes Road. PC Giulanotti said he was not aware of it personally but this could have been reported. It is quite an exposed area. The police are aware of people coming out of the County Inn and India Palms. Some youths hang around the bus shelter.

PC Hannah said it is difficult for the police to send officers to a specific area for any length of time.

Mr Thomson raised the issue of CCTV, as this might stop an act of vandalism.

PC Hannah said CCTV is the police's best friend. He said the police know youths gather in the park, and this becomes more of an issue with the good weather coming in.

The Acting Chairman asked if there had been any instances of housebreaking for identity thefts with passports being taken. He said he knew of two instances where passports had been taken. PC Giulanotti said there are some instances of identity theft occurring but he has not heard of any being directly linked to housebreaking. He has heard of an incident of someone's ID being used to obtain foreign exchange money.

PC Hannah said a lot of people who shop on the internet do not have enough security on their computer.

PC Hannah said thefts such as ID thefts tend to be specialised. Most people who break into houses want to be in and out as quickly as possible.

PC Hannah said if a member of the public wants someone to come out, they should call 101 and the matter will be referred on. There are sergeants in Rutherglen all the way

through the day, so although the office may be closed to the public if someone needs to speak to a sergeant they should be put through.

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

The Acting Chairman introduced Mr McGuigan, Chairman of Halfway Community Council. Mr McGuigan said he was attending the Meeting in relation to the Cycling Project. A Community Forum will be held in Parkview School on 31st May from 12.00 – 4.00.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary said he had received a letter announcing the resignation of Mr McKenzie as Chairman of Cambuslang Community Council. This letter was read verbatim to the Meeting. A new Chairman will be appointed at the AGM after the forthcoming elections.

A planning application has been received for change of use for the premises at 52-58 Main Street. This application is from Wetherspoons.

Notification has been received of four forthcoming processions.

The Acting Chairman said he was not going to comment on the Chairman's resignation but wished to thank Mr McKenzie for the work he has done. There are some loose ends which will need to be tied up.

Treasurer's Report

April balance	£1,368.07
Balance today	£1,368.07

The Treasurer advised the Meeting that the books are with the auditor.

The Treasurer advised the Meeting that it is his intention to resign as Treasurer at the next AGM. He has been Treasurer for around five years now, but it is no longer possible for him to do this as his work responsibilities have changed.

Ms Whyte had mentioned that Cambuslang FC have now started working with some special needs children and currently are working with 10 children. Mr Frame said if a letter of application was submitted with any needs, the remaining balance of £144.44 still remaining in the Morriston Park Fund could be used for this. Mr Taylor asked how much had been disbursed from the Morriston Park Fund. The Treasurer said this was £17,782 since July 1999.

Bike Project

The Acting Chairman said Mr Bachtler had provided a report on recent progress.

The Dr Bike event had gone well. Cllr Tullett said the number of people interested in cycling is increasing and thanked Morrisons for becoming involved in this, where people had brought bikes along to have them fixed. There are more events such as this planned and the intention is to have them at different locations. Mr MacDonald asked if this was likely to be a weekly event. Cllr Tullett said no, but he understood it was intended to draw up some sort of programme. He believes they are hoping to get storage facilities so that if people have children's bikes which have been outgrown they could be reused for other families.

Former Chairman Mr McKenzie had proposed that Cambuslang Community Council join Scotways (Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society). Membership is £20 per year for Community Councils. This was agreed by the Meeting.

Langlea Road – Ms Farmer raised the issue of the state of the kerbs on Langlea Road with weeds. She said the area around Cathkin High School is particularly bad. This new school only opened in 2008 but the corners around it were left in a mess. This results in a horrible looking entrance to the school grounds which house two high schools and a community nursery, and does not project a good image. The area across the road from the school is also in a bad condition where there is currently a piece of land for sale. She has contacted all the local councillors for the area. Cllr Russell Clearie had said he would meet her on site. Cllr McColl has contacted Housing and Technical Services. She is checking to see who owns the land.

Cllr Tullett said getting people to go to the site to look at it would be the best thing to do. He thinks there are ownership issues and it is not just council land. If Barratt are responsible for part, then South Lanarkshire Council can raise the matter with them. He thinks it would be worth arranging a site visit.

Cambuslang FC

Mr Fulton said they have been working in conjunction with other clubs in the community. They have over 100 children participating but there is a lack of facilities in the area. Celtic Boys Club has around 200. Cambuslang FC could have more children participating if there were more facilities. Teams are training in Hamilton, some in Cambuslang, but anywhere they can get facilities. The club is being held back by lack of facilities.

He would look at working with South Lanarkshire Council on how to get more facilities. He has been looking at the Peter Brownlie site.

The Acting Chairman introduced Mr Steele from South Lanarkshire Council and asked for his views.

Mr Steele said he is responsible for providing activities for children in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area. These are after school, extra-curricular activities. The challenge is not that new facilities are needed but who would pay for them. The local plan does provide for new schools being built with 3G facilities.

There is going to be a pitch strategy, but the challenge is that money available is limited. At some point, Stonelaw will be refurbished.

The Acting Chairman said that Mr Steele is aware of the concerns of Cambuslang Community Council and of the individuals involved with different clubs with regard to this matter. He proposed that representatives of Cambuslang FC and Celtic Boys Club should have talks with Mr Steele.

Ms Pasparas said she is interested in Cambuslang Development Trust. There is a Development Trust which covers Cambuslang. It may be worth talking to Healthy and Happy to see if they could become involved.

Kids Complex

The Acting Chairman introduced Ms Ali and invited her to give details about the Kids Complex.

Ms Ali said she is the owner of the Kids Complex in Whitlawburn. It is now a 25,000 square feet site and has a capacity of 300. It started with 16 staff and is now up to 36 staff. It is now moving into its second phase. They are looking at introducing nursery provision for the people of Whitlawburn and also after school facilities. They are looking at using some of the ground behind Nisa to create facilities so that the children can go outside to play.

She said there is also work starting next to Greggs on the shop which has been lying empty. This will be opening as a hairdressers and beauty salon and will create another 10 jobs.

Ms Ali extended an invitation to Community Council members if they wished to come to see the Kids Complex.

Closure of Meeting

There being no other business, the Acting Chairman closed the Meeting, wishing all present an enjoyable summer break and giving a reminder that the next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th September 2014 in St Andrews Church Hall, Main Street, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.

APPENDIX ONE**Police Report Given to Cambuslang Community Council on 20th May 2014**

PC Giulanotti said he works in with Cambuslang Community Officers. He works in Halfway some of the time and covers Cambuslang at weekends doing disorder work between Cambuslang and Rutherglen. Some areas do suffer from anti-social behaviour, eg Brown Place.

Ms Farmer said she had sent an email to the police highlighting incidences of anti-social behaviour she had seen. PC Giulanotti said 101 is the number for anti-social behaviour

There has been a slight increase in housebreaking. Some people have been arrested and the police are doing their best to lower the number of incidents. Cambuslang seems to have been targeted than other areas. If there is any intelligence, please let the police know.

Thefts of high value vehicles have decreased in this area. There have been a lot of sneak in thefts to grab purses or keys which have been left lying in sight. It is important that doors are kept locked and keys are kept upstairs, ie not in a drawer at the front door.