



CAMBUSLANG
Community Council

Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Tuesday 15th December 2020, 7.30 - 9.00pm

AGENDA and MEETING REPORTS

Zoom link:

<https://strath.zoom.us/j/96680840707>

Password: 483575

1. **Welcome by the Chair**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Approval of Minutes** of Virtual CCC Meeting on 17th November 2020
4. **Matters arising**

a) SLC Planning information/training session – *M Farmer*

On 23rd November (4-6pm), 5 CCC members (M Farmer, D Porter, C Williamson, S Quinn and Jacque Smyth) attended a 2-hour virtual Planning Awareness Session via MS Teams with South Lanarkshire Council's Head of Economic & Development, Pauline Elliott, Community Engagement Manager, Rhonda Leith, Planning Head Quarter Team Manager, Tony Finn, and planning officials. This was the first SLC planning awareness session with community councils, and they will be rolling these out to other CCs across South Lanarkshire in due course.

- The topics included: the Planning Service, Planning Overview, Reform of Planning, Local Development Plan 2, Development Management, Enforcement, Future Themes & Local Case Studies. Time was insufficient to cover all issues and a follow-up session will be arranged. The panel took Q&As from CCC members. The PPT slides can be shared with CCC members on request.
- CCC members attending found the session informative and helpful, and they provided collective feedback of the session to Tony Finn and staff afterwards.
- One immediate outcome is that T Finn agreed to the CCC request for a basic planning handbook/guide for CC members.
- T Finn also agreed that Planning would review the planning section of the SLC website which is not easy to access. A 'You-Tube' clip may also be developed.

b) CCC presentation to the Licensing Board – *D Porter*

As recorded in the Minutes of CCC's Meeting last month, CCC was invited by the Area 4 Licensing Board (LB) to present its objections to the application by Legends Bar/Diner for extended hours for on and off sales. The LB comprises all SLC local councillors for the wards falling within Rutherglen and Cambuslang along with a number of other official representatives, in particular from the Police. No other objections had been received apparently, so the only other 'guest' at the hearing was the Applicant.

CCC's presentation concentrated the alcohol-related health and social impact of abuse of alcohol in Cambuslang, and on the explicit policies of the LB regarding these and the overprovision of licensed premises in central Cambuslang. Although no direct comments were made or questions asked by LB members, it was evident from the subsequent discussions and questions put to the Applicant that the points raised by CCC

had made their mark. The LB then retired to discuss the case and consider their decision in private; so CCC does not know for certain what factors convinced them to refuse the applicant's proposal to extend the late opening hours at weekends until 02.00am.

5. Police Report

M Farmer has emailed PC Patterson several times since the last CCC meeting and received the following responses to questions raised:

- **Meeting with Police:** M Farmer requested a virtual meeting via MS Teams as CCC has not met the local community policing team in person or virtually for over a year. The response from PC Patterson was that he does not have access to a computer with MS Teams.
- **Parking:** PC Patterson responded that local parking issues can be raised with SLC wardens. In the event of obstructions, people should phone 101.
- **Fly tipping:** PC Patterson answered that this issue can be raised with SLC Environmental Health.
- **Speeding (Brownside Road):** PC Patterson replied that he has spoken to his response colleagues who are on duty at the times mentioned in stated complaints and they are giving extra attention to the areas mentioned. He stated that he had been out a few times with the speeding device to investigate the issue raised by members. He confirmed that, to date, there has been no pattern of speeding related incidents reported to the police. Furthermore, he has also been in contact with one of the residents who had made complaints of speeding and has updated them concerning action taken.

M Farmer sent a further email to PC Patterson to ask for the email contact details for Inspector McLaughlin and staff (Motherwell Traffic Department) who we understand has responsibility for road traffic issues in Rutherglen and Cambuslang. We were advised that he had arranged for some of his officers to go through training for the new speed guns. M Farmer has proposed that CCC should contact the traffic department at Motherwell to get an update on actions on speeding being taken given continued complaints from the community. PC Patterson's response is awaited.

- **Drug report:** In relation to drug misuse and the supply of controlled drugs, PC Patterson is continuously monitoring this. He continues to gather intelligence which has resulted in a number of successful dwellings targeted and appropriate criminal charges brought.
- **Legends Bar:** PC Patterson reported that the majority of incidents tend to occur in the early hours of the morning. PC Patterson is off duty at the times that the proposed extended licence hours apply. PC Patterson stated that he has a good relationship with many of the licence holders of the local public houses in the community and regularly visits them during his back-shift tour of duty. Obviously due to COVID-19 this has not been required. He stated that alcohol can contribute to anti-social disorder but in his experience this is not a massive issue on the Main Street of Cambuslang. Before the closure of pubs, there were back shift units covering the Main Street every weekend for this particular reason. This will resume on the reopening of pubs. PC Patterson also personally attends license premises whenever there has been an incident and the Licensing Board are also informed.

- **Replacement for PC Thomas McEwan:** At this time, PC Patterson has no information on a replacement for PC McEwan and so Ward 13 will still only have one community police officer instead of the 2 allocated.

Committee business

6. Chair's Correspondence - *J Bachtler*

J Bachtler attended two recent meetings representing CCC:

- Access to Cash meeting (4 December) hosted by the Payment Systems Regulator to discuss future UK Government policy on access to cash (<https://www.psr.org.uk/psr-focus/access-to-cash>)
- Second meeting (8 December) of the Reference Group set up by the Scottish Community Development Centre to discuss how communities can best be involved in Local Place Plans (www.scdc.org.uk/what/local-place-plans) The focus of the meeting was on a structure for a guidance document to be issued to communities.

Scottish Community Councils will be adding a case study of the Cambuslang Food Hub to the Covid-19 response section of their website:

<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/community-council-covid-19-responses.html>

7. Secretary's Report - *D Porter*

1) Planning Applications for period 16 November 2020 to 11 December 2020 (from weekly notifications). **Provisionally**, for domestic premises: 4 applications for changes/extensions to houses; and 1 for a minor commercial development Involving LED advertising signage.

2) Consultations/Surveys

a) At the **National Autistic Society South Lanarkshire Branch** one of the many projects we have done during lockdown has been to produce a new leaflet to assist in promoting the branch and our support right across the communities of South Lanarkshire. We have also developed the branch newsletter and launched several online groups. Additionally as a branch we are looking at how we can increase and expand on our community links. If this is something you feel you could help us out with please contact us on southlan@nas.org.uk or by phoning 07483012438.

Action: Posted on CCC's social media

b) **Scottish Open Government Conference - free places for Community Councils**

There's a conference on 15th December in the morning - [Scottish Open Government: Delivering on the Scottish Government's Programme of Reforms](#) - . We wondered whether some community council members might like to take these spaces up, at no cost. [The conference](#) will discuss the development of open government in Scotland's public bodies and services against the backdrop of the Open Government in Scotland Action Plan published by the Scottish Government and the Scottish Open Government Network. Anyone wishing to take up the offer can visit our website [here](#) to book themselves and simply enter discount code SOGCC where prompted.

c) **COVID Cross-Sectoral Connections Survey**

SCDC is working with The Red Cross, Ready Scotland and other public sector resilience networks, together with key national Third Sector networks, to promote and support coordinated approaches between public, third and community sector organisations working on COVID. As part of this work we are pleased to launch this short survey and ask that you complete it before the 14th December.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GNFZK8L>

8. Treasurer's Report – B Fisher

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

Account	November 2020 Balance	Statement date	December 2020 Balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£2,781.20	30.10.20	£2,645.53	11.12.20
Cambuslang in Bloom	£1,653.39	01.10.20	£1,653.39	11.12.20
F of Holmhills WCP	£79.79	30.10.20	£79.79	11.12.20
Micro Grant	£5,000.00	20.10.20	£5,000.00	11.12.20
A2C Pilot	-	-	£47,900.00	11.12.20
Total	£9,514.38		£57,278.71	

Last month's transactions:-

- **Main Account** - Cheque no. 529 for £135.67 cashed by South Lanarkshire Council for the printing of last year's 2019 Xmas CF newsletters
- **Access to Cash** - First payment to the new account of £47,900 from Link Scheme Ltd.
- **Pending transactions** - Nothing pending

Items for discussion.

9. Reform of SLC Scheme for CCs: discussion of proposed CCC response – M Farmer

CCC returned its collective comments on the Review of the Scheme of Establishment for CCs to SLC as well as providing a written argument proposing a full review of the Scheme. Five CCC members completed this review: J Bachtler, D Porter, B Fisher, M Farmer and C Williamson.

- The review consultation proposes **two amendments** to the scheme that will enable CCs to meet virtually as the current scheme states that CCs must meet physically, and this has not been possible during the pandemic.
- The consultation period is over, and a SLC Report has been issued by Paul Manning, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources for the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee meeting scheduled for 16th December 2020
- The Report recommends that SLC adopts the proposed amendments to the existing Scheme, and if two thirds of the Councillors present vote in favour, the proposals would be adopted.
- The proposed revisions to the Scheme are:

- a) allowing all or some of the members of the Community Council, press and public to attend a meeting using remote access; and
- b) suspending the requirement for the public to be able to physically attend any meetings. Note that under the existing Scheme, all Community Council meetings, including Sub-Committee meetings, to be held in public and open to the public and press without exception. There is no provision for any of the Community Councils or its Sub-Committees' meetings to be held in private.
- c) Proposed Amendment 1: Unless permitted in terms of this sub-clause, all Community Council meetings, including Sub-Committee meetings, are to be held in public and open to the physical attendance of public and press. However, if it is in the public interest not to allow the public and press to be in physical attendance for a reason unrelated to the business of the Community Council, members of the public and the press may be excluded from the meeting by the Chairperson or as may be Deputy Chairperson of the Community Council.
- d) CCC's response to Amendment 1: CCC does not see why the public and press need to be excluded as the invitation can remain open albeit not physically but via video conferencing? Why the exclusion?
- e) Proposed Amendment 2: Whilst it is expected that meetings of a Community Council and its committees are conducted with all members being present together in a pre-determined place as set out above, it will be competent for a Community Council to conduct its meetings in any other way in which each member is enabled to participate although not present with others in such a place subject to the following:
 - f) CCC's response:
 - i) such a meeting shall be conducted, only on the direction of the Chairperson, whom failing, the Depute Chairperson, of that Community Council, and
 - ii) the references in sub paragraphs a) to g) above or elsewhere within this Scheme to the presence of members were references to their participation in that meeting.
- The Council received 19 representations to the consultation from CCs. Whilst many of these representations were supportive of the principle that Community Councils be permitted to meet online, they also make objections and expressed concerns in relation to proposals.
- CCC also requested a full review of the scheme and point 5.1.6 of the SLC Report responds to this:

5.1.6 General Review of the Scheme and terminology *Several representations indicated that they considered that a more general review of the Scheme should have been undertaken or should be taken in the future. Response: this was not the intention of this review process which is intended to resolve issues arising from the existing Scheme and to allow meetings to continue in unusual/unprecedented situations such as the current pandemic.*

10. 'Scotland Loves Local' grant scheme: discussion of pros and cons of CCC's involvement- Amy Davison

The Scottish Government has created a £1 million 'Scotland Loves Local Fund' with the aim of empowering communities by enabling local delivery of projects. The fund encourages communities to 'love local', recognise the importance of their local areas, and actively engage in and develop them.

Eligible groups are invited to propose projects to improve and promote their local place and communities. This can include making small scale local improvements e.g. marketing. The Scotland Loves Local Fund will provide grants of between £500 and £5,000.

It was agreed at the November meeting that CCC has a full programme at the moment so not a lot of capacity to take on more. The possibility of creating a business website was considered to be too time consuming. M Farmer suggested banners, similar to those in Giffnock, encouraging people to shop/eat local. This could be developed into a wider strategy involving local businesses and social media campaigns. Everyone was in agreement that this would be a good way of using this fund.

A Davison, together with M Farmer, prepared and submitted an application by the deadline of 25th November 2020. CCC received confirmation on 10th December that this application has been successful and CCC has been awarded a grant of £5,000 which together with CCC matching funding of £500 gives a total project spend of £5,500 on promotional banners and marketing for Cambuslang Town Centre. The fund also provided artwork and logos to use on banners and other items such as social media etc which can be viewed at the link below. Funding is to be spent by end of March 2021 which means that all banners etc will be in place by then bringing some positivity to the Main Street ahead of the streetscape works commencing.

Further details are at:

https://www.scotlandstowns.org/scotland_loves_local_fund_application_form_and_guidance

Action: A Davison to arrange separate meeting to discuss how to proceed with this project

11. Access to Free Sanitary products: discussion of proposed involvement by CCC – M Farmer

Brian Borland (SLC Community Participation Project Officer) emailed CCC recently to ask if we would be interested in being a hub for free sanitary products for our community. M Farmer met him virtually via Microsoft Teams 20 November 2020.

SLC were an early champion of the Scottish Government Access to Free Sanitary Provision scheme and have partnered with social enterprise 'Hey girls, Musselburgh'.

Monica Lennon MSP is pushing the bill through the Scottish Parliament and it is currently in stage 3 and the next stage is when it will become law. MSP Monica Lennon aims for the Bill to tackle "period poverty" which is when some people who need period products struggle to afford them. She sees these products as a basic necessity and believes that providing access to them is important for people's dignity. She supports what the Scottish Government has already done to provide free period products to those in need. She wants to go further by making this a legal requirement.

As of now, free sanitary products are made available in Rutherglen and Cambuslang in the Rutherglen Library, Cambuslang Gate (Social work) and Cambuslang Family Centre. They were also made available through the foodhubs via HnH.

If CCC becomes a hub in our locality, we would be required to complete a weekly report (return form) for data purposes via a short digital form every Friday which would be sent by email and to be submitted by 4pm

SLC require a named contact for each group to contact for returns and distribution - see link attached for the weekly form submission:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8TGC01xhSUEzI9x8etXuugQkhwr09thluA0BbHMJF9NUNIU4SzIwOTRUUTJBNjM5RzJVVFLLQVdEUi4u>

SLC has launched a catalogue with all the free products. There are single use & reusable products which come in standard packs. B Borland sent M Farmer a box of samples on request to see what we may need in terms of storage.

In terms of operations, samples can be collected from local storage hubs. They can also be delivered by community volunteers at this time. For advertising, SLC can provide a catalogue, posters, and stickers. CCC would oversee the operation (delivery arrangements, storage, collection, returns). CCC would be free to decide how we could distribute these products in the community and advertise them for people to collect locally

Items for report

12. Micro Grants Scheme Sub-Group: update & recommendations/decisions– C Williamson

J Smyth has resigned from the sub-group due to work commitments. We thank her for her contribution.

The scheme was launched on 2nd November 2020 and advertised via social media - CCC Facebook page, Twitter and Website. Digital copies were circulated via email to local groups in Ward 13 and Healthy n Happy also advertised via their networks. A press release was also sent to the Rutherglen Reformer.

By the closing date on 30th November 2020, 12 applications were received requesting a total of £5,350.

Applications were split between C Williamson, M Farmer, S Walker and B Fisher for scoring and S Quinn will be called upon as an adjudicator, should there need to be a casting vote.

The sub group will meet on Monday 14th December 2020 to finalise scoring and allocate awards with a view to advising successful groups by 21st December 2020.

There was a good mix of applications from a variety of different groups across Ward 13 including various sporting activities, arts groups and online learning.

13. Access to Cash Sub-Group: update & recommendations/decisions – M Lauterburg / J Bachtler

Preparations continue to be ongoing, with issues arising in relation to the lease, conversion of the premises and related fire, security and safety issues. Meetings are held weekly with CACP, the Post Office and, on occasion, NatWest.

- **Grant Agreement with CACP.** J Bachtler has signed the Grant Agreement with UK Finance for the Community Access to Cash Pilot (CACP), on behalf of CCC. Legal advice on the Agreement was provided by CMS in Edinburgh. The Agreement makes provision for an award of £83,920 to CCC for the various pilot activities, principally the banking hub.

- **158 Main Street** - following various discussions, it has now been agreed that CACP will only take the ground floor and design work and building estimates have been revised accordingly. The revised budgets for this have been signed off.
- It is likely that the 1st and second floors will be leased by the Owners of The Loft (who occupy premises above 156 and 160 Main Street who already and have a connecting walkway / "Zen Garden" that links at there rear of the premises.
- **NatWest** - who will still be the lessee have raised various issues in relation to the building and its fire safety - the Zen Garden having a covering of wood chips above one section of the ground floor that would form part of the banking hub. J Bachtler and M Lauterburg are in contact with Fire Risk Assessment firms to get an assessment done in w/b 14 December.
- **Timetable.** Unfortunately, due to the lease issues and now the fire safety requirement from NatWest, the work on the hub will not start until January. We held a site visit with the Post Office, Main Contractor and sub contractors and they are ready to go, so "paperwork" is the only outstanding issue.
- **ATMs** Corky's ATM is now free to use. We are awaiting updates from Note Machine (The ATM provider) with regard to the SME cash deposit Machine and the issue of £5 notes. We have also alerted them to the rather "dishevelled" TM at Nisa in Whitlawburn and they have promised that will have a real clean!
- **Community survey.** This achieved 1081 responses. A synthesis of the responses has been sent to CACP and the Post Office as the basis for a discussion on services to be provided in the banking hub. The survey results will be published shortly.
- **Business survey.** Due to the decision to enter a second lockdown, the business survey was issued by email. This was sent to over 80 businesses including all the ones on the Main Street, Greenlees Road and Silverbank. It included sports clubs, the not for profit organisations and doctors' and dentists' surgeries. To date, we have not had a single survey completed.
- Early in the New Year (lockdown allowing) we will try and visit all the relevant premises to see if Cashback is an option they would like to pursue.
- **Sub-group meeting.** A sub-group meeting with the community partners is being arranged shortly.

14. Cambuslang Future Sub-Group: – J Bachtler/ M Farmer

The Cambuslang Future team (H Allison, J Bachtler, Amy Davison, M Farmer, C Williamson) met with SLC Economic Development officials on 26 November.

- **Streetscape project.** The SLC Community Enterprise Resources Committee has approved CCC's application for £225,000 to supplement the 2018 award of £620,000. Procurement will start by the end of 2020 with a view to undertaking the works from March 2021.

- **Town Centre improvement Phase 2.** Given the encouraging response from Regeneration Capital Fund Grant panel to the CCC application for funding for a community hub, a meeting in early 2021 is to be arranged with SLC to discuss SLC support for the project and a second application in Summer 2021.
- **Waste management strategy.** J Bachtler, M Farmer and C Williamson expressed the unhappiness of CCC at the disappointing response of SLC to the letter sent to the SLC Council Leader and Chief Executive, with a lack of acknowledgement from either to our letter and the substantial study on local authority waste management practices. The letter received from Council officials was unsatisfactory. CCC will write back with a further letter, highlighting the importance of exploiting the investment in the Main Street and the detrimental impact of waste bins, and request a meeting with the different Council services involved.
- **Residential waste.** M Farmer highlighted the continued problem of residential waste being left on the Main Street.
- **Banking hub.** SLC were given an update on the banking hub and the need for an early response to the request for information from SLC Building Control.
- **Parking.** A meeting with SLC planned for November has not happened. SLC officials were asked to remind Colin Park and Stuart Laird to set a date.

15. Clyde Cycle Park: update – J Bachtler

The Clyde Cycle Park SCIO (chaired by CCC) has been successful in its bid for £145,000 of funding from the Scottish Government's Clyde Mission Fund to begin developing the Clyde Cycle Park off Bogleshole Road. A Steering Committee, chaired by J Bachtler, has been set up, also involving HealthynHappy CDT, East Kilbride Road Club and SLC. Ironside Farrar are being contracted to manage the project. Initial priorities are to submit a planning application and identify contractors before Christmas.

16. Any Other Business

The Chair closes the Meeting

The next CCC Meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7.30pm.