

MEETING OF CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 20th March 2018, Cambuslang Institute, 7.30 pm

Minutes

Present

David Thomson (DT), Chair
Michelle Farmer (MF), Vice-Chair
David Porter (DP), Secretary
John Bachtler (JB), Treasurer
Hamish Allan
Linda Wallace

In Attendance

PS Brendan McMahon, Police Scotland
PC Paul Patterson, Police Scotland
Lauren Anderson (LA), Minute Secretary
Cllr Margaret Walker
Elizabeth Allan
Alison Park, FoHP

1. Welcome

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

2. Apologies

Clare Haughey (MSP), James Kelly (MSP), Cllr John Bradley, Hilda Allison, Robert Allison, Clare Williamson, Mark Lauterburg, Amy Davison and Brian Fisher.

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 Mrs Farmer, seconded by Mr Bachtler and approved by the meeting.

4. Police Report

PC Patterson reported on the crime and disorder situation in the three beat areas of Cambuslang since the last CCC meeting. 54 crimes were recorded, broken down as follows:

Police Scotland statistics on crime & disorder for the period: 20 Feb-19 Mar 2018	
Acquisitive	24
Disorder	7
Violence	9
Drug-related	3
Miscellaneous (mainly road traffic offences)	11

PS McMahon informed the meeting that PC McIntyre will be moving to East Kilbride policing unit and will be replaced by PC McEwan from Rutherglen.

The meeting was also reassured that the consultation process had not finished. It was ongoing, with no decision made yet about the future of the Cambuslang police office. PS McMahon felt that lack of a police office accessible to the public will not affect their ability to police in the area as issues can be raised with them through the regular CCC meetings and they can also be contacted at any time by phone or email on more urgent matters.

Updates were provided on issues previously raised such as the number of disturbances at the Kyle Court block of flats. After identifying the flats particularly associated with antisocial behaviour, frequent visits to these flats have reduced the number of disturbances. The police noted that the only areas in the block without CCTV coverage are the landings.

The meeting asked about the use of CCTV on the Main Street as residents have reported feeling unsafe going there when it is dark. The officers reassured the meeting that the Main Street was fully covered by working CCTV cameras that were monitored from a central location in Hamilton.

Another issue raised was the West Coats Primary School parking and road safety campaign. This is due to take place in May with inputs by a traffic warden and the police.

Surgeries have been held by the local policing team in Cambuslang library where members of the public have been able to contact and speak to police officers in an informal setting. These have been held on mornings between 1000-1200h when suitable space is available the library. CCC will advertise the next one on their Facebook and web sites.

Action: DT & JB

5. Chair's Correspondence

There was no correspondence by the Chair.

6. Secretary's Report

6.1 Planning Applications: Two applications on changes/extensions to domestic premises and one conversion of redundant storage/distribution premises into domestic dwelling with extension have been notified since last meeting. CCC has no objections.

6.2 Marches/Parades: None was notified

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

- Community orchard training day
- Outdoor access forum
- Hedgehog care advice

Action taken: Passed latter to Holmhill Country Park for their website

6.4 Parking Notifications:

- Main Street Experimental Limited Waiting Restriction Order will come into effect from 14th May 2018 for an 18 months period.
Action Proposed: CCC can monitor the effectiveness of this initiative after the summer, mainly by surveying the impact felt by local businesses.
- Proposed waiting/parking restrictions around junction of Douglas and Cadzow Drives. Comments invited until 13 April 2018.

6.5 Consultations:

- Bank closures impact: call for evidence by Scot Gov.'s Economic, Jobs and Fair Work Parliamentary Committee.
Action: Summarise local experience e.g. no proper pre-closure public consultation by banks; fruitless efforts to reverse decisions; however banks' willingness to engage with CCC on range of initiatives in compensation.
- Licensing (Procedures) Regulations.
Action recommended: This is a complex issue for a lay-person to get to grips with. No point posting on website. But local publicans should be alerted if not already aware.

7. Treasurer's Report

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

Account	Feb 2017 balance	Statement date	Mar 2018 balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£3,279.87	1.12.18	£3,224.02	1.3.18
Cambuslang in Bloom	£1,957.16	1.12.17	£1,875.56	1.3.18
F of Holmhill WCP	£607.30	1.12.17	£331.72	1.3.18
Total	£5,844.23		£5,431.30	

Financial transactions recorded on bank statements:

- Main account: Gift/flowers: Michelle Farmer - (£25.00) and Coffee/tea (£33.00)
- CIB account: Jackson Screenprint (basket labels) - £81.60
- FHWCP account: Greening Cambuslang spending – Alison Park - £275.48

Financial transactions still to be processed:

- 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 submitted to RBS shortly; request for signatory IDs for David Thomson and Michelle Farmer.

Action: JB

8. Cambuslang Future Sub-group

John Bachtler explained to the meeting that developing the Action Plan was an ongoing process and was continuing to evolve well with the help of dedicated teamwork. Mark Lauterburg and John Bachtler had a useful meeting with the Clydesdale Bank at which they discussed specific issues such as the possibility of mobile banking, and support by the Bank for commercial assessment and fast track business expansion on the Main Street.

JB also reported that Michael McGlynn (SLC Executive Director) has agreed to meet the Cambuslang Future sub-group accompanied by other senior colleagues. This will give the sub-group the opportunity to raise directly with them priority issues that have been identified such as the poor management of commercial waste and the problem of littering generally, the unsafe state of the Main Street's pavements and the dilapidated condition of many items of street furniture. This meeting is scheduled for 24th of April in the Institute, and the sub-group will work on creating a list of questions to ask. In addition, a video has been prepared showing the state of the Main Street.

There was discussion about how the sub-group might record the number of people having accidents on the Main Street. A survey on Facebook was suggested along with other ideas involving the use of CCC's website or other public Facebook groups. It was agreed that the group should come up with specific questions they wished answers to and then decide on an appropriate survey methodology.

Action: JB and sub-group

9. Cambuslang Cycling Project

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

10. Parks

Friends of Holmhill Wood Community Park (FHWCP).

On behalf of FHWCP, Alison Park reported on recent developments. She noted the ongoing planning that the group was doing and was pleased to report that former members were returning to the group. Future events planned include one on the ranger's service which will take place on 13th April and one on frog life that will happen on the 19th April. CCC will advertise these on its Facebook and web sites.

Alison also reported on the number of poo bags that were picked up in the one area and that this had been reported. There was also no update on the sewage problem that was facing the park.

Action: DT & JB post notices on CCC website

11. Town Centre Renewal

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. The plan is for the group to buy the plants in the week following the Morrison's event and to plant them on Sat 5th May. The group hopes to raise £700 at the bag pack. Linda also reported that a full ice bucket had been tipped into one of the planters outside of the Black Bull pub.

Action: Circulate this information to members

12. Air Quality

DP has tried without success to contact the Strathclyde University team about making progress with the proposed air quality monitoring project. It could be that the on-going industrial action at the university is making this difficult.

Action: DP continues to follow up.

13. 2 Sisters Poultry Factory

JB reported that he had discussed this with Fr Paul Morton of St Bride's RC Church who is coordinating a community response to this issue with his fellow churchmen. JB will draft a letter to be sent to Father Morton.

Action: JB

14. AOB

CCC expressed its thanks to Brian Fisher and Margaret Walker for their work on the objections to the Morrison's planning application. This application has now been withdrawn by Morrisons and the proposals will not go ahead.

LA handed the Vice-Chair details of young people from the Cambuslang area active and interested in 'politics' and community affairs. This follows up on the discussion at the last meeting on the need to attract new and younger members to the work of CCC.

Closure of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting, thanking all present for their attendance. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th April 2018 in the Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.