



CAMBUSLANG
Community Council

**Draft Minutes of Meeting of
Tuesday 21st July 2020
Virtual Meeting by Zoom 7.30-9.00pm**

Participating

John Bachtler, Chair

Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair

David Porter, Secretary

Brian Fisher, Treasurer

Hilda Allison

David Thomson

Mark Lauterburg

Margaret Ferrier MP

In Attendance

Morven Last, Minutes Secretary

Hugh Lee, Resident

Iain McKenzie, Resident

Apologies

Jacqueline Smyth

Clare Williamson

Stewart Walker

Clare Haughey, MSP

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including guests, H Lee, and I McKenzie. He also reminded everyone of the rules of conduct during the virtual meeting.

2. Apologies

Noted above.

3. Minutes of Meeting on 16th June 2020

Corrections to the Minutes – None.

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by H Allison, seconded by B Fisher.

4. Matters arising

a) Covid-19 crisis: update on CCC's community activities

M Lauterburg provided the following report:

Mondays and Fridays are now the two full-time operational days at the food hub, with Tuesdays-Thursdays only having one shift per day.

The food hub will close for good on 14th August as St Bride's Church requires its hall to be available after that for other activities.

The food hub will transfer over to the Trussell Trust and other permanent foodbanks during the period of mid-August to September. At that time, help may need to be given to the Rutherglen foodbank to assist with demand although this is not certain.

b) Police response to CCC concern about speeding on local streets

D Porter reported that PC Paul Patterson had contacted him in early July with the following response to the concerns expressed before the last CCC Meeting:

In response to your complaint about cars driving at high speed along Brownside Road, this has not been brought to the attention of the police other than by yourself. The community team in particular are in and around Cambuslang and Rutherglen using the Unipar speed detection device on a regular basis. Brownside Road is quite lengthy; can you point out any particular part of Brownside Road as there are only certain parts that can be used to indicate the speed of the traffic? I hope this answers the questions raised.

J Bachtler noted that CCC had engaged with the Police and SLC Traffic from time to time on this matter over the years and added that their most recent responses to complaints raised last year (Aug 2019) by Ged Killen MP were not particularly helpful. The Police stated that during the period 2018-19 they had had no calls expressing concern of speeding vehicles on Brownside Road. SLC harked back to a survey conducted in 2014 which reportedly found no issue with excessive speeding on Brownside Road.

M Farmer suggested creating a survey for areas of the community where speeding is particularly evident and communicating this data with the police.

M Ferrier noted that it is critical that speeding incidents are reported officially when they happen to build intelligence on the issue and suggested that a list of specific streets where speeding is most prevalent should be prepared for the police.

It was noted that, overall, communication between the CCC and the police has diminished during the last eight months, causing difficulties in raising community issues with them such as speeding.

Action: M Ferrier will raise these concerns at her next meeting with the Police.

c) CCC website update

J Bachtler reported that the web designer has been in contact with news that he had completed the website upgrade. He noted that the upgrade was much more complex than he had anticipated but has refused taking an additional fee for this. A link to the website will be circulated in the near future.

d) Legitimising virtual CC meetings: update

M Farmer provided the following report:

Currently virtual meetings of CCC cannot take any formal decisions; only the Chair and one other office-bearer are empowered to do so.

This system is not democratic and the issue has been raised with R Leith, SLC Community Engagement Officer. CCC has argued that this system should be upgraded to allow all CCC members to take part in decisions democratically. R Leith has provided an encouraging response and has contacted the Head of SLC Legal Services, who then said that it would take six months to upgrade the 'Scheme of Establishment' for CCs.

Upon communicating with Biggar CC, it was found that other local authorities were able to make adaptations to enable CCs to work democratically.

This information has been passed to R Leith, requesting that the six month process is looked at and reviewed to verify whether it is really necessary. R Leith will now refer this issue once again to the head of SLC Legal Department. It remains to be seen whether this process will take six months!

J Bachtler thanked M Farmer for her work on this issue.

It was noted that, although the Covid-19 restrictions were now being eased, the reintroduction of physical meetings has not yet been discussed by CCC members. Various issues need to be taken into account such as finding a hall large enough to allow for appropriate social distancing and the use of masks.

Action: JB will contact SLC to inquire when the Cambuslang Institute is due to re-open.

5. Police Report

PC Patterson provided the following belated police report for June 2020:

PC McEwan and I have been concentrating on the possession and sale of controlled drugs and can confirm that three successful warrants have been executed and a quantity of drugs seized.

No report has been received for the July Meeting.

Committee Business

6. Chair's Correspondence

The Chair reported two items of correspondence:

- 1) A Dropbox has been set up for all CCC members to obtain access to all papers associated with items on the agenda. This is to be tested out during the next few weeks.
- 2) The Chair has been notified of the work of H Lee, who has an interest in memory improvement techniques (see item 14).

7. Secretary's Report

D Porter provided the following report:

1) Planning Applications for period 15 June 2020 to 17 July 2020 (from weekly notifications): For domestic premises: 7 applications for changes/extensions to houses and tree removal; and 3 for commercial developments.

- i. P/20/0702: Takeaway Food Restaurant at 41 Main Street.
- ii. P/20/0819: Fratelli's Glasgow Road – change of use of first floor from 'function suite' to 'hotel accommodation' (11 bedrooms).
- iii. P/20/0920: Restaurant 3 Burn Place – extension to provide separate takeaway unit.

Action: None

Planning Decision:

- iv. P/18/1837: Erection of 70 dwelling units comprised of detached & semi-detached and terraced houses, and 3 storey flatted units, and associated roads & landscaping on Dale Avenue, Cambuslang.

A notice was received stating that this Application had been recently considered with CCC's comments taken into account. The decision was that the Application was approved.

2) Consultations/Surveys:

- i. *Healthcare Improvement Scotland - Community Engagement: Engaging Differently*

The purpose of *Engaging Differently* is to share information, tips, and case study examples of how to meaningfully engage with communities at a distance. Digital engagement plays a large part of this, but we're also interested in other alternative forms of engagement too.

We're particularly keen to know about examples where groups or organisations are using technology, or other alternative approaches, to meaningfully engage with people and communities at a distance regarding a particular issue or subject. Where you see such an example, please use our 'Share your experience' webpage to provide us with some details. Here's the link:

<https://www.hisengage.scot/equipping-professionals/engaging-differently/share-your-experiences/>

ii. **Survey - *The Vision for Near Me (NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland)***

The question asked is: What do you think of having appointments by video?
We would love to hear from you.

<https://www.nearme.scot/views>

Action: This survey has been posted on CCC's social media.

c) **Scottish Government consultation updates**

i) **Extended deadlines** (*Note: the blue, italicised titles also serve as links*)

Just Transition Commission: Now closing 30 June 2020. Theme - ensuring fairness in introduction of emission targets

Parental Involvement Act - Statutory Guidance: Now closing 30 June 2020. Theme – reviewing/improving involvement of parent groups in schools.

Regulation of Non-Surgical Cosmetic Procedures in Scotland : Now closing 30 June 2020. Theme – proposals to regulated currently unregulated providers of skin piercing/penetrating services.

ii) **Recently opened**

Raising the age of referral to the principal reporter : Closing on 7 October 2020. Theme – proposal to include children of 16-17 years of age in children's panels referral system.

8. Treasurer's report

B Fisher read the following report:

Current and pending transactions for all four CCC Bank Accounts since the 16th June 2020 meeting.

Account	June 2020 Balance	Statement date	July 2020 Balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£2,602.50	01.04.20	£2,602.82	01.07.20
Cambuslang in Bloom	£2,330.82	01.11.19	£1,698.75	01.07.20
F of Holmhill WCP	£409.79	01.04.20	£409.79	01.04.20
Micro Grant	£300.00	20.04.20	£300.00	20.04.20
Total	£5,643.11		£5,011.36	

Last month's transactions:-

- **Main Account** - Interest of £0.32pence credited to the account
- **C.I.B. Account** - Cheque for £632.07 cashed by Linda Wallace for numerous items relating to our planting season on the Main Street

Pending transactions:-

- **Main Account** - Cheque no. 526 for £150 to Morven Last for minute taking from January to June
Cheque no. 527 for £30.94 to John Bachtler for bottle of wine as a thank you to Andy McLatchie of DWA relating to the streetscape designing
- **CIB Account** - 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** - One cheque outstanding to Happy Days for £300, they unfortunately have found it extremely difficult to open a new account under present climate therefore it may result in having to cancel this cheque and then re-issuing a new one

It was noted that the bottle of wine for A McLatchie was gifted to him for his help on the Regeneration Capital Fund Grant application. He did this pro bono work to help with the application was not paid during this phase of the regeneration.

Items for Discussion

9. CCC sub-group for vetting SLC Planning Applications

D Porter provided the following report:

Due to the sad passing of D Sutton, there is now a search for a resident within the ward who might be willing to assist with vetting planning applications.

D Porter has received communication from a willing resident who is a professional planner.

J Bachtler suggested advertising this role on social media after the summer break.

Action Point: MF will contact SLC CP&E Manager, Rhonda Leith to request official public guidance for the planning process (including appeals) and request how the Planning Department can support CCC in carrying out its planning role.

Items for Report

10. Development of Town Centre Strategy

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

M Lauterburg provided the following report:

The first Access to Cash Zoom meeting was held on the 8th of July 2020. Cambuslang is one of eight pilot areas. CACP sent a transcript of the zoom meeting and are going to put together solutions to the issues raised over the course of several meetings. It was found that the Post Office is not suitable due to its location and that pop up or shared branch would be ideal.

M Ferrier noted that she will return to Parliament on 1st September where she will be presenting the Access to Cash Bill.

J Bachtler noted a good turnout at the first Cambuslang Access to Cash meeting.

b) Town Centre Fund; update

J Bachtler provided the following report:

The implementation of phase 1 of the streetscape renewal has been delayed due to the Covid crisis. SLC have decided that it should go into next year with the work likely to start in March 2021. There is a funding gap, reportedly because of working conditions associated with Covid-19 precautions. SLC officials reported that they do not have the funding available to make up the difference between the funding allocated to CCC and the projected additional costs due to Covid-19. They also stated that it would be in the interest of businesses on the Main Street to delay the project rather than to cause further disruptions on top of the lock down restrictions they have already had since March 2020.

The Cambuslang Future Sub-group is due to have a meeting with SLC officials to discuss how the wider streetscape plan should be taken forward although a date has yet to be decided.

c) Parking update

J Bachtler reported that Cllr M Walker has been helpful in brokering a meeting with SLC parking officials. They have yet to respond with a date for this meeting to review the Bridge Street Park and Ride Project, the future of the Experimental Traffic Order on waiting times on the Main Street and the wider parking strategy for Cambuslang.

d) Regeneration Capital Grant Fund application

J Bachtler reported that the application has now been submitted and a response is expected in September which will inform CCC whether the application has been successful in passing stage 1.

M Farmer noted that CCC has partnered with Healthy n Happy, LEAP and Cambuslang Baptist Church for the Regeneration Capital Grant.

11. Clyde Walkway

After gathering new information on creating a Glasgow City Council and SLC Friends of Clyde Walkway group, J Bachtler passed this information on to a resident who is interested in setting up this group.

12. Parks

• Friends of Holmhill Wood Community Park Sub-Group

There was no report.

13. Town Greening Projects

• Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group

There was no report.

14. Any Other Business

- H Lee spoke of the benefits of memory improvement techniques and the potential for them to be implemented in schools to improve performance. He suggests creating a pilot project working with secondary students to assist them in their learning in school. The techniques involve a series of activities which build upon each other to make facts and data easier to recall. He requested the use of a facility where he can trial the techniques with students. J Bachtler

suggested creating a meeting with the office bearers to discuss the logistics of the trial.

- D Porter reported that he had reviewed the air quality data recorded by the Cambuslang Main Street monitoring station at the roadside junction of Main Street and Greenlees Road. Comparing the data for the period Jan-Jun 2020 with the averages for the same months in the preceding 3 years (2017-2019), there has been a drop of almost 50% in the concentration of nitrogen dioxide, and drops of around 25% in those of PM10 and PM2.5 attributable most probably to the impact of Covid-19 lockdown measures on traffic volume.
- B Fisher reported concerns about more recent fly-tipping over the last two weeks on Bridge Street.

Action Point: MF will contact local councillors to request if they could inquire as to when SLC are due to re-instate the once-a-year uplift per household for bulky waste items.

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

**The next virtual meeting of CCC will be held on
Tuesday 18th August 2020 at 7.30pm.**