



**CAMBUSLANG**  
Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

2020

Virtual Meeting by Zoom 7.30-9.00pm

### Participating

John Bachtler, Chair	Hilda Allison
Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair	Stewart Walker
David Porter, Secretary	Clare Williamson
Brian Fisher, Treasurer	Mark Lauterburg

### In Attendance

Morven Last, Minutes Secretary	Imogen Beattie, Resident
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### Apologies

Jacqueline Smyth	Alison Park, FOHWCP
Linda Wallace	Cllr Margaret Walker
David Thomson	Margaret Ferrier MP

### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked I. Beattie of Douglas Drive for her attendance.

### 2. Apologies

Noted above.

### 3. Dave Sutton (1953-2020)

The tragic death of D Sutton was noted and his invaluable contributions to the work of CCC were acknowledged. J Bachtler and M Farmer visited his widow, Nancy McWilliams, with a sympathy card and flowers. An obituary was drafted which is now on the CCC website and was also used as the basis of a large article in The Rutherglen Reformer. It was also sent to The Herald; however, it has yet to be published. His funeral was live streamed for those unable to attend due to Covid-19 restrictions.

### 4. Minutes of Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Corrections to the Minutes – None.

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by M Farmer, seconded by M Lauterburg.

## **5. Matters arising**

### **a) Access to Cash Pilots, Strategy for Main Street; update**

M Lauterburg provided the following report:

All applications for the Access to Cash Pilot have now been reviewed and shortlisted. The areas that have been selected will be revealed on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

J Bachtler added that if Cambuslang were to be selected, a focus group would be set up by CCC with participation of local banks, the Federation of Small Businesses and other appropriate organisations in the area.

### **b) Covid-19 crisis: update on CCC's community activities**

C Williamson provided the following report:

A meeting was held with food hub volunteers due to concern about the demand being much lower than anticipated. However, more recently there has been an increase in demand. This increase is due to the information given by SLC and Healthy'n'Happy to help target those who could benefit from the service.

It was decided that because demand on certain days of the week was quieter than others, the number of shifts on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will reduce from two to one.

Leaflets have been distributed to further increase the reach of the food hub in the community.

### **c) CCC's support for objections to Planning Application P/19/00983: 7 Douglas Drive; and an update from I Beattie (local resident)**

J Bachtler reported that a letter authored by D Sutton had been sent to SLC expressing several objections and concerns, both procedural and case-related, to this planning application. In the opinion of CCC office-bearers, the response received from SLC fails to acknowledge these concerns; it also made imputations about CCC taking up this issues, which the office-bearers consider unwarranted. CCC Secretary, D Porter replied to SLC on 7 June, expressing CCC dissatisfaction with the SLC response and stating CCC's additional objection to the planning application based on the information provided by Scottish Water about the curtilage of the proposed building running too close to a culvert/sewer and the risk of flooding were the sewer pipe to be damaged.

I Beattie reported on various issues that give rise to concern in the planning application such as the ease with which the proposed house extension could be detached from the main building to create a self-contained unit; and the failure to carry out a tree survey of the garden space. The original plan also fails to mention the presence of a burn in the garden. The Planning Office has failed to communicate

with the objectors over a six-month period. The objectors were then not notified of the hearing of the application at the Area Committee. The concern about the risk of flooding due to a nearby sewer was also dismissed in the Planning Officer's report.

I Beattie reported that a group of objectors would like to speak at the planning committee meeting. However, it appears that SLC have indicated that it is not permissible for objectors to do this. Another option suggested was to publicise the issue in local newspapers as an effective way of making their concerns heard. I Beattie expressed her thanks to CCC for their support of local residents.

#### **d) CCC website update**

J Bachtler reported that the funding for the website upgrade has been approved and passed on to the web designer who has yet to respond with more information.

### **6. Police Report**

No report was received. Prior to the meeting D Porter had emailed PCs McEwan and Patterson for an update on any outstanding policing issues in Cambuslang West. In addition, he notified them of the concerns expressed by many Ward 13 residents about cars being driven at excessive speeds and often with poorly functioning silencers around local streets, in particular along Brownside Road and down Greenlees Road. No reply has been received as yet.

**Action: If no response is received by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020, D Porter to write to the Police Inspector.**

## **Committee Business**

### **7. Chair's Correspondence**

The Chair reported the following items of correspondence:

A letter was written to the Planning Department regarding a development near Gilbertfield Castle for 15 detached houses. The developers have incorporated the castle in their plans and will undertake works to underpin it. It is claimed that potentially this might increase tourism although there are no facilities for this planned such a car park for tourists. This area is not covered by CCC but Halfway CC. There is a concern that developers could see this as an opportunity to build on neighbouring fields. However, Halfway CC does not agree and they feel that the investment of these developers outweighs the disadvantages.

A Dropbox facility has been proposed where all CCC members will have access to various letters and documents to increase transparency. This was agreed.

**Action: J Bachtler will circulate details of the Dropbox and provide guidance on access.**

## 8. Secretary's Report

D Porter provided the following report:

- 1) Planning Applications for period 18 May 2020 to 12 June 2020 (from weekly notifications): For domestic premises: 6 applications for changes/extensions to houses and tree removal; and 0 for commercial developments.
- 2) Marches/Parades: None notified
- 3) Consultations/Surveys: None
  - a) *NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland*: An online survey has been launched for those affected by stroke, to understand how the coronavirus pandemic is impacting their lives, and recoveries from stroke.  
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/StrokeandCovid19inScotland/>
  - b) *SLC Outdoor Access Forum convened by Alan Bannister SLC*. There will be no access forum meeting on Wednesday June 17. However, we were wondering if there was interest in having a virtual meeting (probably via Zoom) to look at how Covid-19 has impacted on outdoor access for example:
    - More people taking access – putting 'a strain' on popular sites – both urban and rural
    - Conflicts on farms – especially around lambing/livestock
    - Rural and urban issues – poor provision of opportunities and infrastructure in some places
    - Covid-19 scaremongering being used to unreasonably obstruct access

**If you are interested then please let me know by Monday coming (June 22<sup>nd</sup>).**

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## 9. Treasurer's report

B Fisher provided the following report:

Current and pending transactions for all four CCC Bank Accounts since the 19th May 2020 meeting.

Account	May 2020 Balance	Statement date	June 2020 Balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£2,602.50	01.04.20	£2,602.50	01.04.20
Cambuslang in Bloom	£2,330.82	01.11.19	£2,330.82	01.11.19
F of Holmhills WCP	£409.79	01.04.20	£409.79	01.04.20
Micro Grant	£300.00	20.04.20	£300.00	20.04.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,643.11</b>		<b>£5,643.11</b>	

### Last month's transactions:-

- There were no transactions completed during the last month

### Pending transactions:-

#### **CIB Account**

- Cheque for £632.07 to Linda Wallace for various items, including greenhouse, shed, plants and compost
- Cheque for £45.36 to Jean Hunter for wood to extend height of fence at the Credit Union for the garden shed

#### **M. G. Account**

- 1 cheque to Happy Days still to be cashed for £300

### Items for Discussion

#### **10. Virtual Meetings of Community Councils: Update on discussions with SLC**

M Farmer provided the following report:

Currently CCs do not have the power to make democratic decisions via virtual meetings. Meetings are allowed provided they are solely consultation meetings. Only the Chair and one other Office Bearer may make decisions on behalf of the council.

M Farmer has contacted R Leith of SLC requesting that these rules be changed. R Leith has advised that this may take around six months to be put into place.

#### **11. Future CCC engagement with SLC on Planning Applications**

J Bachtler provided the following report:

Before his tragic passing, D Sutton would spend many hours scrutinising planning applications Ward 13. His wide experience as an Architect and Planner were of inestimable value to CCC in producing professional responses to planning matters affecting Ward 13. The CCC office bearers are keen to find a suitably professional replacement and urge CCC members to speak to any of their contacts with knowledge of this subject who might be willing to take on this role. Any existing member of CCC is of course welcome to help in this task.

### Items for Report

#### **12. Development of Town Centre Strategy**

##### **a) Town Centre Fund; update**

J Bachtler reported that for the proposed summer 2020 works on the streetscape of the Main Street the process has completed the procurement stage. CCC has

been informed that the lowest bid was £125,000 over budget, apparently due to the various impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. No further details of the bidding process have been made available by SLC. The next step proposed by SLC is to delay the Main Street improvements until next year to allow SLC to make up the difference of this money.

Due to a lack of transparency from SLC, a list of questions have been sent to them on behalf of CCC but no response has been received as of yet.

**b) Parking update – CCC project monitoring arrangements**

J Bachtler reported that a request has been placed for SLC Parking Department to look at both the new Bridge Street car park and the wider issue of parking in Cambuslang. A response was then received in which some issues were answered but it failed to address the strategic issues. Cllr. M Walker was approached to push for answers; this has resulted in a meeting being set up with SLC Roads and Transportation Department to discuss this matter.

**c) Waste bin management; update**

The completion of this issue has been delayed due to the pressing deadline of the Regeneration Capital Fund application.

**d) Regeneration Capital Grant Fund application**

J Bachtler provided the following report:

An application is to go ahead for the phase 2 bid for the improvement of Cambuslang Main Street. The money would go towards the purchase of a former supermarket unit at 152 Main Street and turn it into a community hub on two levels with exterior works to improve the façade of the central section of the Main St and street murals on the gable ends. The bid amounts to a total of £1.2 million, with Cambuslang Baptist Church potentially contributing £100,000 as match-funding and as a partner in the project.

The Chair gratefully acknowledged the substantial help received from DWA designers who created the design of the streetscape who have volunteered to create a plan of the layout free of charge. I McKenzie has also kindly provided technical advice for the bid.

**13. Clyde Walkway**

The Chair reported interest in a possible 'Friends of the Clyde Walkway' group to improve the ecology of the river and to insure the maintenance of the walkway. He wrote to SLC Countryside Access and to contacts in Glasgow City Council who have replied with some advice which has been passed on the individual who had expressed interest.

#### **14. Parks**

- **Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park Sub-Group: encroachment**

See Appendix 1.

#### **15. Town Greening Projects**

- **Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group**

L Wallace provided the following written report in her absence:

During week commencing 1st June more than 250 plants were planted out in Cambuslang Main Street by a team of 12 CIB Volunteers. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, it was not possible to have a big communal plant out event this year. Instead, L Wallace allocated specific planters and/or barrier baskets to individual CIB volunteers. Volunteers collected a set of plants from her house (gloves were used in handling the pots and social distancing rules were observed at the handover). Communication via WhatsApp made the organisation/ scheduling easier. Each volunteer is now responsible for watering in the plants they planted for 2-3 weeks and monitoring their plants throughout the season, watering them during dry periods if needed.

#### **16. Any Other Business**

D Porter noted that M Ferrier MP has sent a report (see Appendix 2).

M Farmer noted that several complaints have been made about the Cambuslang Waste and Recycling Centre due to being turned away after queuing. It was said that those wishing to use the centre should bring a form of identification to prove residency in Cambuslang.

In view of the many on-going activities and commitments of CCC, J Bachtler proposed that the monthly virtual meetings by Zoom should continue over the summer period. This was agreed by CCC members participating.

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

**The next CCC virtual meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm**

### CCC sub-group - Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park

#### **Report for Cambuslang Community Council - June 2020**

- With continued Covid-19 Lockdown measures Holmhills Park has become busier, and better appreciated by Cambuslang residents. The ponds, with masses of tadpoles, newts plus newly emerged adult dragonflies, are especially enjoyed by families.
- We are maintaining Social Media accounts and find an increased community interest in the Park and its wildlife with many visitor postings and comments on pond animals and wildflowers.
- Despite increased visitor numbers problems of litter, dog-mess and vandalism have generally been similar to previous years but lately groups of youths have been gathering to drink in the open field and in cover of the woods. SLC Lands Service are maintaining bin emptying and our volunteers are working hard towards clearing litter from all parts of the Park.
- SLC have prepared a draft Management Statement for Holmhills proposed Local Nature Reserve available online:  
[https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200166/getting\\_outdoors/1824/local\\_nature\\_reserves\\_in\\_south\\_lanarkshire](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200166/getting_outdoors/1824/local_nature_reserves_in_south_lanarkshire)  
We have submitted comments on the document including updated species information. We were to attend a pLNR information session in April 2020, but this was postponed due to Covid-19.
- There have been 2 major (and many other minor) incidences of neighbouring householders damaging land that is/might be within Holmhills Park. Summaries of issues and responses from SLC as follows:
  - (a) Tree felled and a strip of vegetation cleared outside a garden fence in Grenadier Park. SLC are to send a Solicitor's letter informing the resident that the land beyond their fence is within Holmhills Wood Community Park.
  - (b) A highly visible new fence standing further back than neighbouring properties in Grenville Drive with building waste and landscaping fabric dumped. CCC await guidance from SLC on findings of a desktop investigation (site visit not permitted due to pandemic) if extended garden is encroachment of part of Holmhills, and if illegal fly-tipping has occurred. Our interpretation of the large-scale map of Holmhills LNR, recently provided by SLC Countryside & Greenspace, indicates that while the extended garden area bounded by the new fence is within resident's property dumping is not lawful. It is now over a month since SLC were informed and a proper response is now overdue.
  - (c) We find that some neighbouring homes (Grenville Dr, Westcoats Rd, Holmhills Terr, Grenadier Park) are repeatedly using the Park to dump all kinds of garden waste (sometimes general waste) especially in areas hidden under cover of woodland,



hedges and scrub. We regard this as fly-tipping and will report findings to SLC Countryside Ranger and expect action to be taken since introduction of garden plants could negatively impact on biodiversity of LNR and other parts of Holmhill Park.

We have not scheduled the next Friends of Holmhill Park Planning Meeting as yet. When this and other activities can be arranged details will be provided on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/holmhillspark](http://www.facebook.com/holmhillspark)

To contact us message via Facebook or Email ([holmhillspark@yahoo.com](mailto:holmhillspark@yahoo.com)).

## **Appendix 2**

### **Report from M Ferrier MP – Member for Rutherglen and Hamilton West**

Since the last meeting of Cambuslang Community Council, lockdown restrictions have started to ease in Scotland, as the number of deaths and hospital admissions from coronavirus start to fall over a sustained period. This progress is testament to people following the rules, difficult though they have been for many of us, and I want to pass on my thanks to constituents who have been staying at home during the pandemic.

Firstly, I want to congratulate the Community Council on their successful bid to the Access to Cash pilot scheme to restore cash access to Cambuslang. After years of bank branch closures and withdrawal of free-to-use cash machines, this will provide a much-needed boost to Main Street, especially as we will need to support local business as lockdown eases. I will continue to push for cash to be preserved as a lifeline for constituents who continue to rely on it for day-to-day spending.

However, I am devastated to hear about the proposal of 700 job losses at Rolls-Royce in Inchinnan, many of whom are constituents who live in Rutherglen, Cambuslang, Blantyre and Hamilton. These are highly skilled manufacturing jobs and I have been speaking up in support of the workforce to ensure that all possible options are explored to avoid redundancies.

I am also disappointed to hear that BA intends to “fire and re-hire” thousands of workers on worse terms and conditions, as a result of the downturn in commercial aviation during the pandemic. I have written to the Department for Transport to speak up for those constituents who have told me that their loyalty to BA has been betrayed by these actions.

I have been able to take part virtually in proceedings in Westminster, although the government’s rush back to a physical parliament has seen ridiculous scenes of MPs queuing on a socially distanced basis through parliamentary buildings. The abandonment of electronic voting in particular demonstrates the determination of the Tories to keep Westminster stuck in the 18<sup>th</sup> century – which is the one that Jacob Rees-Mogg would prefer we all lived in.

Using virtual proceedings, I have challenged Cabinet Office Ministers on the behaviour of Dominic Cummings breaking lockdown rules – an issue that I know constituents feel very strongly about, given the sacrifices they have made in lockdown and the number of people who have contacted me about it. I have also called for exports of rubber bullets, tear gas and riot gear to the US to be suspended, in the wake of the horrific death of George Floyd and the disproportionate police response to Black Lives Matter protestors in the US.

In line with public health advice, I and my team are continuing to work from home to assist constituents and can be contacted via email to [Margaret.ferrier.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:Margaret.ferrier.mp@parliament.uk) or on 020 3545 2491. I am hosting virtual surgeries every Friday morning for those constituents who want to speak to me – email or call my office to book a time slot. You can also keep up to date with my activities on Facebook – Margaret Ferrier MP – and Twitter - @MargaretFerrier. Email and phone is preferred for constituency casework.