

MEETING OF CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 20th February 2018, Cambuslang Institute, 7.30 pm

Minutes

Present

David Thomson, Chair
Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair
David Porter, Secretary
John Bachtler, Treasurer
Hamish Allan
Hilda Allison
Robert Allison
Donald MacDonald

In Attendance

PC Andy MacIntyre (Police Scotland)
PC Paul Patterson (Police Scotland)
Lauren Anderson (Minute Secretary)
Cllr John Bradley
Cllr Ann LeBlond
Cllr Margaret Walker
Bronah Byrne (SLC)
David Duffy (SLC)

Elizabeth Allan
Gerry Boyd
Amy Davidson
Brian Fisher (MPR)
Alison Park (FoHP)
Suzy Quinn

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Members, Police representatives, Councillors, SLC representatives and others present to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Linda Wallace, Dominic Sinclair, Don Ferguson, Gerard Killen (MP) and Clare Haughey (MSP)

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

3.1 **Minutes:** There were no corrections noted

3.2 **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Mr Bachtler and seconded by Mr Allison and approved by the meeting.

4. Police Report

PC MacIntyre reported on the crime and disorder situation in the three beat areas of Cambuslang since the last CCC meeting. There had been 62 crimes broken down as follows:

Police Scotland statistics on crime & disorder for the period: Jan-Feb 2018	
Acquisitive	22
Disorder	23
Violence	7
Drug-related	6
Miscellaneous (mainly road traffic offences)	4

PC MacIntyre addressed CCC's request for more crime data on the Ward along the lines of the summary weekly crime statistics for all-Lanarkshire published by Police Scotland. He stated that it would be too time-consuming for himself and PC Patterson as the data are stored on several systems, and this would mean they would have significantly less time to patrol the streets. He also reported on the fire in Holmhill Country Park in which several shop crates had been set alight. The debris from the fire has been removed and, to minimize the chance of repetition, they will work with the owners of the shops - Nisa and Greggs - who sometimes leave their crates insecurely stacked outside.

5. **New Members**

The Secretary addressed the office-bearers and elected members on the issue of recruiting more members and attempting to widen the membership with a more diverse age range. It was agreed not to arrange an election at this stage but to wait until the four-yearly elections due in November.

Regarding widening the age range, the question of minimum age-eligibility still had to be resolved; was it 16 or 18 years? Elizabeth Allan noted that there had not been any modifications since the electoral age limit in Scotland was lowered to 16. This issue will be followed up.

Action: D Porter

6. **Chair's Correspondence**

There was no correspondence by the Chair.

7. **Secretary's Report**

7.1 Planning Applications: Only one (extension to domestic premises) has been issued since last meeting. Normally a list is sent weekly but SLC has suspended processing of applications for a month while new management software is installed.

Action taken: Since last meeting a letter of Objection to the proposed retail developments by/at Morrisons Store has been sent to SLC.

7.2 Marches/Parades: Only one relevant notification has been received relating to a proposed march by '3 Scottish Soldiers for Justice' in March 2018.

Action taken: After consultation with other CCC officers, it was decided that this and future notifications should be posted on CCC website for individuals in the community to consider and, if they wish, object. CCC should only object in exceptional, justifiable circumstances.

7.3 SLC-sponsored Recreational Opportunities: A variety of notifications has been received e.g.

- Free events at Chatelherault Country Park
- Half-day conference invitation by South Lanarkshire Outdoor Access Forum
- Land, Life, Water Exhibition

Action taken: Posted first of above on CCC website. CCC will create a special area of its website for future notification of events of this type.

Action : D Thomson, J Bachtler

7.4 Mental Health: Letter and meeting notification has been received from the NGO Lanarkshire Links which works in partnership with NHS & SLC providing support services to carers.

Action to be taken: Post information received on CCC website and contact Lanarkshire Links regarding future communications.

Action : D Thomson, J Bachtler, D Porter

7.5 OSCR (Scottish Charities Regulator): Received ‘Guidance on Keeping Vulnerable Beneficiaries, Volunteers and Staff Safe’. Although community councillors are not in same situation as charity trustees, the principles underpinning the guidance are nonetheless relevant to CCCs.

Action taken: Guidelines circulated to all CCC members.

7.6 Cambuslang Remembrance Garden Group: A letter has been received from Heather Ducie, Secretary of this registered local charity, appealing for support by CCC and individuals in the application which the Group is submitting to Viridor for a grant to help create this garden at the Toll Pitch in Cambuslang.

Action to be taken: A letter of support from CCC will be sent as requested.

Action: D Porter

8. Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer reported that changes in the position of the three CCC bank accounts since the January 2018 meeting were as follows:

Account	Jan 2017 balance	Statement date	Feb 2018 balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£3,304.87	29.12.18	£3,279.87	1.12.18
Cambuslang in Bloom	£1,957.16	1.12.17	£1,957.16	1.12.17
F of Holmhills WCP	£607.30	1.12.17	£607.20	1.12.17
Total	£5,869.23		£5,844.23	

Financial transactions recorded on bank statements:

- Main Account: Clyde Cycle Park SCIO membership - £25.00

Financial transactions still to be processed:

- Main account: Gift/flowers: Michelle Farmer - £33.00
- Main account: Coffee/tea for Cambuslang Future – Michelle Farmer - £22.85
- FHWCP account: Greening Cambuslang spending – Alison Park - £275.48
- FHWCP account: Greening Cambuslang spending – Healthy n Happy CDT - £100.00

Other financial business:

- Refund from dual payment to Registers of Scotland still being sorted out
- Forms for additional signatories will be submitted to RBS shortly.

Action: J.Bachtler

9. Cambuslang Cycling Project

9.1 **Clyde Cycle Path.** There have been no developments since the last meeting.

9.2 **Clyde Cycle Centre (CCP).** In his capacity as chair of the CCP SCIO, the Treasurer reported that Scottish Enterprise has approved the heads of terms for a long-term lease of Site 22 (at Bogleshole Road) to CCP; the next stage is to have a formal agreement drawn up and signed. A meeting with the Head of External Affairs at Liberty Steel had been organised with the help of Clare Haughey MSP to discuss potential sponsorship of CCP; further meetings with the company are being arranged.

10. Parks

10.1 **Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park (FHWCP).** On behalf of FHWCP, Alison Park reported on recent developments. Alison reported on the bank balance which matched with the Treasurer’s report. The open meeting on the 25th of January was positive and there is

to be another gathering on the 4th of February.

- 10.2 **Friends of Douglas Park.** No progress to report yet with the legal transfer of the asset from SLC to FODP.

11. Town Centre Renewal

- 11.1 **Cambuslang in Bloom.** A bag packing event has been organised for Sunday 29th April at Morrisons, Cambuslang. Volunteers are needed and should notify Mrs Linda Wallace on what shifts they can do.

Action: To circulate this information to members

- 11.2 **Community Choices Fund – Greening Cambuslang.** The video that was created has been edited and will be circulated and posted to the relevant online pages.
- 11.3 **Cambuslang Future.** The meetings of the sub group held so far have been positive and progress has been made identifying actions to take forward. A reasonable number of individuals have been attending the meetings including 4 CCC office-bearers, 2 members, and 6 others.

12. Proposed development of retail units on Morrison’s supermarket car park

Brian Fisher reported that 60 objections from residents of Morrision Park were collated and submitted in response to the planning application for retail units at Morrisons. With regard to the potential impact of this development on other traders in central Cambuslang, he has spent his time lobbying all the local shops about the issue and collecting signatures. After 5 attempts to contact Morrisons, he got a response from the Chief executive. It was noted that the retail unit will be branded as a ‘Mcdonalds’ outlet and that it will only operate during the opening times of Morrisons supermarket.

13. Q&A with South Lanarkshire Council on Air Quality

- 13.1 Cambuslang air quality monitor. David Duffy and Bronah Byrne from SLC Environmental Health Services introduced themselves to the meeting. David explained that he would try to answer the questions that previously had been emailed to him by the CCC office. He outlined the process SLC used to decide where to locate the air quality monitoring stations throughout South Lanarkshire; and also stressed the care taken to ensure that priority is given to sites of most concern, and that high quality data on relevant air pollutant concentrations can be derived from the measurements recorded. David recalled the history of monitoring station that had been placed on Cambuslang Main Street in 2015 and its subsequent upgrade to record more air quality parameters in 2017. All of the information can be viewed on the website of Scottish Air Quality.

David explained the strategy that SLC follows in regard to air quality. Air pollution is not a localised problem but one that affects a large number of sites across South Lanarkshire. The strategy involves the development and implementation of an action plan which includes awareness-raising about air quality issues which takes different forms including, for example, working with schools.

During discussion David was asked about indoor monitoring. He explained that although this is not part of the SLC’s main air quality strategy, indoor air quality can be investigated by SLC Environmental Health if an individual requests it.

13.2 Low Emission Zones. There was a brief discussion on the planned introduction of a LEZ in Glasgow by 2020 and the potential impact of this upon the environment and population of Cambuslang. It was noted that the Scottish Government's Consultation on this has yet to report and therefore the details of the potential scheme are as yet unknown. However, it was acknowledged that any scheme of this type will have consequences for Cambuslang.

13.3 Impact of planned changes to flight paths to and from Glasgow Airport. In David Duffy's opinion, it is unlikely that there will be any significant diminution in air quality over Cambuslang as a result of increase air traffic over the town. Possibly of more concern might be increased noise pollution. CCC has raised these issues with our local parliamentary representatives and as a result of their inventions, a one-day event (1000h-1900h) is being held in Rutherglen Town Hall on 14 March 2018 at which the 'project team' from Glasgow Airport will be available to answer questions from the public.

13.4 David Duffy was also asked about the role of SLC Environmental Health Services in vetting planning applications. He said that if, for example, an application was received for new large housing development in Cambuslang his department would normally be notified in order to look at the potential environmental impact it might have. This happens before it goes to the SLC Planning Committee for discussion.

13.5 Cooperation with CCC on Cambuslang Air Quality Project. David Duffy confirmed that SLC were supportive of the efforts which CCC planned to make to investigate air quality more extensively throughout the Ward. They will be happy to provide advice and support such as access to technical information.

Action to be taken: follow up with Strathclyde University Team.

Action: D. Porter

14. **2 Sisters Poultry Factory**

CCC members expressed concern at the reports of the closure of the 2 Sisters Poultry Factory and the potential impact on workers and their families. Ged Killen MP had forwarded details to CCC of his actions to help the business survive; he noted that he had had a meeting with the owners and said they were willing to consider ways in which the factory might be kept open. To take this possibility further, he was seeking meetings with the Scottish Secretary of State, David Mundell MP, and the Scottish Government, and liaising with the Union Unite.

John Bachtler has written an article on the CCC website on the implications of the closure, some of which had been picked up in an article in the Reformer. He reported that he had discussed – with Fr Paul Morton of St Bride's RC Church - the possibility of church and community groups writing a personal letter to the owner of the plant. It was agreed that this would be a good idea.

15. **AOB**

Concern was expressed at rubbish and litter dumping (e.g. near West Coats Rd) and car parking on Greenlees Road. These issues will be followed up by the Cambuslang Future group.

16. **Closure of Meeting**

The Chair closed the meeting, thanking all present for their attendance. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th March 2018 in the Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.