



CAMBUSLANG
Community Council

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Tuesday 19th November 2019

Cambuslang Institute 7.00pm

Present

John Bachtler, Chair
Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair
Brian Fisher, Treasurer
David Porter, Secretary
Hilda Allison
Bobby Allison
Amy Davison

Suzy Quinn
David Thomson
Stewart Walker
Linda Wallace
Jacqueline Smyth
Jean Austin

In Attendance

Morven Last, Minutes Secretary
Elizabeth Allan, Resident
Gerald Boyd, Resident
Phyllis Boyd, Resident
Gordon Wright, Resident
Monika Hutcheson, Business Owner

Apologies

Clare Williamson
PC Thomas McEwan (Police Scotland)
PC Paul Patterson (Police Scotland)
Alison Park Sub Group (FoHWCP)
Angeline Coyle
Mark Lauterburg
Cllr. Margaret Walker
Cllr. Ann LeBlond
Cllr. John Bradley
James Kelly, MSP
Donald MacDonald

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Noted above.

3. Minutes of the 20th November 2018 AGM

Corrections to the Minutes – None.

The Minutes were approved by M Farmer, seconded by H Allison.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Chairman's Report

This 6 page report is added as Appendix 1. The Secretary's Report has been incorporated into this.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by B Fisher:

Key Developments:

- CCC has 3 accounts with the RBS:- Main account (CCC) and 2 sub group accounts, Cambuslang In Bloom; Friends of Holmhills
- Year end accounts were submitted by the deadline and SLC are finalising them. Since then, the end of the year the accounts have been audited and approved by SLC, also we have received our Administration Grant of £515 for the current financial year

Income and Expenditure for all 3 Accounts

CCC balance at financial year end 2017-18:- **£2914.43**

<u>Income:</u>	Interest	£1.52
	Refund of dual RoS	£62.40
	Administration Grant	£515.00
	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£578.92</u>

<u>Expenditure:</u>	Mike Boss	£65.00
	VASLAN Membership	£25.00
	CRISP Documents	£84.00
	Remembrance Day Wreath	£34.00
	Room hire re meetings	£45.00
	Alice Wallace - minutes	£210.00
	Clyde Cycle Park SCIO membership	£25.00
	Coffee, tea & biscuits	£27.00
	<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£515.00</u>

Balance at end of financial year 2018-19 for CCC:- £2,978.3

CIB balance at financial year end 2017-18:- £1,875.56

<u>Income</u>	Shopkeepers re baskets	£150.00
	Bag pack fund raising	£850.84
	Shopkeepers re baskets	£90.00
	Shopkeeper payments	£11.20
	Shopkeeper payments	£18.62
	SLC Grant	£1,000.00
	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£2,120.66</u>

<u>Expenditure</u>	Garden supplies	£945.52
	Plants & materials	£82.98
	Gardening materials	£29.97
	Plants & compost	£30.57
	<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£1,089.04</u>

Balance at end of financial year 2018-19 for CIB:- £2,907.18

FHWCP balance at financial year end 2017-18:- £231.72

No transactions were carried out during this fiscal year.

Balance at end of financial year 2018-19 for FHWCP:- £231.72

7. Election of Office Bearers – Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer

The following were re-elected:

M Farmer as Vice-Chair – Proposed by L Wallace, seconded by Jean Austin.

D Porter as Secretary – Proposed by H Allison, seconded by R Allison.

B Fisher as Treasurer – Proposed by D Thomson, seconded by S Walker.

It was noted that S Walker will shadow the Vice-chair for the next year.

8. Any Other Business

The CCC will meet in the Cambuslang Institute at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of every month except in July 2020 and August 2020.

9. Close of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

The next AGM will be held on 17th November 2020 at 7.00pm in the Cambuslang Institute

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL – AGM 2019

CHAIR’S REPORT, 19 NOVEMBER 2019

INTRODUCTION

Under the Scheme for Community Councils, the Standing Orders for Annual General Meetings require the Chair to make an annual report. This has been a busy and active year, and the report tries to cover as much of the activity as possible. Our plan is to publish a written version of this verbal report and make it available online and through social media

HAMISH B ALLAN and JACK TAYLOR

Before reporting in the year’s activities, it is appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the sad loss of two important members of CCC who passed away in recent months:

- Hamish B. Allan – was a longstanding member and Secretary for many years;
- Jack Taylor – was also a long-standing past member and former Chair

Both served CCC and the wider community with dedication. This reminds us that CCC has a history going back over 40 years, and that we are the inheritors of the hard work and commitment contributed by generations of past members.

REPORT ON 2018-19

1. Community Council

- The membership of CCC has been on an upward curve in recent years. The number of Full Members has gone up from 11 in 2017-18 to 15 in 2018-19, and we have 3 Associate Members.
- The office bearer roles have been occupied by Michelle Farmer as Vice-Chair, David Porter as Secretary, and Brian Fisher as Treasurer
- Two new minute-takers through the year – Alice Wallace and now Morven Last – thanks for the excellent minute-taking
- CCC currently has three sub-groups for specific purposes: Cambuslang Future, CiB, FHWCP – details below
- We have had a very active programme of meetings – 10 CCC meetings plus numerous sub-group and ad hoc meetings for specific initiatives.
 - Membership attendance at meetings is high, over 77% on average. Have also had more members of the public attending and invited speakers for specific items
 - Have exhausted the ‘free’ allocation of meeting venues that we get from SLLC, we are now having to pay for room hire (using Costa elsewhere as much as possible). Room space is an issue being taken up with SLC
 - Grateful to ex officio members for regular attendance or providing written updates
 - Grateful to Police Scotland local policing team – regular updates, and wider engagement with the community. The team have provided us with monthly

figures for crimes recorded in Ward 13: comparing this year, we see a rise in most forms of crime recorded. In particular, drug-related crimes have increased – trebled on a monthly basis – which is a real worry given that it can drive other forms of crime also.

2. Consultations

As a community council, we have a statutory duty to be consulted on planning applications, and we are also consulted by public bodies on other issues

- **Planning Applications:** in the current year to date, we have reviewed 61 domestic applications (mostly approved by CCC); and 28 commercial applications. For a substantial number of the latter, we have provided comments to SLC Planning and others and have engaged with residents (e.g. on the Hoover site) where appropriate.
- Particular thanks are to David Porter and Dave Sutton for taking on the detailed work

- **Consultations** – CCC were invited to comment on 21 consultations/surveys over the year. In most cases, we have posted these on our website or provided link to SLC consultation website. We have responded specifically on the following eight consultations;
 - a) SLC Consultation in Residential Care (also invited SLC to meet with CCC)
 - b) Scottish Government Housing 2040 - Community Council Engagement' consultation
 - c) SG Consultation on 'Fracking'
 - d) SLC Consultation in RPPZ
 - e) Vodafone/Telefonica notification of base station upgrade
 - f) CCG public consultation on Whitlawburn East housing development
 - g) UKP Inquiry on Access to Finance – Scottish Affairs Committee, House of Commons (see below)
 - h) SL CPP Consultation on Community Engagement

3. Cambuslang Future Sub-Group

The Cambuslang Future Sub-Group comprises 15 people chaired by John Bachtler and Michelle Farmer and involves both residents and businesses. The main developments over the past year have been as follows.

a) Town Centre Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

- The CF negotiating team (Hilda Allison, John Bachtler, Michelle Farmer, Clare Williamson, Amy Davison) met almost monthly with SLC Economic Development officials up to March 2019 to develop a draft Strategy and Action Plan
- The draft version agreed and submitted to SLC Community & Enterprise Resources Committee in June, approved for consultation
- Consultation with the community took place from July to September through:
 - Summerfest stall – almost 100 survey questionnaires done; SLC helped with marketing materials (pop-ups, display boards)
 - Friends of Cambuslang Park Family Fun Day stall – c.50 people
 - 2 meetings with businesses
 - SLC online consultation – almost 300 responses

- Two display sessions in Cambuslang Gate
 - The revised version of the strategy agreed and approved by C&ER Committee on 12 November 2019
- b) Town Centre Fund**
- An application was submitted to the Scottish Government TCF on 30 July. Bid was for £1.424 million to resurface the whole south side of the Main Street, rationalise street furniture and create Cambuslang Square (plaza area). Special thanks to Amy Davison for her work on developing the bid
 - We won an award of £620k – largest single project award and 25% of the South Lanarkshire allocation under the TCF
 - Implementation now getting underway. Negotiating MoU at present
- c) Streetscape issues**
- A detailed streetscape audit was done by Suzy Quinn identifying each specific item needing removal, replacement or refurbishment and provided a framework for action
 - Waste bins – Clare Williamson and Michelle Farmer organised a meeting with Glasgow environmental service officials, developed a waste management strategy proposal submitted to SLC. SLC now set up their own group.
 - WiFi – we are pressing SLC for funding to get free WiFi zone
- d) Parking**
- We have been working with SLC on an experimental pilot for on-street parking with extended parking time of 2 hrs rather than 30 minutes; introduced 18 months ago and now being reviewed
 - We submitted a contribution to the second stage of the Park & Ride Study carried out by AECOM
 - We contributed to the SLC RPPZ consultation and lobbying for this issue to involve detailed consultation with businesses and residents.
 - Just this week, the SLC Housing & Technical Resources Committee approved £700k to acquire the land on Bridge Street for a new Park & Ride
- e) Banking initiative**
- There has been Long-standing concern about the loss of banks – Mark Lauterburg has been meeting with Clydesdale and RBS on several occasions, limited response to date
 - Major effort made to bring this to the attention of government, notably through the Scottish Affairs Committee Inquiry
 - Michelle Farmer, Mark Lauterburg, Clare Williamson and John Bachtler undertook local online survey – almost 500 responses
 - We produced a report to the SAC – picked up by 20 national and regional newspapers, and interview on Good Morning Scotland
 - On the basis of the report, the SAC launched their Inquiry report at the Cambuslang Institute – senior officials attended
 - CEO of LINK organisation followed up on ATM reliability
 - Planned approach to Guy Oppenheim, UKG minister for financial inclusion

f) Community engagement

- New Communications group was set up at the start of 2019 involving John Bachtler, Marlyn Campbell, Michelle Farmer and Kat Hannah.
- Kat Hannah developed a comms strategy paper
- New CF newsletter launched – first issue was in April 2019, with 2,000 copies distributed to shops, churches, the library, community centres etc. The second issue is shortly due to appear
- Thanks to Kat Hannah for editorial work, Marlyn Latta for help with production, businesses for advertising, Suzy Quinn for help with distribution

4. Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group

- CIB sub-group is led by Linda Wallace. Management group also involves Hilda and Bobby Allison and (this year) a new treasurer, Brian Fisher
- The number of members of the sub-group up to 16 with additional volunteers over the past year
- Key developments during the year are that:
 - a. the group are successfully growing our own petunia and lobelia plants from plug plants;
 - b. fund-raising this year has mainly been through an Area Grant (£1,000) from SLC;
 - c. shopkeepers are now looking after their own hanging baskets but they continue to be subsidised by CIB;
 - d. this year the group have agreed access to use the Credit Union Garden to store CIB equipment and access water.

5. Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park

- Led by Hilda Paton and Alison Park, the sub-group has an active membership of 5 people; and up to 10 additional volunteers for events
- It has informal meet-ups on first Sunday of each month (e.g. bird and bug watching, clean-ups, flower-hunt, Easter quiz & Christmas decoration making)
- They have co-hosted 4 events with South Lanarkshire Council Ranger Service (scrub-thinning, tidy-up, pond-dipping, bat watch) and arranged group frog/toad watching sessions.
- Throughout the year, there are weekly Health Walks though turnout has remained low.
- Support from SLC Grounds Service for Community Clean-Ups has been provided with equipment and uplifting of rubbish bags on our request; also input from Unpaid Work Team to improve muddy sections of paths
- 2019 has been a great year for wildlife observations in the Park – the group’s records have prompted interest and visits from members of Glasgow Natural History Soc, Botanical Soc of Britain and Ireland and British Dragonfly Soc. Located rare species of plants and insects
- After a site visit from Keep Scotland Beautiful Assessor the group achieved a Level 4 of 5 “Thriving” & Certificate of Distinction in their “Its Your Neighbourhood Scheme”.
- The group’s social media accounts are regularly updated with news/photos and demonstrate

of growing level of community support.

- Over the year, there has been development of links with Community Groups sharing similar aims (Friends of Fernbrae Meadows, Grow 73, Greening Camglen, Whitlawburn Resource Centre).

6. External engagement

- Activity has been increasing – with communications through the CCC website, FB and twitter
- Facebook page has 1700 followers (thanks to David Thomson for managing the page)
- Twitter has 356 followers, regularly getting 1500 impressions, up to 4-5k in some cases
- Regular contributions to the Reformer
- Two appearances on CamGlen Radio (x2) – Hilda Allison & Michelle Farmer, and one by Michelle Farmer & John Bachtler

7. Other initiatives

a) Remembrance

- Recognition of work by a group led by Hilda and Bobby Allison and colleagues in the Cambuslang Remembrance Garden Group, and David Thomson and Stewart Walker through Legion Scotland and Armed Forces support charities – led to public acknowledgement of the sacrifice of Hugh McIvor
- Annual wreath continued to be laid each year at the Remembrance Sunday commemorations – Elizabeth Whyte on behalf of Hamish Allan

b) **Micro-grant Initiative** – led by Michelle Farmer, also involving Brian Fisher, David Porter, Jean Austin, Stewart Walker, Jacqui Smyth (& Jan Taylor of HnH)

- Award of £5k from Renewable Energy Fund allowed the creation of the Cambuslang Community Activity Grant scheme
- Scheme was opened for a month in Oct 2019 – wide publicity, 24 applications, 19 awards ranging from £100 to £500
- Funding awarded 12 Nov. Publicity being arranged

c) **Community engagement**

- Survey of CCs in South Lanarkshire undertaken and report submitted to SLC (done in collaboration with Halfway CC)
- Meetings with the new Community Participation and Engagement Team – many of the recommendations in our report apparently being taken up
- Invitation to lead community engagement work
- Bilateral advice provided to other CCs

d) **Environment**

- Support was given, particularly by Michelle Farmer, to two neighbourhoods with fly tipping issues: Whitlawburn (Nisa Car Park) and Bridge Street. The Whitlawburn support became a campaign over four months that resulted in new waste bin by a private contractor in the Nisa Car Park, more responsible waste management by shopkeepers and clean-up by SLC.

e) **Sports provision**

- Clyde Cycle Park – coordinated by John Bachtler
- New football pitch provision at Peter Brownlee Park – new project just starting up, Michelle Farmer engaging with interested parties

Conclusion

This is a superb record of achievement over the past year, which has been a collective team effort. We are the highest level of participation and commitment for many years, and a big debt is owed to the personal time that everyone around this table makes to CCC and to the many community projects recorded here.

The high level of activity underscores the need to recruit more active members to CCC either as 'Full Members' or as associates. Our work has grown significantly and we have still other topics that might be addressed if only we had the necessary hands.

Finally, I would like to say a personal thanks to the office-bearers – Michelle Farmer, David Porter and Brian Fisher. They do a colossal amount of work, much of it behind the scenes, to ensure that we not only manage the Community Council, its duties and finances, on a proper basis but also that we can respond to the needs of the community with the many projects and initiatives described here.

Congratulations everyone – well done and a big thank you to all.