

Cambuslang Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 16th October 2018

Cambuslang Institute 7.30-9pm

Present

David Thomson, Chair
Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair
Linda Wallace
Hilda Allison
Robert Allison
Donald MacDonald
Hamish Allan
Councillor John Bradley

In Attendance

PC Paul Patterson (Police Scotland)
PC Thomas McEwan (Police Scotland)
Alison Park Sub Group (FoHWCP)
Elizabeth Allan, Resident
Brian Fisher, Cambuslang Future
Stewart Walker, Resident
Dave Sutton, Resident

Apologies

James Kelly MSP
Clare Haughey MSP
David Porter, Secretary
John Bachtler, Treasurer
Councillor Ann LeBlond

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Apologies

Noted above.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

L Wallace proposed that the minutes were correct, seconded by H Allan.

4. Police Report

PC Patterson reported the crime statistics from 19 September – 16 October 2018.

Type of Crimes	No. recorded 18 July – 14 August 2018	No. recorded 15 August – 18 Sep. 2018	No. recorded 19 Sep – 16 Oct. 2018
Acquisitive	28	17	11
Disorder	11	8	6
Violence	8	9	12
Drugs	6	3	7
Miscellaneous	7	21	15
Total	60	58	51

PC Patterson reported that he and PC McEwan have spent a lot of time in the Main Street carrying out disorder control. They have been in and out of the shops on the Main Street on a daily basis and have heard that the WhatsApp group is going well.

PC McEwan said it should be noted that the increase in the number of drug crimes recorded may be due to proactive detections not necessarily more crime as the police carried out 7 searches this month.

PC Patterson commented that Kyle Court has been their only major issue for a while. However, the individual who was causing much of the problem is now in jail long term and this has drastically reduced the issues there. They had previously applied for funding to help deal with the issues at Kyle Court; however, since the individual has been in prison there have been no further incidents, so the application was dropped.

M Farmer said she had heard about disturbances at Fratelli's and asked what was being done by the police. PC Patterson said there had only been one incident which they dealt with; furthermore they will now be informed when there is to be an 18th birthday party, for example, and they will visit Fratelli's at some point during that night. There are also shift cars around so there is always a police presence.

PC Patterson also commented that he has received complaints from local residents about the state of the pavements and there have been many falls. PC McEwan also commented that PC Patterson had tripped on loose cobbles himself. It was noted that this is recognised by the CCC as a major issue for residents and is currently one of the focal issues of the Cambuslang Future sub-group and they are discussing the matter with senior members of SLC.

The Chair thanked PC Patterson and PC McEwan for the update and they left the meeting afterwards.

Committee business

5. Elected Cambuslang Community Council – next steps

There is provision for 18 Cambuslang Community Council members. Following the recent election we now have 15 new members.

Dominic Sinclair from Universal Connections and Angeline Coyle from the Tea Bay are also expected to apply for associate membership in the near future.

Current members are to step down on 24th October 2018.

The inaugural meeting will take place on the 20th November prior to the AGM meeting on the same date.

The inaugural meeting and AGM will precede the monthly CCC meeting but with a reduced agenda for the monthly meeting.

ACTION: M Farmer to ensure reduced agenda agreed for CCC meeting on 20th November

6. Chair's Correspondence

Chair reported that Hugh McIver's name had been added to the Hamilton Victoria Cross memorial. Once John Brown Hamilton's name has been added he plans to put a picture on the CCC Facebook page.

Chair also mentioned that an 8 inch tall bronze statuette of John McAlpine had been acquired. This rare piece will be available to have on display at events.

7. Secretary's Report

Planning Applications (from weekly notifications): For domestic premises: 2 applications for changes/extensions to house; and 1 application for commercial developments - shop frontage for former Cambus pub.

Bridge Street 2.5 acres of land for sale (Kennedy & Co. Property Developers advertising sign). A telephone call to this firm revealed that this is the land which has been mooted by SLC Consultants as a possible site for a new Park & Ride facility. The sale is not imminent with expressions of interest only being sought at this stage. The firm agreed to keep CCC posted on future progress.

Marches/Parades: None notified.

WW1 Commemoration

CCC has been invited to send two representatives to a special Festival of Remembrance organised by SLC which will be held on Sunday 4th November 1630-2030h. Nominations were requested. Hamish and Elizabeth agreed to attend.

ACTION: H Allan and E Allan to attend the Festival of Remembrance on behalf of the CCC.

Consultations/Surveys

South Lanarkshire Licensing Board : Statement of Gambling Principles (January 2019 – January 2022). Comments by 15 November 2018. Recommend posting notice on CCC website. Action for David put on website and John also put on twitter and facebook

SLC Residential Care Plan

Letter sent to Cllr John Bradley (SLC Committee Chair) inviting him and Director of Social Care to brief CCC on this matter.

Cllr John Bradley was in attendance at the meeting and had also responded to the letter offering for someone to come speak to CCC.

Cllr Bradley also provided the following overview of the new provision. Proposal for an intermediate care centre in Blantyre near St Josephs and Kirkton House care homes to help people get back to a more independent life. To have 20 intermediate care beds and 20 sheltered homes with motion detectors, alarms and medical help on site.

Concern was raised that first phase had been put through by SLC with no consultation with CCC. Questions were raised about why Healthy and Happy and LEAP were engaged in the consultation and CCC was not. Cllr John Bradley referred to discussion with Blantyre Community Council as the care home is in Blantyre. CCC highlighted that this change affects the people of Cambuslang and they want to be on the distribution list for future correspondence and consultations of this type. Cllr John Bradley agreed to this. Cllr Bradley also said SLC would be happy to send someone to give a presentation on the care facilities.

ACTION: Cllr J Bradley to ensure this issue is raised and confirm that CCC is included in future consultations of this type.

ACTION: D Porter to write to Cllr J. Bradley to find out why Cambuslang Community Council were not consulted in Phase 1 of this proposed new policy.

Further discussion continued to focus on the role of VASLan as a coordinator representing the voice of the voluntary sector. VASLan holds 3-4 meetings per year to engage with the Council. Although the VASLan meetings are open to the public, the public and community council members do not receive notice that the meetings are taking place. It was recognised that the local community councils do not have a similar forum and therefore do not have "a voice". Some brainstorming on how this might be improved yielded ideas such as the creation of a federation of community councils covering SLC's geographical area. Some good practice from the Lothians and from East Ayrshire was noted. Dave Sutton noted that the Ferret report shows Cambuslang is joint 3rd/4th bottom for spending per head on community councils.

The issue of SLC's lack of consultation/community engagement has come up previously. At the previous meeting in September concerns were expressed about how the parking issues are being addressed by SLC – one specific concern raised is that there appears to be some aspects being prioritised rather than looking at the parking issues more holistically. CCC has written to SLC regarding this issue and John Bachtler is addressing this issue.

ACTION: D Sutton to send M Farmer the Ferret Report and present some possible options for how the engagement/consultation between SLC and the community councils might be improved in future: review the current situation and mechanism for CCC consultation with SLC: possibly using the current example relating to the parking issues and considering the best practice he is aware of at Lothian and East Ayrshire councils and drawing on his experience within his own Council.

ACTION: M Farmer to contact Elizabeth Harrison (contact point at SLC for community councils) to ask about the possibility of forming a federation of Community Councils.

8. Treasurer's Report

No change to previous Treasurer's report other than £25 paid to VASLan.
Linda Wallace has passed on cheques and receipts for CIB.

Items for discussion

9. Cambuslang Future Sub-Group:

Update on Group work/meetings

Michelle Farmer read out an update from John Bachtler (Chair):

At the last Cambuslang Future meeting on 27th September a communications plan was set out by Kat Hannah. The plan will be modified in response to the meetings discussions, one of the important actions being to recruit support with marketing/comms and CF are currently trying to find possible contacts for this.

SLC have provided CF with a first draft of their proposed regeneration strategy at their last meeting on 4th October. CF proposed revising the objectives and redrafting the strategy before the next meeting.

SLC also provided a verbal summary of the options for resurfacing the Main Street pavement. CF have recorded what SLC said in the minutes as they had not yet received Michael McGlynn's approval to provide a written copy. The major concern is that there is no funding in the current

workplan for resurfacing in Cambuslang (beyond the current patch and repair) and no funding in the current budget for any pavement resurfacing for the next financial year for the whole of South Lanarkshire.

Another possible funding source has been identified for making physical improvements to the Main Street (via Sustrans Community Links) which is being followed up.

Issues were raised about the methodology used to conduct the parking survey. Concerns were raised that there was no access audit done to assess impacts on people with low mobility. CCC want to ensure that we move forward on an informed basis. A review of the survey which was only conducted at one time was requested. Surveying at different times would allow us to identify who is parking all day and who is only parking for short time.

ACTION: M Farmer to ask J Bachtler to give parking surveys to D Sutton.

Main Street Regeneration Plan progress with SLC

Items for report

10. Cambuslang Cycling Project

There was no update on the Clyde Cycle Path & Clyde Cycle Park.

11. Parks

Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park Sub-Group

Alison Park (Chair) provided the report for October 2018

- The group now have Weekly Health Walks every Saturday morning leaving Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre at 10am. We would appreciate help with publicity to enable us to encourage more people into the Park.
- We are continuing with Monthly Meetups at the Park on first Sunday of each month, November 4th is next date.
- We have had several sessions working at the ponds to remove an invasive plant Crassula Helmsii and we're looking for more volunteers to work on this task in the next few weeks.
- After much prompting from SLC Ranger Service our volunteers are now attempting to maintain logs of hours spent on behalf of Friends of Holmhills on both practical and administrative tasks. Should provide data useful for both SLC and future funding applications.
- We are still waiting on SLC Unpaid Work to work on our request to repair muddy path sections at Holmhills Grove entrance and we are looking into help to repair path problems (including poorly placed concrete slabs) near Douglas Drive entrance.
- Alison attended an Eden Community Camp in Cornwall last month and we hope to benefit from further networking with other projects connected to Eden Communities.
- The next Friends of Holmhills Planning Meeting is set for Thurs 22 November at 7pm, Cambuslang Institute

Alison requested for FoHWCP to be granted access rights to the website which Michelle Farmer agreed to.

ACTION: M Farmer to grant FoHWCP access rights to the CCC website.

12. Town Centre

• **Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group**

Linda Wallace reported progress made on the end of season clear out of the planters and barrier baskets. The majority of the 26 barrier baskets have already been cleared out and 15 barrier baskets will be done next weekend. Most of the hanging baskets have already been taken down. Thanks was given to Allison Park who offered to advise on plants that are good for the bees next season. Linda also circulated a sheet requesting volunteers to sign up to help with the end of season clean up on the 27th and 28th of October.

• **Community Choices Fund**

There was no update on this item.

• **Healthy and Happy**

There was no update on this item.

13. Any Other Business

Grow73 has invited CCC to attend an official celebration of the new mural at Rutherglen Train Station on Wednesday 31st October 2018 from 10.30-11am. Grow73 commissioned two local artists, Erin Bradley Scott and Chelsea Frew to design a mural which would reflect Rutherglen's heritage.

Grow 73 also invited CCC members to help revamp the planters on Rutherglen Main Street on Wednesday 24th October. Drop in session from 11am-2pm.

Forestry Commission Scotland sent information about a Friends of Cuningar Loop Conservation Volunteering Day on Wednesday 24th October from 11am-2pm.

SLC provided warning of a temporary road closure of the Main Street on 2nd December 6am-10pm for the Cambuslang Festive Lights Switch On Ceremony.

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their contributions.

**The Inaugural Meeting of the new CCC, the AGM and the next CCC
Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at Cambuslang
Institute, Greenlees Road at 7.00 pm.**