

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 19 June 2018

Venue: Cambuslang Institute

Present

David Thomson, Chair
Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair
David Porter, Secretary
Hamish Allan
Hilda Allison
Robert Allison
Donald MacDonald
Linda Wallace
Alison Park (FoHCP)

In Attendance

PC Paul Patterson (Police Scotland)
PC Thomas McEwan (Police Scotland)
Elizabeth Allan
Imogen Beattie
Brian Fisher
Stanley Grant
Mark Lauterburg
Clare Williamson
John Shanks (Camglen Radio)
Christine Shanks (Camglen Radio)

Welcome

The Vice-Chair welcomed Members, Police representatives, elected representatives and others present to the Meeting.

He outlined the programme and said that, if anyone visiting C.C.C. wished to raise something not on the agenda, then they should wait until the end of the meeting to discuss their concerns.

1 Apologies

Apologies: Ms Clare Haughey, MSP; Cllr Ann Le Blond; Cllr Margaret Walker; Cllr John Bradley; John Bachtler, Treasurer.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of May were unavailable.

3 Police Report (appended)

The Chair thanked the Police representatives for their report and opened the meeting to questions

There were no further questions from committee

4 Chairman's Correspondence

D. Thomson spoke about new members and the election process and time schedule.

Email from Lisa Hepworth of Blantyre Community Council regarding the Whitehill Incinerator. The Planning Application is to be heard next week; and the recommendation is for refusal.

James Kelly has published on his Facebook page that he supports our stance on the Park & Ride.

A planning application for the former "Cambus Pub" had been submitted to create a Premier Store (licensed).

5 Secretary's Correspondence

D. Porter spoke of publicising the forthcoming election to C.C.C. in order to get as many nominations as we can. The election will be advertised by S.L.C in local libraries, local papers, and on S.L.C. website. S.L.C. does not have the resources to print leaflets or other advertising. It is up to individual Community Councils to broadcast it on as many sites as possible. The meeting agreed that the media be used to full advantage and that leaflets be designed for distribution. This will have to be done urgently and Marlyn will be asked if she can assist with this. Michelle will contact her to start the process. **Nominations have to be submitted no later than 12 September**

Planning Applications: For domestic premises: two applications have been received for changes/extensions to houses, and two relating to tree felling in a conservation area. In respect of commercial developments, one application has been received for construction of a low-rise block of 21 flats at 84 Hamilton Road with associated ground works.

A Notice has also been received relating to an Application for Variation of Premises Licence on behalf of Morrisons Supermarket. It is not entirely clear what variation is proposed but concerns the operation of the customer café and restaurant and seems to imply that these facilities will be able to sell alcohol out with the current licensed hours (10.00am to 10.00pm). Also the licence holder may offer occasional free samples/tastings of alcohol products to its customers over 18 within the alcohol display area during core licensed hours.

Marches/Parades: None notified

SLC promoted funding opportunities

Climate Challenge Fund.

This scheme supported by the Scottish Government is designed to assist community groups implement environmentally friendly projects that reduce carbon emissions. Such projects are wide-ranging including, for example, appropriate food cultivation in allotments, in-home energy saving measures, and sustainable transport. Significant funding (up to £150,000) is available for successful applicants over a two-year period.

Scotways Small Grants Scheme.

The objective of this scheme is "The preservation, defence, restoration and acquisition, for public benefit, of public rights of access in Scotland, including public rights of way and related amenity". Grants to community-based projects are between £500 and £1,500 covering up to 50% of non-volunteer costs.

L. Wallace asked for this to be circulated to members as she has a great interest in this area

Consultations/Surveys

SLC Park and Ride Strategy – to be discussed later in Agenda.

6 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was unable to attend but had provided the following report.

Changes in the position of the three CCC bank accounts since the May 2018 meeting are as follows: Account	May 2018 balance	Statement date	June 2018 balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£3,224.43	30.4.18	£2,909.43	1.6.18
Cambuslang in Bloom	£1,875.56	1.3.18	£2,025.56	1.6.18
F of Holmhills WCP	£331.72	1.3.18	£231.72	1.6.18
Total	£5,431.71		£5,166.71	

Financial transactions

- ☑ Main Account – Tim Lehuraux – research £250.00 paid out
- ☑ Main Account – Mike Boss Photography - £65.00 paid out
- ☑ Cambuslang in Bloom account - £150.00 paid in
- ☑ FHWCP account: Greening Cambuslang spending – Healthy n Happy CDT - £100.00 paid out

Financial transactions still to be processed:

- ☑ Main Account - Lauren Anderson – minutes £60.00 (invoice received / cheque issued)

Other financial business:

- ☑ Refund from dual payment to Registers of Scotland still being sorted out. Have sent further info.
- ☑ Still waiting for RBS confirmation of additional account signatories

Insurance

On Sunday 3 June, members of the Cambuslang in Bloom sub-group were out planting flowers in the planters and baskets on Cambuslang Main Street. One of the CIB members, Mrs Jo Stott, tripped over a temporary SLC barrier that had been erected around loose slabs on the pavement. The barrier covered much of the pavement area leaving only narrow passages either side. The pavement area is further narrowed because the layout of the parking spaces means that the bonnets of cars overlap the pavement by a foot or more. In passing the barrier on the road side, Mrs Stott tripped over one of the plastic supports/sandbags. Fortunately, she was not physically hurt, but she was shaken. When Mrs Stott fell, the metal spade she was carrying scratched the bonnet of a car parked in one of the disabled bays. The driver was Mr Stephen Farrell of 38 Conan Court, G72 7YU. Clearly, the bonnet of the car will need to be repaired. Both Mrs Stott and Mr Farrell consider that Mrs Stott's fall is due to the positioning of the temporary barrier and that it is the responsibility of SLC or their contractors to ensure the damage of Mr Farrell's car is made good.

SLC were asked for advice and the response from Elizabeth Harrison is: "I have been advised by our insurance section that in the first instance any claim should be directed against the Community Council. If the Community Council's insurer feels that there is fault on the part of the SLC they would pursue a claim against SLC. You may wish to contact the Roads Section who may be able to advise more about the barriers etc."

7 Cambuslang Future Sub-Group

M. Farmer spoke about the recent meeting on 29 May with elected members. Minutes are available for distribution.

The elected members asked how they could help.

Action points are:

Ged Killin M.P. will try and arrange to be at any meetings arranged with banks along with John Bachtler and Mark Lauterburg to give his support for A.T.M business banking etc.

Ann Le blond is involved with S.L.C. Commercial Enterprise and will co-ordinate a meeting about commercial and residential waste with S.L.C and the sub-group. The businesses on the Main Street feel they have been left to their own devices to solve this problem. They have a variety of waste contracts and this makes it very difficult to co-ordinate.

Margaret Walker will speak with Michael McGlynn about partnership and community participation. She will try to ensure that "Partnership" is the key focus of our participation request.

Clare Haughey M.S.P. under F.O.I. will ask for a copy of the Town Centre Audit which cost £15,000 to complete and yet only 7 businesses took part. It was felt that the survey was not carried out efficiently and left businesses disheartened.

The elected members were approached about how to get our business strategy and the communities' voice on S.L.C.'s agenda. We have a Strategy Plan which came from both the business and community surveys carried out by C.C.C. S.L.C.'s agenda is all about sustainability and it's about getting both agenda's together. Our issue is with waste which isn't really their remit. Ann Le Blond highlighted that if S.L.C. was to take over the bins it would have to cover the whole of South Lanarkshire.

The overall view is that although the elected members listened to what we said they didn't know what they could do to help and that we still had a long way to go.

C. Williamson is looking at how we can move forward using Friend of Holmhill Park and Douglas Park constitutions as examples. Funding is only available to certain groups D. Porter read out the instruction for South Lanarkshire Community Councils regarding the setup of sub groups. It states that any recommendations made by the sub-group must be fully discussed and approved at a full C.C. meeting before anything can be implemented. The sub-committee has no delegated powers. On any matter of urgency the Chair and another Office Bearer can take the decision and then report back to the full committee at the next meeting.

2 members of Cambuslang Futures and 2 S.L.C. members will meet monthly during the recess in the summer to work towards looking at funding available and for S.L.C. to apply for a Regeneration Fund and work together in partnership.

Stage 1 of the Regeneration Capital Fund has been drafted and will be seen by Ian Ross (S.L.C.) to see if any more work is required. J. Bachtler and A. Wimpenny will work on this. The closing date for submission is 29 June. The whole process takes about 1 year. Suzy is looking at smaller funding sources. The main points are to improve the streetscape, pavements, bins, railings seating etc. There has been some talk about the Remar shop and using it as a community hub with pop-up banking, supermarket/café, digital I.T hub facilities to name a few.

SYSTRA showed recently how Cambuslang could look and they will be asked to come to a future meeting.

Park & Ride Strategy

Cllr.J. Bradley and Clare Haughey M.S.P. have sent their responses to S.L.C. about the way the survey was carried out and the lack of parking in Cambuslang. Some residents who attended the meeting spoke of the problems they had at Cadzow Drive and had met with police for advice. There is little

Police Scotland can do. M. Farmer stressed the importance of emailing S.L.C about the P&R Strategy and supporting our proposals. People are still being approached to email their concerns to S.L.C. or sign a sheet. Tenants and residents in central Cambuslang, residents in the conservation area and local businesses are all involved.

8 Halfway Community Council

Lisa Hepworth has asked that both C.C.s work together on the same issues through S.L.C Community Empowerment Act.

9 Cambuslang Cycling Project

- **Clyde Cycle Path**

No report available

- **Clyde Cycle Park**

No report available

10 Parks

Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park Sub-Group

Our Events

No guests joined our last Monthly Meetup on 3 June but 2 SLC Countryside Rangers helped out by removing invasive Japanese Knotweed whilst our volunteers cleared lots of broken glass from the main path.

We will continue with meetups over the summer Sundays 1 July, 5 August & 2 September as usual offering a walk, chat, tea/coffee and optional practical task.

Keep Scotland Beautiful – It's Your Neighbourhood Award

Assessment visit for 2018 Award (Young People theme) took place on 4 June 2018. Assessor gave lots of positive comments and guidance in a visit that demonstrated both good aspects (new bug hotels, views, biodiversity) and bad (fire damaged hedge, broken signs and tree branches).

Path Maintenance

We submitted application to SLC for Unpaid work to improve muddy paths at Holmhills Grove & Douglas Drive entrances and Alison met with Placement Coordinator who aims to arrange work to begin in June.

ASB

During the dry sunny late May holiday weekend there was an upsurge in vandalism. A section of hedge was destroyed by fire needing Fire Service attendance, 1 of our new Bug hotels was lost (presumed burnt), a further bug hotel plus a wooden sign removed from posts, and groups of young drinkers left lots of broken glass on the field and around the seat. SLC Lands Services promptly tidied up afterwards and since then damage has been reduced.

Promoting Group

We're disappointed that Monthly Meetups haven't resulted in new volunteers as we really need a few more people to sustain the sub-group further. We are now thinking of leafletting/consulting with local residents. This may find people who already love the park and have some spare time for volunteering and perhaps highlight what other local residents want from their green space, likes/dislikes, ideas for improvement etc.

Amphibians

2 group members attended a full day conference on Amphibians and Reptiles held at Glasgow University and learned much about current conservation issues. With good populations of smooth & palmate newts it is clear that Holmhill Park has significant value as these are nationally uncommon creatures absent from the majority of wetland areas.

Friends of Douglas Park

Awaiting final contract documents

11 Town Centre

Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group

L.Wallace reported that they currently have 15 volunteers and had a plant out on 3 June. Hanging baskets were installed on 14 June in time for Summerfest, there was a delay due to suppliers. The pulleys can't hold the weight of the water in the planters and volunteers will water them instead. Linda is looking at ways of other funding such as sponsored barrier baskets, the use of the "Just Giving" page was discussed and an application to SS.L.C Community Grants was proposed.

Community Choices Fund

No report

12 Any Other Business

Hilda Allison thanked C.C.C. for the funding received toward Cambuslang Remembrance Garden Group. Work is due to start soon and the garden will be in place in August.

Closure of Meeting

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the Meeting, thanking all present for their attendance. The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 September 2018 in Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.

APPENDIX ONE**Police Report Given to Cambuslang Community Council on 19 June 2018**

The Police representatives introduced themselves to the Meeting.

P.C.Patterson reported stats from 16 May – 19 June

Acquisitive (theft etc)	18	+ 2 from last month
Disorder	6	No change
Violence	10	+ 5 from last month
Drugs	7	+ 2 from last month
Miscellaneous	9	- 4 from last month.

Holmhill Park has been worse than Cambuslang Park. Police have codes for the gates at the public park at both entrances Unfortunately the Community Police are well recognised and there is suggestion of using plain clothes officers at times to help to catch the underage drinkers. Noise is sometimes an issue with sound levels but no violence or disorder.

The police are in the process of going round local licensed premises to see who is selling drink to underage youths. 2 main shops causing concern are Nisa in Whitlawburn and one at Cairns Road. The youths are encouraged to use the bins for waste such as bottles and crisp packets etc. The main complaints from residents are the amount of broken glass and the danger to children and animals.

P.C. McEwan spoke about the C.C.T.V. in the town and that they had secured funding to work with local schoolchildren to design suitable posters. C.C.C. has been asked to pick the winners from 3 schools, James Aiton Primary, West Coates Primary and St. Bride's Primary (although one has already been chosen by the school itself). All winners' posters will be laminated and put up in licensed premises. The winners will receive vouchers for East Kilbride Shopping Centre. There is quite an amount to go through and the committee will spend some time choosing the winners later in the week.

The cameras have been there for years and many of the public are aware of them.

Fly-tipping has been mentioned and the police have been visiting premises. There have been no recent reports to S.L.C. of fly-tipping that were captured on the C.C.T.C.

The business bins are being used by residents and this can cause overloading.

Funds have been secured to improve patrols on the Main Street and this should start quite soon.