



CAMBUSLANG
Community Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 19th May
2020**

Virtual Meeting by Zoom 7.30-9.00pm

Participating

John Bachtler, Chair

Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair

David Porter, Secretary

Stewart Walker

Jacqueline Smyth

Clare Williamson

Linda Wallace

Mark Lauterburg

Margaret Ferrier MP

In Attendance

Morven Last, Minutes Secretary

Apologies

David Thomson

Brian Fisher, Treasurer

Hilda Allison

Dave Sutton

Donald Macdonald

Suzy Quinn

Thomas McEwan, Police Scotland

Paul Patterson, Police Scotland

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his sympathy for B Fisher whose mother has recently passed away.

A reminder was given of the expected conduct using Zoom during the virtual meeting.

2. Apologies

Noted above.

3. Minutes of Meeting on 21st April 2020

Corrections to the Minutes – none.

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by M Farmer and seconded by C Williamson.

4. Matters arising

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

M Lauterburg reported that 2 more letters of support have been received for the Access to Cash Pilot, one from Cambuslang Credit Union and the other from the Federation of Small Business Scotland. A total of 16 support letters have been received out of the 19 requests made. The Pilot Application is to be finalised and submitted within the next few weeks.

M Ferrier noted that she is to have a meeting with Scottish Grocers' Federation regarding access to cash and ATMs and will report any information worth noting.

J Bachtler noted that the Chief Executive of LINK has been in touch to check the progress of the application and to express his encouragement in moving forward with it. The Chair thanked M Ferrier for following up on this issue and M Lauterburg who ensured that an impressive number of letters of support were received.

Action: J Bachtler & M Lauterburg to ensure submission of the Access to Cash Pilot application.

b) Covid-19 crisis: CCC's activities in assisting our local community

C Williamson reported that the Food Hub in St Brides Church has now been running for four weeks with SLC having recently issuing posters and leaflets to help with advertising. Demand has dropped this week and, overall, has not been as large as initially anticipated. Healthy'n'Happy have been asked to circulate advertising on the Food Hub to increase demand. In the first 16 days, 170 households requested help from the service although this figure has been decreasing of late.

The Chair suggested asking Healthy'n'Happy to do some survey work and to systematically look through who were applying previously for a food packages and are not anymore to ensure they are not in difficulties.

It was suggested that a review meeting with Healthy'n'Happy would be useful to discuss the demand for food parcels.

Action: C Williamson to set up meeting with Healthy'n'Happy

S Walker reported that he has applied for grant for £200 from Tesco Bank for the foodbank.

The Chair thanked C Williamson and M Lauterburg for their hard work in coordinating the Food Hub and all the volunteers for their contribution.

5. Police Report – (Based on an email received from PC Thomas McEwan)

PC McEwan reported that he had a look back at the calls for Ward 13 over the last 2 months and, overall, there has been a large reduction in crime. He believes the current lockdown restrictions play a major factor in this with less people out and about. Housebreaking and theft of/from motor vehicle type calls have greatly reduced; however these are still happening. He thought it might be helpful to remind persons participating in the CCC meeting that it is important to ensure that vehicles and homes are locked and secured at all times. As stated at previous meetings, nowadays the perpetrators are opportunists trying doors to see what has been left unlocked and not people forcing entry to properties/vehicles.

PC Paul Patterson and he have had slight changes in their duties over the last few weeks as a result of the lockdown. They have been asked to carry out more proactive visits to pharmacies and supermarkets because at the beginning of the lockdown staff at these workplaces were getting a lot of abuse. This has now stopped as people have become more accustomed to the restrictions and having to queue. They will continue to patrol local parks and PC McEwan was happy to report that, so far, the majority of local youths have been complying with COVID guidelines. By this time in a typical year with the good weather, the Police regularly receive calls reporting 100 kids in the park drinking. They have not seen any calls like this so far this year.

Committee Business

6. Chair's Correspondence

The Chair reported his correspondence with a group of residents on Douglas Drive to whom Dave Sutton has been giving ongoing support. They have had a number of issues in respect of a planning application for a proposed house extension in Douglas Drive which they wish to present to SLC Planning Committee rather than having these dealt with by planning officers. C Haughey MSP has also been working to emphasise this point. CCC office bearers have agreed that D Sutton should write to the Head of Planning to express their concern with both the procedural issues they have had with SLC planning officers and with the content of the planning application and its impact on the surroundings.

A local resident has had correspondence with the Chair regarding potential encroachment into Holmhills Wood Community Park by the extension of a rear garden at a property on Grenville Drive. This issue has been taken up with the Planning Department who will complete an assessment of the boundary. There is uncertainty about the exact position of the boundary with the Park is so a large-scale map will be used to resolve this issue.

J Bachtler also noted the increased risk of fire whilst lockdown measures are in place. Notices have been uploaded to social media to notify members of the community of this.

7. Secretary's Report

D Porter presented the following report:

- 1) Planning Applications for period 20 April 2020 to 15 May 2020 (from weekly notifications): For domestic premises: 1 application for changes/extensions to houses; and 1 for commercial developments.
 - a) P/20/0558 - Erection of reverse vending machine unit and associated alterations at Aldi Store, Cambuslang. This device accepts empty beverage containers and returns a cash reward or some other payment method. This unit will be in a self-contained cabin along the front of the store occupying 5 existing car parking spaces, the total number of these being reduced to 95. The introduction of this technology is being rolled out at many major retailers of bottled/canned beverages throughout Scotland as part of ScotGov's Deposit Return Scheme which will be mandatory for all retailers of such products.

Action: None

Planning Application Consultation (electronic)

- b) P/20/0548: Demolition of existing farm steading and erection of residential development comprising 15 detached dwelling houses with roads, landscaping and other associated works, including stabilization works to Gilbertfield Castle. Development by R Taylor & Sons. Response by 2 June 2020.

Action: Review documents and liaise with Halfway CC. Query public access to Gilbertfield Castle.

- 2) Marches/Parades: None notified :

- 3) Consultations/Surveys:

- a) *South Lanarkshire Council (On-Street Parking and Charges) Consolidation Order 2005, Amendment No. 1, Order 2020*. SLC propose to consider the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order thereby amending details of the order to reflect the use of a cashless payment system as an alternative method of payment, in all of SL on-street parking bays (with charges).
- b) *Small Repairs Service in South Lanarkshire*. Care and Repair is a registered charity that has been active in South Lanarkshire since 2004. It was recently successful with a bid for funding from the Community Wellbeing Fund administered by the Corra Foundation to provide short term assistance to eligible clients in South Lanarkshire during the Corona virus pandemic. This service will be available to help eligible clients with urgent repairs and advice across South Lanarkshire during this period of lockdown and social isolation. This service will be free of charge. However clients will have to pay for any materials required to carry out the urgent repair.

Action: Post Care & Repair advertisement on CCC's social media.

8. Treasurer's report

J Bachtler read the following Treasurer's Report in the absence of Brian Fisher:

Current and pending transactions for all four CCC Bank Accounts since the 21st April 2020 meeting.

Account	Apr. 2020 Balance	Statement date	May 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 Holmhill WCP	£409.79	01.04.20	£409.79	01.04.20
Micro Grant	£800.00	20.03.20	£300.00	20.04.20
Total	£6,143.11		£5,643.11	

Last month's transactions:-

- **M. G. Account**- One more cheque cashed for £500

Pending transactions:-

- **M. G. Account** - 1 cheque still to be cashed for £300

Items for Discussion

9. 'Legitimising' Virtual Meetings of Community Councils: discussion of initiative proposed by Biggar CC

J Bachtler reported that, according to SLC rules, virtual CC meetings cannot be decision-making meetings and that decisions should be made by the Chair and one other office bearer. SLC claims that it is Scottish Government policy that makes them unable to change the way in which CCs operate during this Covid-19 crisis. An email was received from Biggar CC who have expressed their concern about the lack of democracy in this system. They have researched the legal position of this rule and found that in other parts of Scotland the approach is different with virtual CC meetings permitted and decisions made 'virtually' being completely valid. The office bearers made a positive response to Biggar CC's initiative and expressed willingness in joining them in making approach to the Scottish Government. There has been no response from Biggar CC as yet.

10. CCC's role in vetting SLC Planning Applications: limitations and problems evidenced by current experiences, and proposals for improvement

Due to the absence of D Sutton, this item is to be discussed in a future meeting.

Items for Report

11. Update on Development of Town Centre Strategy

a) Parking update

A paper was submitted to SLC on the parking situation in Cambuslang. This contained the survey results on traffic and also covered the issues of parking in the wider area. It was believed that with the prospect of the new Park and Ride facility in Bridge Street, the time was opportune now to reconsider the parking strategy for Cambuslang as a whole.

Some issues with the proposed P&R were raised such as the number of electric charging points, provisions for disabled people and links to the Main St and station via the underpass.

A letter was received from Mr Colin Park (SLC Roads & Transportation Officer) which provided helpful replies on specific points concerning the P&R but was unhelpful in responding to the request for a strategic approach to parking in Cambuslang.

There is a concern that non-local visitors will use the P&R and that it will not relieve pressure from the shops on the Main Street. This issue is to be taken up with local elected members.

b) Waste bin management

Members of the Cambuslang Future group (C Williamson, M Farmer and J Bachtler) are doing further work on a new policy to get the waste bins removed from the street. They have collated information (and photos) regarding the problem and public perceptions of waste bins. J Bachtler is also doing comparative research on the policy approaches and experiences of five other local authorities regions in Scotland that have implemented measures to get waste bins off streets; the research is based on Council documents and interviews with local authority staff. A draft report will be produced and circulated for comment before being submitted to SLC.

M Farmer noted that fly tipping seems to be exacerbated by the presence and state of waste bins along the Main Street.

c) Town Centre Fund project

The Chair has spoken with I Ross and V Eccles of SLC about the latest situation regarding the Town Centre Fund project involving streetscape improvements. There has been a delay in the procurement of contractors due to Covid-19. The deadline was put back by a month at the contractors' request but submission of bids has now taken place. It was noted that the deadline for spending the grant has been put back by a year.

d) Regeneration Capital Grant Fund project

Phase 2 of the redevelopment of the Main Street is to obtain a grant from the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund to create a community hub in a vacant unit in the centre of the Main Street and improve the façade of the section of the street from the Ritz Bar to the Asia Tandoori. A business plan has not yet been created due to the Covid-19 crisis. A meeting is to be set up with Cambuslang Baptist Church to check on their progress. Applications for the grant have opened and this is to be submitted via SLC by 19 June.

12. Parks

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

There was no report.

13. Town Greening Projects

- **Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group**

L Wallace provided the following report:

Plug plants (purchased from Thomson & Morgan) cost one tenth of the cost of buying fully grown plants from the garden centres. They are being grown from March to the end of May and planting out is planned for start June. There will not be a big communal plant out event due to Covid-19; but individual CiB Volunteers will collect a set of plants and plant out into specific planters and/or barrier baskets. This will be organised via WhatsApp. L Wallace will use gloves to prepare plants and observe social distancing rules at the handover.

The Chair thanked L Wallace for growing these plants which has saved a large amount money.

14. Any Other Business

M Farmer noted that there were no social distancing measures in place in the Lucky Oriental takeaway. M Ferrier suggested speaking to the owners and, if further action is needed, speaking to the police.

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

**The last CCC meeting before the summer break, probably virtual, will be held on Tuesday
16th June 2020 at 7.30pm**