

# MEETING OF CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018, Cambuslang Institute, 7.30 pm

## Minutes

### Present

Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair  
David Porter, Secretary  
John Bachtler, Treasurer  
Hilda Allison  
Robert Allison

### In Attendance

PC Andy MacIntyre (Police Scotland) Sharon Gillespie  
PC Paul Patterson (Police Scotland) Alex Hill  
Marie Allan John Lamb  
Alison Cameron Allan McNeill  
Aisling Conway Lesley Moodie  
Brian Fisher Anne Marie Quail  
Elaine Fisher Danny Young  
Lynn Gallagher

## 1. Welcome

The Vice-Chair welcomed Members, Police representatives and others present to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She also welcomed the new Secretary and noted the long service of his predecessor, Hamish B Allan, whose retirement from the post and service had been celebrated in December.

## 2. Apologies

David Thomson (Chair), Hamish Allan, Elizabeth-Anne Callaghan, Don Ferguson, Cllr John Bradley, Cllr Ann Le Blond, Cllr Margaret Walker.

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

3.1 **Minutes of CCC Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 21 November were read. On page 5, the Secretary noted a correction to the item on Low Emission Zones where it should have stated that the Community Council has made a submission to the Scottish Government consultation on LEZs; details are on the CCC website. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Mrs Allison, seconded by Mr Allison and approved by the meeting..

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

## 4. Police Report

PC MacIntyre reported on the situation regarding crime and disorder in the three beat areas of Cambuslang over the previous period. There had been 79 crimes: 22 acquisitive; 29 disorder; 8 violence, 4 drug-related; and the remainder miscellaneous (mainly road traffic offences). Comparing statistics with 2016, the categories of youth disorder, noise nuisance, and anti-social behaviour were generally down. He expressed police concern regarding instances of fraud associated with phone calls made to people claiming to be from the tax office and requesting the purchase of iphone vouchers whose codes are then sold on. The public were being warned to watch out for this kind of crime.

PC MacIntyre was asked about the problem of parking outside local schools. While the police appreciate the problem, he noted that this was an issue for traffic wardens as it was no longer a criminal offence.

## 5. New Members

The Secretary said that CCC could have up to 18 members but currently had only 12 elected members, two co-opted members and one associate member. He invited members and attendees to canvas for new members and it was agreed to advertise the vacancies through the CCC website, social media and the Reformer.

*Action: D Porter, J Bachtler, D Thomson*

## 6. Chair's Correspondence

There was no Chair correspondence.

## 7. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that he had been notified of the usual set of minor planning applications. Two major applications were from Morrisons supermarket relating to the creation of three retail units in the supermarket car park and a facility for car-related activities (car wash, tyre repair); this was discussed further under Item 12 (reported below).

Notification had also been received of a consultation by Glasgow Airport on changes to flight paths for departing and arriving aircraft. This include two proposed routes over Rutherglen and parts of Cambuslang, although the aircraft height was likely to be at least 5,000 ft and the consultation document claimed that associated noise would be equivalent to a 'conversation one metre away'. It was agreed to put the details on the CCC website / Twitter / Facebook with a request for views, and to discuss this issue at the next CCC meeting.

*Action: D Porter, J Bachtler, D Thomson*

A further notification had been received from South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) regarding their intention to update the list of Local Conservation Nature Sites. Details have been posted on the CCC website and social media to encourage local people to make recommendations to SLC.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that changes in the position of the three CCC bank accounts since the November 2017 meeting were as follows:

Account	Nov 2017 balance	Statement date	Jan 2018 balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£3,624.64	1.11.17	£3,304.87	29.12.17
Cambuslang in Bloom	£3,357.16	28.4.17	£1,957.16	1.12.17
F of Holmhill WCP	£1,542.00	28.4.17	£607.20	1.12.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,523.80</b>		<b>£5,869.23</b>	

Financial transactions under the Main Account comprised interest received of £0.42 and payments for VASLAN membership (£25.00), Registers of Scotland for land search (£62.40 x 2), minute-taking (£150.00), gift (£10.99), and taxi fares for visit by J Bachtler to the Big Lottery (£9.40). The Treasurer noted that the Registers of Scotland had charged CCC twice and one of the payments is to be repaid; also the cost of taxi fares is to be refunded by the Clyde Cycle Park SCIO.

Under the Cambuslang in Bloom account, two payments of £1490.00 and £80.00 had been made to Urban Alfresco for plants.

Under the Friends of Holmhills Wood Park account, a payment of £934.80 had been made to Alison Park, chair of the sub-group, to refund her for the cost of a park bench bought with a Greening Cambuslang grant.

The Treasurer proposed to apply to the Royal Bank of Scotland for new signatories to be added to the above accounts – the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The policy of requiring two signatories on any financial transaction would remain unchanged. Once the new signatories were approved, a request for the removal of signatory rights from the former Secretary, Hamish B Allan, would be submitted to RBS. These proposed changes were approved by the meeting.

*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 negotiations on the acquisition of the Bogleshole Rd site from Scottish Enterprise were progressing. South Lanarkshire Council have indicated their willingness to explore support for the project; a meeting with Michael McGlynn, Executive Director of Economic Development has been arranged for 23 January. With the help of Clare Haughey MSP, a meeting with the Managing Director of Liberty Steel has been arranged for 5 February.

## 10. Parks

- 10.1 **Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park (FHWCP).** On behalf of FHWCP, the Vice-Chair reported on recent developments. Spending of Greening Cambuslang grant now completed. Final invoices will be forwarded to CCC shortly. A programme of events is being developed for the year and will be discussed at an open meeting of the group on 25 January. FHWCP plan to join the Community Woodlands Association. The problem of unauthorised tree felling and hedge cutting is being pursued with South Lanarkshire Council. The group intend to work towards a Keep Scotland Beautiful 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Award in 2018, although the response from local schools has been poor.
- 10.2 **Friends of Douglas Park (FDP).** On behalf of FDP, the Secretary reported that discussions with lawyers of South Lanarkshire Council are ongoing.
- 10.3 **Football pitches.** There have been no developments since the last meeting.

## 11. Town Centre Renewal

- 11.1 **Cambuslang in Bloom (CiB).** On behalf of CiB, the Secretary noted that there was little activity over the winter but the group is keen to recruit new members for the 2018 season.
- 11.2 **Community Choices Fund – Greening Cambuslang.** Most of the projects funded are complete; some still have work to do and one or two have problems. A video of the programme has been created and will be made available on the website and via social media over the next month or so.
- 11.3 **Parking review.** A second meeting involving the Treasurer and Angeline Coyle (representing the Main St businesses) was held with the economic development, planning and roads directors of South Lanarkshire Council on 15 January. SLC have agreed to consult on the

introduction of longer parking times on the Main Street from March for an experimental period. Over the Christmas/New Year period, SLC had consulted CCC on the terms of a reference for a park-and-ride study. Most of the CCC suggestions have been taken into account and the study has now been commissioned from AECON and will look at parking demand and provision across the town centre. Further, SLC have agreed to examine the use of the Allison Street car park by employees working in Cambuslang Gate offices. Signage referring to car park provision in the area will also be reviewed. In discussion, it was noted that the car park at Monkcastle Drive is under-used.

- 11.4 **Cambuslang Future.** Work is underway to recruit members of the new sub-group to take forward plans for improving the Main Street. Six members of CCC plus Cllrs John Bradley, Walter Brogan and Margaret Walker participated in a lobby of South Lanarkshire Council on 15 January to hand over a 'Save Cambuslang' petition, with 6,128 signatures and a letter to Council John Ross.
- 11.5 **Administrative capacity.** As agreed at the last meeting, a researcher (Tim Lehuraux) has been employed to undertake background work on information sources, case studies of good practice and funding relating to town centre regeneration. This work has now been completed and will be used in the work of Cambuslang Future.

## 12. Planning applications – Morrison's Car Park retail units

A significant number of Morriston Park residents attended the meeting to express concerns about two planning applications submitted by Morrisons to South Lanarkshire Council, especially the proposed creation of three retail units (including a drive-through fast food unit) in the Morrisons car park close to the wall with Morriston Park. This is part of a UK-wide Morrisons' strategy to use their car parks for retail units.

Concerns raised at the meeting included the likely impact of noise, traffic congestion at the Bridge St entrance to the car park, vermin, litter, air pollution, the height of the planned units (4+ m), management of methane emissions, and water supply/sewerage. There are also concerns that approval of the proposed units could lead to other units being erected in future, and the current evening/night-time curfew on operations at Morrisons being weakened or removed.

Discussion focused on the need for as many people as possible to submit objections citing material considerations. Morrisons should also be lobbied, both locally and via their head office. Apart from the above issues, there is also the impact on viability of existing businesses on the Main Street.

It was agreed that CCC should support the residents by submitting a letter of objection to South Lanarkshire Council as well as any other aspects of the campaign that may be helpful.

*Action: J. Bachtler, D.Porter*

## 13. Cambuslang Air Quality Project

The Secretary reported that correspondence with South Lanarkshire Council had proved fruitless (despite the involvement of Clare Haughey MSP) in getting the Environmental Services department to become involved in the steering group for the project and provide practical help. Further discussions would be held with the University of Strathclyde partners in the project about the viability of the plans. It was agreed to invite the head of SLC Environmental Services, Craig Brown, to the next CCC meeting.

*Action: D. Porter*

#### **14. AOB**

There was no other business.

#### **15. Closure of Meeting**

There being no other business, the Vice-Chair closed the meeting, thanking all present for their attendance. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in the Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang at 7.30 pm.

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