



CAMBUSLANG
Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 21st April

2020

Virtual Meeting by Zoom 7.30-9.00pm

Participating

John Bachtler, Chair

Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair

David Porter, Secretary

Brian Fisher, Treasurer

Dave Sutton

Hilda Allison

Stewart Walker

Clare Williamson

Suzy Quinn

Mark Lauterburg

Margaret Ferrier MP

In Attendance

Morven Last, Minute Secretary

Apologies

David Thomson

Jacqueline Smyth

Clare Haughey MSP

Alison Park FoHWCP

Gerald Boyd, Resident

Phyllis Boyd, Resident

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and thanked them for joining, particularly M Ferrier MP who attended despite her extremely busy schedule. The Chair then gave guidance on conduct during the virtual meeting such as switching to 'mute' when not talking.

It was noted that SLC have advised that CC meetings can only be consultative and cannot make decisions during the crisis; see Appendix 1. Any decisions can be made by the Chair and one other office bearer, and the CC then notified.

2. Apologies

Noted above.

3. Minutes of Meeting on 18th February 2020

Corrections to the Minutes – None.

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by the Chair and seconded by D Porter.

4. Matters arising

a) Community Participation and Engagement update

M Farmer provided the following report:

SLC Participation and Engagement team conducted a survey regarding the strategy to improve community participation. M Farmer completed this survey on behalf of CCC. The draft letter to Cllr. M Chalmers regarding CCs not being core members of the Community Planning and Partnership team has not yet been sent as the time may not be opportune during the current pandemic crisis.

b) Access to Cash Pilots, Strategy for Main Street

M Lauterburg provided the following report:

The application date for the Access to Cash scheme has been moved back one month to 1st June 2020. 19 local and community groups have been contacted soliciting letters of support and CCC has received 14 responses. One more response is awaited after which the application will be finalized.

LINK has informed CCC about a separate Access to Cash initiative, and M Lauterburg has registered CCC interest in this initiative.

The Chair noted his appreciation of all the organisations and individuals involved in sending letters of support.

c) Waste on Main Street: unresolved/ongoing problems

M Farmer provided the following report:

There have been several incidents of fly-tipping on Cambuslang Main Street and two recent complaints about this have been received from members of the community. Large plastic bags of waste have been lying on the Main Street for over four weeks. These incidents have been reported to the SLC Environmental Dept.

The items have now been removed by Land Services and M Farmer has emailed Environmental Services about the lack of proper investigation and resolution of this issue in general which has been prevalent since 2016. She has suggested creating a leaflet to post on the Main Street informing local people about where to report these issues.

M Farmer, J Bachtler and C Williamson are drafting a paper addressing the issues of fly-tipping and commercial waste within the community which will also include a vision for Cambuslang along with proposals for solutions to the issues.

C Williamson added that it would be worthwhile having a conversation with Glasgow CC to find out how they tackled their issue of commercial waste.

M Ferrier MP noted that this issue should be taken up with local councillors.

d) Upgrading CCC's website

There was no report.

5. Police Report

There was no police report.

Committee Business

6. Chair's Correspondence

The Chair reported two items of correspondence:

- 1) A resident on Douglas Drive has expressed concern about a neighbour's planning application (P/19/0983).
Action: D Sutton has agreed to look through this and provide advice on the issue.

- 2) A group of residents on Cadzow Drive are experiencing the ongoing issues relating to cars parking across their driveways to attend the Cambuslang Institute and the Baptist Church. A resident has received a response from SLC. However this has not been viewed as helpful and the issue remains unresolved at the moment due to the lockdown.

7. Secretary's Report

D Porter provided the following report:

- 1) Planning Applications for period 14 Mar 2020 to 17 Apr 2020 (from weekly notifications): For domestic premises: 5 applications for changes/extensions to houses; and 0 for commercial developments.
Action: None

- 2) Marches/Parades: None notified :

Action: None

3) Consultations/Surveys:

- a) *Ministerial statement on access rights during COVID-19 (9th April 2020)*
The Scottish Government's introduction of a right of responsible access for all remains one of the most successful and popular provisions passed by the Scottish Parliament. These rights continue to apply, and exercise remains important for people's physical and mental wellbeing during the current crisis.

Action: As this communication seems to contradict other Government advice on 'Stay Home' and 'Essential Travel only' during the COVID-19 crisis, no action will be taken to publicize this.

- b) *2020 Community Paths Grants programme* launched by Paths for All
SLC has been asked to share this information from Paths for All with the community councils. Please feel free to share with any community groups as appropriate. The deadline for Expressions of Interest is Monday, 13 April with applications closing on May 11, 2020.

Action: D Porter to send information to A Park (FoHWCP)

- c) *NPF4 - Call for Ideas deadline extended to 30 April.* In light of current events, including the need to cancel the final seven NPF4 roadshow events, the Scottish Government has now extended the Call for Ideas deadline from 31 March to 30 April. This applies to all aspects, including the recent housing technical paper and suggestions for national developments. You can also find all you need to know at www.transformingplanning.scot.

Action: D Sutton will continue to monitor these developments.

8. Treasurer's report

B Fisher provided the following Treasurer's Report:

Current and pending transactions for all four CCC Bank Accounts since the 17th March 2020 meeting.

Account	Mar. 2020 Balance	Statement date	Apr. 2020 Balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£2,648.15	28.02.20	£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	£359.79	31.01.20	£409.79	01.04.20
Micro Grant	£1,250.00	20.02.20	£800.00	20.03.20
Total	£6,588.76		£6,143.11	

Last month's transactions:-

- **Main Account** - Cheque no. 524 for £45.98 cashed by David Porter for Ink Cartridges. Interest for £0.33pence paid into the account
- **FOHWCP** - Internal transfer of £50 from main account re increase of Micro Grant
- **M. G. Account** - One more cheque cashed for £450; also cheque for £100 returned with a new cheque for £50 cashed an internal transfer of £50 to FOHWCP

Pending transactions:-

M. G. Account - 2 cheques still to be cashed for a total of £800

Items for Discussion

9. COVID-19 crisis: CCC's response to the impact on our local community

M Ferrier MP reported her experience in working to help the community during the crisis (see details in Appendix 2).

The Chair provided the following report:

There are five areas in which CCC has been working in the community:

- 1) Becoming part of the Camglen Covid Community Response team. B Rooney CEO of Healthy'n'Happy is keen to involve CCs in assisting the community during the crisis.
- 2) Giving advice and creating a website with links to guidance and advice. These resources have been promoted via social media.
- 3) Identifying elderly and vulnerable people in the community via email to all CCC networks of local clubs, societies, associations, church groups etc. and referring any people needing help to Camglen Covid Community Response team or LEAP.
- 4) Working with local businesses and helping them access support grants. This help also includes compiling and promoting (via social media) details and delivery options of local businesses to remind people of the local businesses that remain open.
- 5) Implementing an agreement with Healthy'n'Happy to set up the Cambuslang Food Hub in the Parish Hall of St Brides RC Church. C Williamson is coordinating the Hub with the support of M Lauterburg. She reported that 250 'shielding bags' (with basic food stuffs) had been delivered from SLC which could then be distributed to those in need, supplemented by bags of groceries based on donations from local residents and supermarkets. Orders, based on requests to HnH, are sent to the Food Hub daily. Bags are packed by volunteers and then

collected by delivery drivers for distribution. 20 volunteers have been recruited allowing two people to work either a morning or afternoon shift from Monday to Friday.

The Chair thanked all volunteers who are helping vulnerable people during this crisis, and expressed CCC's appreciation to Fr Morton and Maureen Clayton of St Brides Church, and to those donating food.

10. Parking - SLC's Review of Main Street Experimental Traffic Order and Bridge Street P&R

i) Parking Survey

The Chair reported that, in late January /early February two parking surveys were conducted to gauge the opinion of local residents and businesses respectively on parking times on the Main Street as well as wider parking issues. The results, conclusions and recommendations have been written up in a report which will be submitted to SLC shortly. In summary, CCC recommends that the experimental 2-hour parking time be retained permanently. CCC's Report also highlights other parking issues in Cambuslang such as the overuse of car parks and excessive, opportunistic on-street parking by commuters and additional details that need to be addressed concerning the planned Bridge Street Park & Ride facility (see ii) below).

ii) New Bridge Street Park & Ride facility

The Chair noted that the Park & Ride project needs to be looked at in a strategic way in the context of parking management throughout central Cambuslang. In the above report, CCC has proposed a strategic approach and is keen to meet with SLC officials to discuss it.

D Sutton reported that he has been preparing a response to the Planning Application for the Bridge Street P&R. He has identified the following points which need to be considered:

- 1) An adequate number of electric vehicle charging points need to be installed.
- 2) An appropriate amount of turning space is required at every parking space.
- 3) Currently there are no proposals to link the car park to the underpass leading to the train station.
- 4) Ideally, Somervell Street should have direct access to the Park & Ride.
- 5) The Main Street traffic lights should detect vehicles automatically to prevent large queues.
- 6) A low maintenance landscape scheme must be put in place.

The issue of P&R parking charges was also mentioned. Charging depends on whether there will be controls on parking in local streets (through some form of residents' permit system) to encourage people to use the P&R car park. There is no SLC decision on such a permit system for the moment; it was noted that there are different versions of permit systems, for example a local household could receive one free parking permit and a second at a low price.

11. Development of Town Centre Strategy

J Bachtler noted that all significant issues with the Town Centre Strategy have been covered in the CCC Note of March 2020 distributed in lieu of Minutes for the cancelled CCC Meeting.

It was noted that the street railings would not be removed in the current phase of Main Street regeneration.

Planning for Phase 2 of the Cambuslang Main Street Investment has begun, which will involve applying for a 7-figure investment sum from the Regeneration Capital Fund to develop a community hub on the Main Street, providing a suitable venue for an events programme.

CCC has also teamed up with Cambuslang Baptist Church to form a group to look in detail at what Phase 2 might include.

Items for Report

12. Parks

- **Friends of Holmhill Wood Community Park Sub-Group**
- Since mid-March, to comply with Government advice re Coronavirus, all public events and meetings have been cancelled until further notice. While socialising is highly restricted, Group Members will maintain contact with each other by phone, email etc. Community engagement will be pursued through Social Media.
- Participation in Keep Scotland Beautiful “Its Your Neighbourhood” Scheme and Citizen Science Projects (Bird, Butterfly, Bee, Dragonfly, Amphibian monitoring etc) are also suspended.
- FoHWCP were pleased to receive an additional £50 from Micro Grant Award. After Coronavirus restrictions are ended, they plan to purchase a basic metal bench from Blueton Ltd in place of more expensive 2 mushroom seats specified in our original grant application. SLC Land Services have kindly agreed to take delivery and install the bench beside the pond.
- In February, the Unpaid Work team improved the path from the Schools Car Park to Hunterfield Drive. There is still no update on longstanding application for work on Holmhill Grove path and we have now been advised that they will not be working on any projects during the pandemic.
- Looking ahead, FoHWCP welcome CCC’s consideration of updating their website with potential to facilitate them to input their stories and events publicity.

There are no scheduled Friends of Holmhill Park Planning Meetings as of yet. When this and other activities can be arranged, details will be provided on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/holmhillspark

To contact FoHWCP message via Facebook or Email (holmhillspark@yahoo.com).

13. Town Greening Projects

- **Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group**

CiB held a seasonal planning meeting on 21st March 2020 (see Appendix 3).

14. Clyde Cycle Park: update on grant received from SLC Community Enterprises and Resources

The Chair reported that there is now £15,000 in funding from the Vacant and Derelict Land grant to match the £15,000 that the Scottish Enterprise has committed for an environmental survey and site preparation. The VDL grant was approved by SLC Enterprise and Resources Committee, and needs to be formally approved by the Scottish Government although any work will be postponed until the lockdown is lifted.

15. Any Other Business

- a) H Allison asked when the Micro-Grant scheme money must be spent by. It was said that this should be spent by November 2020.
- b) D Porter asked about the timescale for spending the money from the Main Street grant. It was confirmed that the money must be spent by September 2020, although it is likely that this could be put back by two months due to the lockdown.
- c) M Ferrier MP noted that she attended the first virtual parliament meeting and said that debates will soon become possible online.
- d) D Sutton asked if there is anything that members of the community can do to help the local care homes. It was said that staying at home and preventing the spread of the virus is the best way to help. M Farmer mentioned that schoolchildren could write letters to those in care homes and flowers could be sent.
- e) S Walker mentioned that in order to get money back from travel agencies, people should speak to their credit card supplier and make a chargeback claim.

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

**The next CCC Meeting, probably virtual, will be held on Tuesday 19th May
2020 at 7.30pm**

Appendix 1

Response from E Harrison SLC to notification of CCC virtual Meeting in April 2020

Thank you for your email of 19 April 2020 regarding your "Virtual" meeting.

During the current COVID-19 crisis all Community Councils were advised to implement clause 10 whereby the Chair and one other office bearer make decisions on behalf of the Community Council to deal with all urgent items of business that may arise when meetings cannot be held.

As a "Virtual" meeting is only open to those CC members and members of the public who have the capability to join in, it can only be used as a means of discussing items of business with the other members/public who do manage to join in, but the final decision will be made by the chair and one other office bearer. All decisions made by the office bearers that cannot wait until Regulation 6 is relaxed must be reported back to the CC at the first regular meeting called in accordance with the Scheme.

As it is the officer bearers who are making decisions on behalf of the CC, it is up to them as to who (if anyone) they consult. If the office bearers are happy to have some sort of online consultative forum (like a virtual meeting) with some members of the public logged in then that would be ok. However, it is important to emphasise that it is the office bearers making any decisions not the CC.

Regards

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Report from Margaret Ferrier, MP

It's difficult to overstate just how dramatic the impact of the coronavirus pandemic has been on communities across my constituency. I am grateful to constituents who are following the rules to stay at home to protect our NHS and save lives – this is a difficult time and we will get through it together.

Even though many aspects of normal life have changed, I continue to serve constituents and scrutinise the UK Government. The Chancellor has announced a series of economic measures to protect the incomes of constituents whose work has been drastically altered by coronavirus. The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and Self-Employed Income Support Scheme are welcome interventions at this time of crisis, but in some cases the eligibility criteria exclude some people from being able to claim 80% of their wages, or average earnings. I and my staff are raising these cases directly with Ministers, so that any gaps in these schemes can be addressed and so that people aren't put into serious financial hardship through no fault of their own.

I've also been contacted by several constituents who have found themselves stranded abroad and have had difficulties returning home. For those that have succeeded in getting home, they've faced exorbitant price hikes for return flights which are completely unaffordable. I've pressed the Foreign Secretary to step up efforts to charter repatriation flights for people who are stuck abroad and to expand consular services as much as possible to help get people home.

In line with public health advice, my temporary constituency office in Rutherglen is closed to the public. I and my team are working from home to assist constituents and can be contacted via email to Margaret.ferrier.mp@parliament.uk or on our temporary office number 07562 288 713. 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.

Details of Cambuslang in Bloom Seasonal Planning Meeting

Attending: L Wallace, L Kane, D Porter

Apologies: H Allison, R Allison, B Fisher, L Woods

Summary of planning for new season in lockdown

1. Financial Update

In B Fisher's absence, D Porter provided latest figures from CIB account provided by Brian at the last CCC meeting. Current balance is £2,300 so total available to spend (net of the £1,500 grant funding for railings) is approx. £800.

2. Use of Community Grant from SLC - agreed to proceed with purchase and organise construction of the storage units and the cold frame – action for Linda. There has been a lot of support from members involved with the Credit Union Community Garden to prepare the ground space where the storage unit will be sited and also to raise the fence a little to ensure the small Yardmaster shed will not be visible from the public footpath. The link to the storage unit is here: <https://www.buyshedsdirect.co.uk/6-x-4-yardmaster-tall-woodview-pent-metal-shed> and the cold frame is here: https://www.wayfair.co.uk/Sol-72-Outdoor--Wysocki-6-Ft-W-x-4-Ft-D-Greenhouse-V112087433-L541-K~U001976322.html?refid=GBUK321-U001976322_855928729&PiID%5B%5D=855928729

3. Baskets orders for 2020 – now that H & R Allison have stepped down, J Stott has agreed take orders from shops for hanging baskets (but this will be put on hold until after the lockdown) – the group noted that there may be extra financial pressures for companies so we will need to decide how best to approach this issue and perhaps make a decision about whether or not to proceed with the baskets this year. Some shops are very keen so maybe worth just recognising the current situation (in the letter we send out) and asking the businesses if they would like to have a break this year or would like to proceed (there were only 11 businesses who requested a hanging basket last year. Note deadline for placing order handing in recycled baskets is end April if they are to be planned up and ready for hanging out at the end of May.

4. Purchase of plants

Agreed plug plants to be bought online for growing on (March/April May) - see attached list of flowered ordered. There are over 200 plug plants ordered therefore this year we do not anticipate needing to buy any additional plants from the Garden Centre.

5. Big Plant Out – tentative date set for 30 May (that was before current lockdown / restrictions so will need to be reviewed nearer the time).

6. Plant swap and sale was proposed in Credit Union Garden same day as the plant out (Jo Stott thinks they will Cambuslang Credit Union would agree to use of their garden if we are happy to distribute some flyers for them) – again due to the coronavirus we will review this and make a decision nearer the time. In anticipation that we will be able to have a plant sale / swap at

some point. Linda will send a request to members of the CiB team to pot up any self-seeding perennial plants from their garden which can be donated – all proceeds from the plant sale will go to CiB funds for next year's CiB plug plants.

7. Other possible Fundraising activity

Since bag packs are not very popular, we previously discussed ideas such as:

- Sending letters to businesses requesting donations / sponsorship of a planter (see Halfway in Bloom stickers indicating which companies sponsored a planter). It was agreed to pause the initiative re looking for sponsorship from local companies (due to current situation and potential financial issues companies find themselves in we want to avoid asking for support).
- Taking donations offered by the public - if members of the public would like to donate we will accept this. L Wallace to agree process with B Fisher for receiving these donations e.g. currently being offered an annual donation from a member of the community who wants to support CiB in memory of her grandmother who passed away recently.