



CAMBUSLANG
Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 20th November 2018

Cambuslang Institute 8pm

Present	
John Bachtler, Chair	
Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair	Donald MacDonald
David Porter, Secretary	Suzy Quinn
Brian Fisher, Treasurer	Dave Sutton
Hamish Allan	David Thomson
Hilda Allison	Stewart Walker
Robert Allison	Linda Wallace
Amy Davison	Clare Williamson
	Cllr. Margaret Walker
In Attendance	Apologies
Alice Wallace, Minutes Secretary	Ged Killen, MP
PC Thomas McEwan (Police Scotland)	Clare Haughey MSP
Alison Park Sub Group (FoHWCP)	Cllr. Ann Le Blond
Elizabeth Allan, Resident	Cllr. John Bradley
Donald Watt, Resident	

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that a photographer was expected to arrive later in the evening to take a group photo.

2. Apologies

Noted above.



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3. Minutes of Meeting on 16th October 2018

Corrections for minutes of last meeting:

In Chair's Correspondence :

- 1) John Brown Hamilton's name had already previously been added to the Hamilton Victoria Cross Memorial.
- 2) The 8 inch bronze statuette of John McAlpine had been acquired by Cambuslang Remembrance Garden.

J Bachtler proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by R Allison. This was agreed.

4. Police Report

PC T McEwan reported the crime statistics from 17 October – 20 November 2018.

Type of Crime	No. recorded		
	15 Aug – 18 Sep 2018	19 Sep – 16 Oct 2018	17 Oct – 20 Nov 2018
Acquisitive	17	11	12
Disorder	8	6	5
Violence	9	12	8
Drugs	3	7	5
Miscellaneous	21	15	16
Total	58	51	46

PC McEwan noted that, as for the previous month, the figures for drug-related crimes may look high due to proactive detection and searches by the police. However, some incidents have been more serious, particularly in Whitlawburn. These have been sporadic and alcohol-fuelled and are difficult to combat.

PC McEwan reported that the situation on the Main Street has improved and the number of calls has reduced. This is believed to be due to increased presence of police wearing hi-vis clothing.

M Farmer asked about CCTV (2 cameras have not been working recently). There was no update from the police on this; therefore she will follow up with SLC CCTV Monitoring Centre.

Action: M Farmer to contact Monitoring Centre.



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PC McEwan highlighted that there may be extra funding available for new initiatives and would be interested in ideas on how best to use this funding to combat crime in the area.

D Porter mentioned that he had reviewed crime statistics over the past 11 months and there was no particular pattern to report. He noted that there had been a total of 520 crimes recorded over the period. PC McEwan reported that comparing crime rates in Cambuslang to other areas in North and South Lanarkshire, Cambuslang had the lowest crime rates. One exception is the most common acquisitive crime which is theft of fuels. It is difficult to give accurate data for a particular area in a particular period because these cases are depend on fingerprint evidence, and also the results of the DNA analyses can take up to a year.

PC McEwan reported that in the month of November there have been police officers on patrol by foot every night. He explained that officers used to be put out in a public order van but now they have increased the number of Police Officers on patrol by foot especially at peak times like Friday and Saturday nights at 10pm.

The Chair asked about figures for the clear-up rate for categories such as acquisitive crime. PC McEwan said he would look into this.

Committee Business

5. Nominations for Associate Membership of CCC

Discussion took place regarding 3 additional people proposed as associate members of CCC, These would be non-voting members. The individuals have contributed significantly to CCC and in particular to the Cambuslang Future sub-group. The individuals are Angeline Coyle, Jean Austin and Mark Lauterburg.

Action: notify Elizabeth Harrison at SLC of this intention and check what paperwork is required.

6. Chairman's Correspondence

There was no Chairman's correspondence.

7. Secretary's Report

Planning Applications (*from weekly notifications*): For domestic premises: 1 application for changes/extensions to houses; and for commercial developments, 3 applications as follows:

- Large roadside advertising hoarding near Eastfield Recycling Centre to be digitised.
- Betting shop on Western Road to be converted to Hot Food Take-Away.
Concerns might be:
 - a) Cooking odours being a nuisance to adjacent residential properties;
 - b) Risk of vermin if waste management not effective;
 - c) Careless disposal of food containers/wrappers by customers impacting negatively on amenity of adjacent Holmhills Wood Community Park.



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Action: CCC to contact SLC regarding the potential issues with the change to of the betting shop to a hot food take-away.

- Mixed tenure residential development (350 units) with associated roads, parking and landscaping on large area to the south of Western Road.
This is a Proposal Application Notice (PAN) which contains a minimum of detail. For a 'Major Development' e.g. for housing projects for 50 or more dwellings, the developer has to undertake a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) including holding a public event. This event is an opportunity for the public to raise issues they have with the plan.
Concerns are:
 - a) According to SLC's Guidance Note on PACs, one of the 'minimum statutory requirements' is for developers to "*Consult every community council whose area is within or adjoins the land where the proposed development is situated*";
 - b) CCC has received no communication from the developer about any such consultation (the only consultation was with Whitlawburn Housing Association);
 - c) Why has SLC Planning allowed a PAN to be sent out when the paperwork submitted by the developer does not comply with its own regulations?

Action: CCC to request SLC TO conduct an environmental impact assessment for the mixed tenure residential development on the south of Western Road.

Annual Summary Note: Over the past year, CCC has reviewed 46 planning applications for proposed developments in the Ward. 22% of these were commercial schemes.

Marches/Parades: None notified.

Correspondence from Ged Killen, MP

CCC has received a newsletter detailing his recent activities. Two items should be noted:

- a) HELMS (Home Energy & Lifestyle Management Systems). This private company has allegedly been mis-selling 'Green Deals'. An All-Party Parliamentary Group is campaigning, by way of a petition, to get compensation from the Government for those affected. Mr Killen's office is coordinating the collection of signatures, and he hopes to present the petition to the House of Commons on 4th December 2018. He asks that anyone who is interested in signing the petition to contact his office.
- b) The ATM Bill (sponsored by Mr Killen) will have its second reading in Parliament on 23rd November 2018. He will also be hosting a debate on the effect of ATM closures in the hope of putting pressure on Government to clarify their policy (if any?) on ATM closures.
- c) CCC might consider drafting a note to Mr Killen on bank closures and remaining ATM access, especially in view of the recent notification of the BoS Burnside Branch closure. This was agreed.

Action: Draft a note to Mr Killen on bank closures and remaining ATM access.

Consultations/Surveys

- *SLC Residential Care Plan.*



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Follow-up letter sent to Cllr J Bradley (SLC Committee Chair) repeating invitation to him and the Director of Social Care to brief CCC on this matter. Reply awaited.

- *Consultation on Fracking* – to be discussed later in agenda

8. Treasurer's Report

J Bachtler, the previous Treasurer, gave this report.

Changes in the position of the three CCC bank accounts between Sept 2018 meeting (18.9.18) and Oct 2018 (16.10.18)

Account	Sept 2018 balance	Statement date	Oct 2018 balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£2,849.83	1.8.18	£2,850.18	1.10.18
Cambuslang in Bloom	£2,020.88	1.8.18	£2,020.88	1.8.18
F of Holmhills WCP	£231.72	1.6.18	£231.72	1.6.18
Total	£5,102.43		£5,102.78	

Financial transactions

- Main Account: £0.35 in interest

Changes in the position of the three CCC bank accounts since October 2018 meeting (16.10.18)

Account	Oct 2018 balance	Statement date	Nov 2018 balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£2,850.18	1.10.18	£2,825.18	1.11.18
Cambuslang in Bloom	£2,020.88	1.8.18	£2,020.88	1.8.18
F of Holmhills WCP	£231.72	1.6.18	£231.72	1.6.18
Total	£5,102.43		£5,077.78	

Financial transactions

- Main Account: withdrawal of £25.00 (renewal of VASLAN membership fee)

Financial transactions in the system

- Main Account - Election posters – Crisp Documents - £84.00 (cheque issued - 505)
- Main Account – repayment of £62.40 by J.Bachtler for dual payment to Registers of Scotland
- Main Account - £34.00 to J Bachtler for Remembrance Day wreath (cheque issued – 506)
- CIB Account - £82.98 payable to L Wallace (cheque issued – 006)
- CIB Account - £29.97 payable to G Templeton (cheque issued – 007)



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Other financial business

- Registers of Scotland payment sorted out. Cheque for £62.40 repaid to CCC account.
- Still waiting for RBS confirmation of additional account signatories; have phoned again
- Additional paperwork provided to SLC for audit of 2017-18 accounts

Items for Discussion

9. Cambuslang Future Sub-Group:

M Farmer provided the report for the Cambuslang Future Sub-Group:

- CF (M Farmer, J Bachtler, A Davidson, H Allison & C Williamson) met with SLC - 8 November 2018 (Ian Ross & Vicky Eccles) at Cambuslang Institute.
- Next meeting is on the 13 December 2018 8-9am Cambuslang Institute.
- CF members are meeting with Steven Livingstone of consultants Systra on 26 November 2018. He will give a presentation on the redesign of the Main Street. Systra are the consultants who did the 'Smarter Choices, Smarter Places' report last year which included design ideas for how the Main St could be remodelled.
- J Bachtler outlined briefly the progress being made with developing the Cambuslang Town Centre Action Plan
- **Main Street resurfacing.** CCC now has a copy of the SLC options assessment for the resurfacing of the pavement (attached), so we have a basis for discussing costs with the politicians. CF now need to get the lobbying activity under way. 3 options have been costed.
- **Streetscape audit.** CF has discussed items of street furniture that S Quinn and others identified as needing replacement/removal. These are detailed in Minutes of CF meetings. In summary, the following should be removed from the Main Street:
 1. 2 blue poles outside UC
 2. 4 BT phone boxes
 3. Metal street art near junction with Tabernacle Lane
 4. Broken Bench – near Beech Avenue (possibly now removed)
 5. Long metal pole outside e-cig shop

It was suggested that one of the BT phone boxes might be retained and updated.



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Action: contact BT to see if the phone boxes are being used. If not, remove them and if they are, upgrade them.

- The cost of replacing street waste bins has been estimated as £10,000 for the removal and replacement of 26 along the full length of the Main Street.

Waste bins. M Farmer, C Williamson, H Allison, A Coyle & J Austin met with Andy Rooney (Divisional Officer from SLC Fleet & Environmental Resources, Community & Enterprise). This involved a walk-through the Main Street followed by a meeting in Costa Café on Friday 16 November 2018. **3 options** were discussed to improve commercial and residential waste issues.

Outcomes were;

1. Visit a bin shelter in Hamilton (Lamb Street) and Quarry Street which are both similar to what is being proposed for Cambuslang.
 2. Mr Rooney will provide a contact name for GCC to find out how the project is going in the City Centre (re. the exclusion of commercial bins from the streets except for a restricted period of one hour for pick-ups). Seamus Connolly, Development Regeneration Services, – was heavily involved with the removal of commercial bins in Glasgow.
 3. Make enquiries with City of Edinburgh to learn from their success in removing street furniture to improve footfall for tourism.
 4. A suggested possible option is to run a pilot Waste Monitor scheme involving a part-time, employed operative funded from a levy of £1 per day, say, from the commercial premises on the Main Street. It was suggested that CF could present all the work that has been done along with the options for this post in a request for a pilot (via Michael McGlynn) to see if SLC would in some way endorse it and support it via points of contact for quick solutions. Mr Rooney thought that financial support from the SLC was extremely unlikely but could be business driven. There is a similar model running in EK (Westwood Square) where a part-time worker puts out the bins, keeps them clean and reports any issues. A Coyle said she would consider making available one of her members of staff at the Tea Bay for such a role.
- Feedback and action taken re waste issues viewed during walk along Main Street. Tony MacIver- Technical Officer – visited the main street several times 19 November 2018.
 1. **Commercial Waste** – Responses will be sought from local businesses – Chillies (Craig Myles Food & Business Regulation Unit) re cardboard and plastic oil containers for recycling (sealed bags are acceptable). Cheers - 1 bin removed full of bottles and waste from outside Cheers. This bin had been reported to Biffa by



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Cheers owner, but no action was taken. The green bin with no lid has also been removed.

2. **Business** – 1 business did not have relevant waste contract. They agreed to clear their area, and it was confirmed today that most of their waste has now been cleared. They have provided evidence of a recycling company to uplift cans. Plastics and cardboard waste has also been dealt with. A visit will be made later in the week to ensure that food waste is also being managed effectively.
 3. **Residential Waste** – residential bin outside number 9 Greenlees Road. Reported to Waste Awareness (Land Services) – they will visit and thereafter send letter to residents. SLC's Local Policy is to do this on 2 occasions. There are no fixed penalty notices (formal letter & formal notice) as the Crown Office is unwilling to criminalise people. A discarded rug was also reported to waste collection and removed.
- **Banks.** M Lauterburg is part-way through a series of meetings with the banks, some positive, some less so, in terms of providing support.
 1. **TSB** – do not want to be involved in any of CCC's activities. Cambuslang said "not to have supported TSB".
 2. **Clydesdale Bank** – Happy to do pop up business clinics (Cambuslang Gate). Happy to attend an open day, can contribute 'petty cash' amount for an event. CCC can also apply to Spirit in the community scheme for real funding.
 - **Marketing.** Marlyn and Morven Campbell have offered to be part of a communications team, working with Kat Hannah on implementing her comms strategy. Dates are being sought for a first meeting. A web-page has been re-badged for Cambuslang Future on the CCC website but still needs to be populated. Last week J Bachtler met with Alex Black, who runs the All About Cambuslang FB page – he is very supportive and willing to help publicise CF activity.

All of these activities are part of a long term regeneration plan for Cambuslang. CF now has to agree strategic objectives and identify a funding plan. The focus will be on the Main Street to regenerate commercial projects. SLC came up with a draft of the plan which was redrafted and sent back.

Action: Discuss draft at next meeting.

10. Residential Care in South Lanarkshire – Update

Two meetings ago, CCC was alerted to a new policy of residential care SLC is introducing. Cllr. J Bradley, SLC Chair of Social Care Committee, provided responses to a list of FAQs. However, this was not considered to be sufficient by CCC. He attended the last CCC meeting and was asked to explain why there was no consultation in Cambuslang on such an important topic. He was also sent a letter asking for a meeting with him and SLC's Director of Social Care, Val de Souza.



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This issue of lack of consultation for the care homes led onto a discussion on wider issues of Council engagement with Community Councils. The Ferret Report was referred to again. D Sutton suggested CCC calls on SLC to organise a collective meeting of all community councils. D Sutton suggested that there should be an annual meeting of such a 'CC federation' as working together on broad issues can be more effective. It was agreed that a letter should be drafted and sent to SLC on this subject.

Action: CCC officers to draft and send a letter to SLC.

11. Support by CCs for Submission to ScotGov on Fracking in Scotland

CCC has been asked by a group of Community Councils for support for a submission to a Consultation by the Scottish Government arguing the case against fracking in Scotland. The aim of this group is to raise £2000 to fund a barrister to make this case. There was a discussion about whether this is something that directly affects Cambuslang. D Sutton referred to the map and confirmed that Cambuslang is outside the affected zones. Therefore it was agreed that, rather than contribute financially to the initiative, CCC would consider making its own response to the consultation.

Action: CCC officers prepare draft submission.

Action: make a decision at the next meeting regarding whether to submit a response to the consultation. The deadline is on same date as next meeting (18th December 2018).

Action: circulate information in advance for individuals who cannot make meeting so that they have an opportunity to make their views known.

12. Mainstreaming Participatory Budgeting Event

D Sutton commented that large urban areas tend to get very little spending on community councils while rural and island areas get more. SLC currently has no community representation on how the available budget is spent other than through VASLan.

It is understood that Cllr Maureen Chalmers, Deputy Leader of SLC is going to do an assessment on community investment.

Margaret Walker believes that the favoured approach to participatory budgeting is to deliver through 'locality groups'. This involves neighbourhood plans and money that would be distributed through participatory budgeting processes.

Another issue that could be raised is that there is no CCC representation on the Community Planning Partnership (Rutherglen and Cambuslang Area Committee is trying to get representation). Margaret Walker recommended that CCC write to the Chair of Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee about this matter.



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There was confusion over the term 'locality groups': no one had heard of them and there had been no correspondence with CCC regarding their existence. Questions were raised about whether planning applications go through them. Margaret Walker said that locality groups are at very early stages of development and confirmed that planning applications do not go through them.

She went on to explain that the policy on community participation does not involve community councils and that a locality manager been appointed at SLC.

Cllr. Walker was not sure if there has been a meeting but she will confirm with Kay McIntosh where they are in terms of stage of development.

Action: Cllr M Walker to confirm with Kay McIntosh where SLC is in terms of stage of development of participatory budgeting and the role of 'locality groups'.

CCC received a notice from SLC about an event in Edinburgh with an invitation to a seminar on the Participatory Budgeting Scheme on 4th December. J Bachtler asked if anyone would be able to go to represent CCC. J Bachtler asked if this could be a potential source of money for the community. Participatory budgeting was used for Greening Cambuslang Programme

Grants could be between £20,000 and £100,000. However prospects for securing funding is quite small for Cambuslang as CCC has already received grants in the past.

Items for Report

13. Parks

Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park Sub-Group

Due to lack of time A Park provided this written report for the minutes.

- FHWCP continue to offer a regular programme of weekly Health Walks and Monthly meetups - no booking or cost is required to join either activity. 2 Group members recently attended Dementia Friendly Walk Leader training towards widening access to the activity.
- Group members are working at the ponds to remove invasive plant *Crassula helmsii* and we're looking for more volunteers to help with this.
- After a long wait, FHWCP are hopeful that SLC Community Payback team will soon work on our request to repair the very muddy path at Holmhills Grove entrance.
- The group have collected a Keep Scotland Beautiful "Its Your Neighbourhood" Award at Level 3 (Advancing) in recognition of our increased efforts to involve our community.
- The next Friends of Holmhills Planning Meeting is set for Thurs 22 November @7pm, Springhall Community Centre.

14. Town Centre



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- **Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group**

There was nothing to report.

- **Greening Camglen**

CCC has received emails from Greening Camglen with an invitation to their next meeting on 28th November at 10am in the Healthy and Happy offices. This initiative is being run by Wendy Russell. Those already attending include LEAP, Grow 73 and Friends of Douglas Park. The aim is to map who does what in the area and work together more effectively. Healthy and Happy are proactive in going for funding and are happy to support others in the group.

15. Any Other Business

M Farmer announced that there had been new CCC business cards printed and these were available to take for anyone who wanted them.

Action M Farmer to email everyone about the Christmas dinner on 18th December.

J Bachtler clarified the communication protocol for CCC. If anyone is planning to write on behalf of the CCC they should send a copy of the correspondence to the office bearers who will review and put on headed paper.

Action: J Bachtler to ensure this is communicated to all members of CCC sub-groups.

D Porter suggested revisiting the proposed pollution project.

Action: this is to be added to the agenda for next meeting.

16. Close of Meeting

The Chair thanked everyone attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

The next CCC Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th December 2018 at Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road at 7pm