



CAMBUSLANG
Community Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 15th September
2020**

Virtual Meeting by Zoom 7.30-9.00pm

Participating

Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair
David Porter, Secretary
Brian Fisher, Treasurer
Hilda Allison

Stewart Walker
Suzy Quinn
Mark Lauterburg

In Attendance

Morven Last, Minutes Secretary

Elizabeth Allan, Resident

Apologies

John Bachtler, Chair
Jacqueline Smyth
Clare Williamson

Margaret Ferrier MP
Cllr Margaret Walker

1. Welcome

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in the absence of the Chair.

2. Apologies

Noted above.

3. Approval of Minutes of Virtual CCC Meeting on 18th August 2020

Corrections to the Minutes – None.

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

4. Matters arising

a) Waste issues update

M Farmer provided the following report:

- In a social media post (Nextdoor App 23/8/2020), a Cambuslang resident of 35yrs standing described how he had brought friends to Weatherspoon's for a social outing and encountered an appalling mess outside this pub/restaurant. The post heading read "What a midden!" and a photograph outside Weatherspoon's showed stuffed waste bags stacked high on a waste receptacle with the lid open.
- M Farmer emailed the following officials at SLC: S Clelland, A McKinnon, M McGlynn; and a response was received on 5/9/2020 from S Clelland confirming that there is currently no working group dealing with this pervasive issue. This is what CF had previously been told by Ian Ross at its monthly meetings with SLC.
- She also advised that SLC officers will continue to liaise with Zero Waste Scotland to see if an appropriate, alternative commercial waste strategy could be considered despite Covid-19 priorities putting such work on hold at present. Environmental Health's current priority is Covid-19 reinforcement and they will pick up on routine activities when resources allow.
- S Clelland suggested that perhaps CCC could liaise with local businesses to improve practices as they are obligated to do so.
- Meanwhile, Waste Services will monitor the residential collection points to ensure waste containers are being utilised properly.
- Any issues with fly tipping on the Main Street would be investigated by Street Cleansing Team who would attempt to recover any evidence and share this with Environmental Services.

Action: CCC will issue a letter to residents if there is evidence of noncompliance with waste presentation.

b) CCC website update & sharing maintenance of social media

M Farmer provided the following report in the absence of the Chair:

- S Quinn has volunteered to help with management and maintenance of CCC's social media (Facebook and possibly Twitter). This offer is greatly appreciated.
- Currently, there are access issues due to D Thomson passing away. M Farmer sent a message to Facebook regarding this account administration issue, but there has been no response so far.

c) Legitimising virtual CC meetings: update

There has been no update from SLC.

d) Community Planning: update on correspondence with Cllr M Chalmers

M Farmer provided the following report:

- A letter was sent to Cllr M Chalmers, Chair of SL Community Planning Partnership (CPP) on 24th August 2020 to request that SLC gives urgent consideration to fully involving community councils as members of the CPP.

- CCC has contributed substantially to SLC's recent Community Engagement and Participation Review and it already plays a valuable role in the Cambuslang community including involvement many aspects of planning. Yet CCC is not a partner in the CPP that formally develops plans for our community.
- A reply was received from Cllr Chalmers noting that the CPP Board had met to further discuss new structures in implementing the review. She promised to be in touch to share information on how CPP intends to ensure that community councils can contribute to community planning and represent the local community interests, particularly those who experience inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage. In passing, she congratulated CCC on its excellent practical response to the Pandemic with the establishment of the foodhub.
- She stated that a CC Forum might a model that they would look into now for all CCs to develop jointly which could assist with providing appropriate CC representation at CPP meetings.

5. Police Report

No Police report has been received for the September meeting.

However, PC Paul Patterson emailed CCC Secretary to give notice that PC Thomas McEwan (Tosh), one of Ward 13 Community Policing Officers, has been assigned other duties. The Chair replied thanking PC McEwan for his contribution to policing in Cambuslang. He also asked PC Patterson to provide an update on the reports of and any on-going investigations into drug dealing at locations between Richmond Drive and Hawthorn Way/Avenue. Furthermore, he requested clarification on the Police's crime recording system STORM as these reports by Cambuslang community members do not appear to have been logged.

In his reply, PC Patterson reported that he had spoken to Mr [REDACTED] (redacted name of one of the Ward 13 residents reporting the drug dealing incidents) and was given a list of car registration numbers by him. PC Patterson subsequently checked these out. Unfortunately, none of these checks revealed anything that would justify further police action at this time. However, the discussion with Mr [REDACTED] also resulted in a house being highlighted which the police are now monitoring. PC Patterson has undertaken several patrols of the area where Mr [REDACTED] resides although nothing has come of this so far. Nonetheless, the police are continuing to monitor is situation.

Committee Business

6. Chair's Correspondence

a) CCC AGM 2020 – scheduled for November 2020

E Harrison of SLC wrote to advise that it is the Council's view that this year, if the current Covid-19 restrictions on holding meetings/gatherings continues as they are

at present, then AGMs will not be able to be held in terms of the current Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.

If it is the case where AGMs are overdue and cannot be held, then the Council considers that, under the current circumstances, it will adopt a practical approach in relation to the decisions made at the previous AGM and the first formal meeting of the Community Council to be held once restrictions are eased should be an AGM. This would mean that everything carries on as before the AGM with the current office bearers appointed at the previous AGM remaining in office etc. until such times as the law allows for an AGM to be held as a public meeting in accordance with the existing Scheme or in any other way permitted which are unaffected by the current or future restrictions on gatherings, should the existing Scheme be amended in the future.

- b) The Chair had one item of correspondence which was over the provision of Advanced Highers at Cathkin High School (see item 10).

7. Secretary’s Report

D Porter presented the following report:

- 1) Planning Applications for period 17 August 2020 to 11 September 2020 (from weekly notifications): For domestic premises: 3 applications for changes/extensions to houses; and none for commercial developments.

Action: None

- 2) Application for a change in hours licensed to sell alcohol

Premises	Applicant	Sale of Alcohol	Date Published	Objection Date	Comments
Legends Bar Diner 34 Somervell Street Cambuslang Glasgow G72 7EB	AMMP Group Ltd c/o Brian McMahon Bewdley 108 Hags Road Pollokshields Glasgow	On and Off Sales	20/08/2020	10/09/2020	Extend terminal hour on a Friday and Saturday from 1am to 2am. Extend opening hour on a Sunday for on and off sales from 12.30pm to 11am Add various activities. See office for further info

B Fisher expressed concerns about the adverse impact granting these extensions of ‘On and Off Sales’ licensing hours could have on the peace and tranquillity of central Cambuslang in the very early hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings – 2am closing time for Friday and Saturday shifts and 11am opening time on Sunday - citing examples of disturbances that have already taken place in the neighbourhood as the result of late opening of licensed premises.

Action: CCC will write a letter of objection to SLC Planning on this application.

3) Progress with Planning Applications CCC has objected to:

P/19/0983 – 7 Douglas Drive: Another follow-up letter was written to M McGlynn, SLC Executive Director Planning and Economic Development, stressing the need for a tree survey along with an investigation into the presence of bats which are a protected species. SLC rejected the need for a tree survey as the site is not covered by a Tree Preservation Order nor is it located in a conservation area. SLC also rejected any linkage to the decision on previous planning application in 2007 which called for a tree survey claiming that as that application “*related to a different proposal in a different part of the site, it is not considered to be of relevance to the current application.*”

With respect to the potential presence of bats, SLC indicates that “*this matter forms part of the planning assessment of the site.*” Furthermore SLC advises that the applicant has agreed to undertake a bat survey and this will form part of the overall assessment of the planning application. SLC advises that “*ultimately it is the responsibility of the landowner and the developer to ensure that any consented development is carried out in accordance with relevant protected species legislation.*”

Action: Await notification of decision on planning application and then consider any subsequent action, if justified.

4) Consultations/Surveys:

Community Council Survey by PAS (Planning Aid Scotland). PAS has circulated a short survey to find out Community Councils’ experience of the planning system during the Covid-19 situation, with a view to then sharing a summary of responses (anonymously) with Scottish Government and others. The survey can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PASsurveyCC>

Action: CCC officer-bearers to complete this survey.

5) *Healthy n Happy & CamGlen Radio's Virtual AGM 2020* : by Zoom on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm. Click the link below to register to attend:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMof-irqTotE9VO0xAX1cCSRzOlGaWhqPPa>

Action: Alternatively, contact HnH for Zoom ID & P/W

8. Treasurer’s report

B Fisher provided the following report:

Current and pending transactions for all four CCC Bank Accounts since the 18th August 2020 meeting.

Account	August 2020 Balance	Statement date	September 2020 Balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£2,452.82	31.07.20	£2,421.88	01.09.20
Cambuslang in Bloom	£1,698.75	01.07.20	£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	£4,861.36		£4,830.42	

Last month's transactions:-

- **Main Account** - Cheque for £30.94 cashed by John Bachtler

Pending transactions:-

- **CIB Account** - Cheque no. 12 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

Items for Discussion

9. Micro Grants Scheme for 2020/21: update

M Farmer provided the following update:

- When making a few enquires with SLC Economic Development Manager, K Lean, M Farmer discovered that they were under the assumption that they had not received CCC's returns for last year 2019/20 and consequently they had not authorised MG Funding for CCC for this year.
- They have now taken responsibility for this error and have approved a fund of £5000 for 2020/21.
- Volunteers are needed for MG project management sub-group. M Farmer is happy to be part of the team but would prefer someone else to take the lead this year.

Action: M Farmer to contact potential volunteers for the MG team.

10. Advanced Higher Provision at Cathkin High School: update

M Farmer provided the following report:

- A parent of an S6 pupil attending Cathkin High School contacted CCC to raise the issue of the lack of adequate provision for Advanced Highers at Cathkin HS since the school reopened in August 2020. Students taking AHs have traditionally been able to study subjects not on offer at their own school by going to another one in the area. However, this is currently banned by SLC due to fears over COVID-19 spreading among pupils and staff. Students were informed of this ban 3 days after schools returned and they are understandably very concerned as they need Advanced Highers to secure university places.
- Cathkin HS does not offer Advanced Highers in maths, English, or languages, with pupils usually travelling to Stonelaw HS for these classes. The parent stated that the students had been assured by Cathkin HS Administration that S6 pupils would be able to continue their studies as planned by attending neighbouring schools as in the past.
- CCC Chair wrote to T McDaid, SLC Executive Director Education Resources, raising these serious concerns. A response was received from S Nicolson, Head of Education, stating that no such decision had been taken and that they had contacted Cathkin HS to find out what was happening. He gave assurances that intent of SLC is to provide an appropriate, sustainable means of enabling our S6 learners to access a suite of courses that best meets their needs.
- The parent wrote again to the Head of Education and has requested a meeting. It appears that SLC and Cathkin HS are blaming each other while the Cathkin students are caught in the crossfire, deprived of their maths AH education while their contemporaries at Stonelaw and Trinity High Schools have well into the AH maths curriculum and are taking tests.
- J Bachtler contacted MSP C Haughey who has responded that it is her understanding that the school is endeavouring to resolve this matter.

11. New CCC members: election/co-option advice from SLC

The advice received from Elizabeth Harrison states that, for the 'Election' option, CCC can advertise for new members in the usual way stating how many vacancies we have to fill. The 'usual way' means that CCC is obliged to advertise widely in Ward 13 for a period of 28 days and make official nomination forms available to anyone who might wish to apply. She further advises that, during this time when Community Councils are operating delegated powers, if CCC receives more nominations than it has vacancies for it will be for the office bearers operating the delegated powers to decide which of the nominees to elect. These office bearers can however, consult all other members but the decision taken will be that of the two office bearers with delegated powers and this decision should be reported to the first full meeting held in public once the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted.

Action: Initiate preparations for the 'Election' option including preparation and distribution of advertising leaflets and posters along with nomination forms. Anticipate that the decision on successful nominations will taken at the virtual CCC meeting in November 2020 if Covid-19 restrictions still prevent a normal CCC Meeting taking place.

Items for Report

12. Development of Town Centre Strategy

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

M Lauterburg provided the following report:

CCC's proposal and budget have been accepted by the Access to Cash Pilot which is likely to include over £50,000 of funding. This will go towards a shared space funded by the Post Office.

Ideally, there will be cashback facilities in all the shops on the Main Street. Each business that volunteers to give cash back during the trial period will be given £50 by the CACP board to cover expenses.

Banks will offer training on how to use online banking and e-commerce. There will also be a scheme aimed at vulnerable customers to deliver cash to their door, supplied by various banks.

A leaflet will be put together by CACP listing which facilities are provided by each bank.

Ideally there would be four or five premises on the Main Street used for these various banking facilities.

The Terms of Reference for CCC's Access to Cash Sub-Group have been formalised. These are attached at Appendix 1.

b) Town Centre Fund; update on Phase 1 improvements

M Farmer provided the following report in the absence of J Bachtler:

A virtual meeting by zoom took place on 20 August 2020 between CF and SLC staff.

The streetscape improvements (new pavement, street furniture etc.) under the Town Centre Fund grant have had to be postponed until next year.

SLC hope to start a new procurement process in December 2020 with a view to starting work in March 2021.

However, it is still uncertain whether there will be additional costs, so CCC are planning to bid for further support for Cambuslang from the SLC Capital Fund. A meeting was held today (15/9/2020) with council officials to discuss how this fund will unfold. I Ross (SLC) will provide an update with how to apply for this funding as soon as possible. The maximum that can be applied for is £150,000.

c) **Regeneration Capital Grant Fund application**

M Farmer provided the following report:

- There has been no update as of yet.
- In June, another bid was submitted for funding to develop one of the vacant units in the centre of the Main Street into a community hub comprising a cafe, children's arts & crafts centre, meeting and office space and pop-up shop facilities. Also included was the provision of funding to improve the facade of the central section of the Main Street including street murals.
- A £1.2 million bid was submitted by SLC on CCC's behalf to the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund. This is a highly competitive fund, but CCC has a strong proposal which can also be used with other funders. The result of the bid is expected this month.

d) **Parking update**

M Farmer provided the following report:

- A virtual meeting was held with SLC Parking Managers on 2nd September 2020 following a paper submitted by CCC to SLC on the parking issues in Cambuslang. The Chair, Vice-Chair, H Allison and C Williamson attended.
- SLC confirmed that work on the Bridge Street Park & Ride Car Park (which CCC have lobbied for strongly) should start in early 2021 with a view to creating a car park of c.300 spaces ready in the first half of the year.
- CCC is commenting on the landscaping, the provision for electric cars and disabled drivers, pedestrian access to the station and Main Street, traffic management at the junction, and other issues. M Farmer added that if anyone would like to see the plans (which SLC have asked CCC not to distribute) and comment on any of these issues, they should contact her.
- SLC also confirmed that the experiment of 2-hour parking times on the Main Street has become permanent following the survey of businesses and the wider community which supported the experiment.
- Cllr Margaret Walker wrote to inform CCC that among the papers for the Community and Enterprise Committee posted on SLC's website is one on Parking Review / Charging Arrangements – mainly Hamilton and East Kilbride. This paper has been referred to the Executive Committee for discussion. She suggests that if CCC has any views on the matters discussed in this paper then it should let her know.

Action: Obtain a copy of the cited paper, review, and comment on if necessary.

13. Parks

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

No report received.

14. Town Greening Projects

- **Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group**

There was no report.

15. Any Other Business

- M Ferrier MP has provided a short report on her Westminster and constituency activities. This is attached as Appendix 2.
- Elizabeth Allen has shared correspondence she had had recently with SLC Traffic and Transportation on speeding on Brownside Road. It is disappointing to read that SLC base all their arguments on a survey they conducted in 2006 – 14 years ago! Taken together with the less than informative response recently received by CCC from Police Scotland, CCC needs to consider what other options are available to it to make progress on this matter.

Action: CCC considers alternative options.

- H Allison noted that the new Day-Today owners are asking members of the community what they would like to see available for sale in the upstairs section of the building.
- M Farmer noted that on the Main Street there has been a 'flurry of lettings' over the summer as per D Syme (letting agent) for the units on the south side of the Main Street where only one unit (former William Hill unit) is currently free. They may divide one of the units into two, possibly the gym.

**The next CCC Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 7.30pm.
Venue will be dependent on current Covid-19 restrictions.**

Access to Cash Sub-Group

This paper sets out the objectives, membership and management of the Access to Cash Sub-Group of Cambuslang Community Council, the arrangements for meetings and financial management and control, and the duration of the Sub-Group.

1. Objectives

The aim of the Access to Cash Sub-Group (“Group”) of Cambuslang Community Council (“CCC”) is to promote improved access to cash in Cambuslang town centre. Its specific objectives are:

- (a) to facilitate dialogue and cooperation among local community organisations and local businesses which have a common interest in improving access to cash in Cambuslang;
- (b) to engage with external organisations – national and local government, the banking sector, businesses and other organisations and networks with an interest in access to cash – which can inform, advise or assist improved access to cash in Cambuslang; and
- (c) to develop and implement (subject to CCC approval) improvements to access to cash in Cambuslang

2. Membership

Membership of the Group shall be open to all residents, and former residents, of the Cambuslang area, businesses and community organisations in the Cambuslang area, and all those who have an association with Cambuslang, and who wish to support the aims of the Group.

3. Management

- (a) The Management of the Group shall be governed by a Management Committee of not less than four people, (at least two of whom should be members of CCC). The Committee should appoint a Chair and Secretary.

(b) The quorum of the Management Committee of the Group shall be a minimum of four members, of which at least one shall be members of CCC. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair shall have the casting vote.

(c) The Management Committee shall meet as often as it is felt necessary, but no less than four times per year.

4. Meetings

All meetings of the Group shall be open to the press and public. All meetings of the Group must be minuted and the draft sent out to all Group members and South Lanarkshire Council (SLC). These minutes should also be attached to the CCC's minutes when distributed.

5. Finance

(a) All monies raised by or on behalf of the Group shall be applied to further the objects of the Group and for no other purpose, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Group, and fees to professional and technical advisors.

(b) The CCC Treasurer will keep proper accounts of the Group and operate funds lodged with the approved bank of CCC. These funds will be kept separately from the CCC's funds. The authorisation of expenditure, signing of cheques, reporting of expenditure and annual accounting will be in accordance with the provisions for CCC as a whole. An Annual Statement of Accounts will be prepared for submission to the CCC as part of the annual accounting process for CCC as a whole.

6. Duration

The start date of the Group is 1 September 2020 and it will operate for 12 months in the first instance. Its renewal will be reviewed and decided annually by CCC.

1.9.2020

Report from M Ferrier MP

As I write this, Westminster is now back from the summer recess and I have been able to use multiple opportunities to highlight issues affecting the constituency.

Of most interest to members of the Community Council will be my Cash Machines Bill, which I presented in the House of Commons last week. I was pleased to have the opportunity to bring forward new legislation to highlight the issues in access to cash that have affected Cambuslang in recent years, and I will continue to support the Community Council's involvement in the Community Access to Cash pilot, alongside other forthcoming opportunities to retain free cash machines for those that need them most.

I also took part in a debate on extending the furlough scheme and protecting jobs. Around 19,000 people – just under a quarter of the overall electorate in Rutherglen and Hamilton West – have been placed on furlough or received support via the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme. The UK Government's plans to wind down the furlough scheme by October are premature and risk serious job losses, especially in those industries which remain closed due to covid-19. I've received several representations from constituents working in productions and live events who are especially fearful of the impact ending furlough will have, and I will continue to make the argument for the furlough scheme to be extended to support those sectors which are worst affected by covid-19.

This week, the UK Government published their Internal Market Bill, which represents a fundamental assault on devolution. It paves the way for a lowering of standards, an override on spending in devolved areas and the re-reserving of powers coming back from the EU. I will be vigorously opposing this assault on Scotland's national sovereignty when the Bill is put before the House of Commons in the coming weeks.

In line with public health advice, my team are continuing to work from home to assist constituents and can be contacted via email to 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.