



CAMBUSLANG
Community Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 17th November
2020**

Virtual Meeting by Zoom 7.30-9.00pm

Participating

John Bachtler, Chair
Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair
David Porter, Secretary
Brian Fisher, Treasurer
Stewart Walker
Suzy Quinn
Clare Williamson

Amy Davison
Jacqueline Smyth
Joelle Calnan
Mark Lauterburg
Alison Park, FoHWCP
Margaret Ferrier MP
James Kelly MSP

In Attendance

Kristina Bachtler, Minutes Secretary

Elizabeth Barnes, Resident
Elizabeth Allan, Resident

Apologies

Clare Haughey MSP

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. A particular welcome was given to Joelle Calnan, newly elected member of CCC. The Chair paid tribute to Hilda and Robert Allison who submitted their resignations from CCC.

The Chair noted that reports are now being included in the Agenda in order to give background information for the discussions of agenda items at the CCC meeting.

2. Apologies

Noted above.

3. Approval of Minutes of Virtual CCC Meeting on 15th September 2020

There were no corrections to the Minutes. Approval of the Minutes was proposed by S Walker, and seconded by Brian Fisher.

4. Matters arising

Residential Waste on Main Street - *M Farmer*

There are no updates since the last CCC meeting. M Farmer noted that there will be a Cambuslang Future meeting with the SLC Economic Development Department on 25th November. So we hope to get an update on residential waste issues then.

5. Police Report

No Police Report has been received for the November meeting. However, PC Paul Patterson emailed CCC Secretary to report that he had tried unsuccessfully to contact CCC Chair by email and telephone to discuss the outstanding issues of speeding and drug dealing in Ward 13. He requested that CCC provides a single point of contact for future communications.

He reported that he had also been in direct contact with one of the local residents about speeding. He suggested that to tackle this on-going problem the police need to be notified on each occasion with adequate details provided to ensure they have records of these complaints. He was of the opinion that there was no requirement for a meeting with a senior officer and that all matters can be dealt with by him via email or telephone conversation.

In relation to the past month, PC Patterson noted that he was working on his own in Ward 13 due to PC McEwan moving on. He is currently splitting his time between Whitlawburn and the Main Street in Cambuslang as these are the areas where most issues arise, particularly with youths in the Whitlawburn area. He noted that he is making efforts to address these issues as they arise and keeping the people who have reported the problems updated. Given the fact that the past month was also the lead up to Halloween and Bonfire night, local licensed premises have been visited regarding the sale of fireworks.

Action: M. Farmer will request a meeting with PC Patterson using Microsoft Teams software to get updates on the following:

- speeding issues reported over last 6 months
- follow up information regarding the report on drugs
- how we can communicate better in future
- fly tipping issues
- anti-social behaviour in Holmhills Wood Community Park

Regarding the fly-tipping issue, M Ferrier reported that she previously had conversations with the Police about this. The Police have indicated that it is not an urgent matter for them. Her understanding is that South Lanarkshire Council have been responsible for ensuring that any such rubbish was picked up during the lockdown period this summer. J. Bachtler commented that Manse Brae is a popular place for fly tipping and confirmed that it is usually picked up there once a week.

D Porter noted that, according to PC Patterson, it is difficult for Police to act upon the information currently provided in relation to speeding; as a minimum, it is necessary to identify the car and the time the speeding was observed. He recommended that we need to think seriously about how members of the public can gather specific evidence in order for the Police to take action.

Committee Business

6. Chair's Correspondence - J Bachtler

The Local Place Plan provisions of the Planning Act are expected to be implemented over the next year or so. These provisions include significant changes to the approach to preparing local development plans (LDPs), with the aim of making them more effective, with greater community involvement and more focus on delivery. J Bachtler has been invited by the Scottish Community Development Centre to be part of a 'reference group' to help develop guidance for local communities who might wish to produce and deliver Local Place Plans. J Bachtler attended a first meeting of the reference group on 10th November 2020 to discuss the overall structure of the Guide and what would be useful to include.

Further information is available here:

- <https://www.gov.scot/publications/transforming-planning-practice-post-bill-work-programme/>
- <https://www.scdc.org.uk/lpp-invitation>
- <https://bit.ly/3kfVxGt>

7. Secretary's Report - D Porter

Planning Applications for period 19 October 2020 to 13 November 2020 (from weekly notifications). For domestic premises: 2 applications for changes/extensions to houses; and 1 for commercial developments (P/20/1543) which turned out to be a minor legal adjustment to the Section 75 obligations agreement associated with this Dawn Homes development in Somervell Street. There was no reason for this to be sent to CCC.

Annual Summary: For the full year since the November 2019 AGM, the total numbers of planning applications in Ward 13 were: 53 for domestic and 14 for commercial applications which represent 87% and 50%, respectively, of the corresponding figures for 2018/19. These statistics, especially the one for commercial applications, illustrate the impact of the Covid pandemic.

Elizabeth Harrison has been in touch about training requirements. D Porter has given her 6-7 things to think about. If anyone in CCC can think of anything to add, they should let D Porter know.

A group of 5 CCC members is meeting the SLC Planning Department on Monday 21st November as a result of CCC requesting training for planning.

1) Consultations/Surveys

a) *The Circular Economy & the Planning System*

Free online training for community councils & elected members is being planned by PAS in collaboration with Zero Waste Scotland, for early next year. These training events will help participants to understand how the planning system works, in particular how to be engaged and involved in shaping decision-making. It will also provide an introduction to the circular economy as Scotland moves towards its zero carbon targets by 2045. More details and sign up [here](#).

8. Treasurer's Report - B Fisher

Current and pending transactions for all four CCC Bank Accounts since the 20th October 2020 meeting.

Account	October 2020 Balance	Statement date	November 2020 Balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£2,937.20	01.10.20	£2,781.20	30.10.20
Cambuslang in Bloom	£1,653.39	01.10.20	£1,653.39	01.10.20
F of Holmhill WCP	£409.79	01.04.20	£79.79	30.10.20
Micro Grant	£300.00	20.04.20	£5,000.00	20.10.20
Total	£5,300.38		£9,514.38	

Last month's transactions:-

- **Main Account** - Cheque no. 528 for £156.00 cashed by Mark Lauterburg re 250 booklets for CACP Community Survey
- **FOHWCP A/C** - Cheque no. 58 for £330.00 cashed by Brian Fisher for the new garden bench for Holmhill Park
- **Micro Grant** - Cheque no. 46 for £300.00 cashed by Happy Days for last year's award
£5,000.00 paid in by SLC for this year's awards

Pending transactions:- No pending actions this month

Items for Discussion

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

South Lanarkshire Council are consulting on minor amendments to 'The Scheme' governing the operation of community councils to enable them to meet virtually. CCC is taking the opportunity to comment on other parts of the Scheme which we consider also need modification to bring them up to date, notably the ability of CCs to comment on planning applications timeously and the need for more flexibility in appointing/ electing new members when vacancies arise.

A copy of the current Scheme is here: https://cambuslangcommunitycouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Scheme_for_the_establishment_of_Community_Councils.pdf

M Farmer is putting together a document with CCC's suggestions on how the Scheme might be brought up to date. This will be circulated to CCC members after the meeting.

10. Licensing Board invitation to speak on CCC objections to Legends Bar extended hours application – D Porter

This item concerns proposed changes to the license to sell alcohol (on & off sales) held by Legends Bar Diner, 34 Somervell Street, Cambuslang, G72 7EB. Following the September CCC meeting, D. Porter wrote to South Lanarkshire Council's Licensing & Registration Section on 22nd September 2020 as follows:

"We held a virtual meeting of CCC last week at which the general consensus was that the proposed changes would not be welcomed by our local community on the grounds that there has frequently been disturbances after late closing times in the vicinity of Legends Bar Diner and that these occurrences often spill over onto Cambuslang Main Street as people seek taxis to take them home.

We fail to see any merit to local residents in extending the Friday and Saturday night's closing time from 1.00am to 2.00am. Furthermore, to allow alcohol to be sold from 11.00am on a Sunday instead of the current timer of 12.30pm is a retrograde step and quite unjustified."

D. Porter has been invited to attend a meeting of the Licensing Board on 19th November 2020. He is arguing that, given concerns about the over provision of alcohol sales outlets along the central Cambuslang/Main Street strip, it is difficult to understand why there is discussion about opening until 2am. C Williamson expressed concerned about the implications of new housing near the bar and various members commented on anti-social behaviour which could cause problems as a result of later opening time.

J Bachtler noted that, ideally, we would speak to residents if there was time. He advised D Porter to send a short note to the Licensing Board before it meets outlining CCC's position and to underscore the Licensing Board's own policies on these matters ahead of meeting.

Action: M Farmer to speak to police about their experience so far. Any feedback will be passed on to D Porter.

11. 'Scotland Loves Local' grant scheme: discussion of pros and cons of CCC's involvement.

The Scottish Government has created a £1 million 'Scotland Loves Local Fund' with the aim of empowering communities by enabling local delivery of projects, and giving them support and guidance to help them achieve aims important to them. 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 and supporting localised responses in town and settlement centres. Examples of projects given are marketing, signage, PPE, small-scale green infrastructure etc. The Scotland Loves Local Fund will provide grants of between £500 and £5,000. The Scotland Loves Local Fund will provide grants of between £500 and £5,000. Applications for the fund opened on Sunday 18th October and will close at 5pm on Wednesday 25th November. Further details are at:

https://www.scotlandstowns.org/scotland_loves_local_fund_application_form_and_guidance

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 shops with merchandise etc. Everyone was in agreement that this would be a good way of using this fund.

Action: A Davison to work on an application

12. Access to Free Sanitary Products: discussion of proposed involvement by CCC – M Farmer

South Lanarkshire Council has been awarded funding from COSLA and the Scottish Government to provide Access to Free Sanitary Provision to those who require it. For this to happen, SLC are asking organisations if they would be willing to act as one of SLC's sanitary providers. Currently there are 48 groups and locations around South Lanarkshire that are providing packaged goods products which contain Day and Night Pads, Applicator Tampons, and Tampons without the applicator. SLC has asked whether this is something that CCC would care to be involved with.

M Farmer noted that there has been no response yet from SLC regarding further details she requested about the project. D Porter commented that we need to know: a) what other potential locations there are in Cambuslang; and b) the likely time commitment involved. C Williamson commented that there are places in Cambuslang that already offer this service e.g. a Cambuslang Main Street gym and The Institute.

Action: M Farmer to get in touch with SLC to follow up

Items for report

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

The Micro Grant subgroup comprises C Williamson (Lead), B Fisher (Treasurer), M Farmer, J Smyth and S Walker. The subgroup met virtually on 29th October 2020 and discussed the following: MG launch and applications closing dates; marketing plan; application process; scoring system; and action/roles. The group agreed that:

- The Community Activity Grant will launch on Monday 29th October 2020 – Monday 30th November 2020
- The fund will be advertised and promoted on social media weekly (Facebook and Twitter) as well as the CCC Website
- Digital copies will be circulated via email to local groups in Ward 13 due to COVID-19 restrictions in public buildings and centres
- Applications and guidance for the Community Activity Grant can be downloaded from CCC website and the digital flyer offers paper copies on request via email
- Applications are to be submitted via email to CCC email account and paper copies can be collected via Mary Brogan's flower shop (unless current COVID-19 restrictions change) on request.
- Handwritten signatures will be required for accepting the fund and can be sent to CCC digitally via our email address and we will create a paper copy route depending on the circumstances nearer the time - due to COVID-19 19 restrictions
- The application scoring system will remain the same as last year and members will mark these individually but will discuss them collectively also to cross reference when we meet virtually
- Action/Roles were agreed with group members re admin and marketing tasks.

C Williamson reported that information is available on the CCC website and advertised on CCC social media. So far, the response has been slower than expected this year as lots of groups who might normally apply are currently closed. Jan Taylor from Health n Happy has agreed to provide support - she has 2/3 groups she can help draft applications. Information will be posted in the Reformer soon. M Farmer suggested recovery and mental help groups who could use the money for health and well-being activities might be encouraged to apply.

Action: C Williamson to continue spreading awareness.

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

The preparations for the development of a banking hub at 158 Main Street continue, involving M Lauterburg, J Bachtler, S Quinn and S Walker. There are weekly meetings with the Community Access to Cash Pilot (CACP) team, the Post Office and the banks. The focus of activity has been on the following issues:

- a) A legal framework allowing the property to be acquired for use as a banking hub. HealthynHappy CDT has decided that it does not have the capacity to lease the property on behalf of CCC. After extensive discussion, NatWest have agreed to lease the unit and license it to the Post Office.

M Lauterburg, NatWest and the landlord have held discussions and it looks like everything going ahead so that the group will takeover all of building at 158 Main Street comprising: 3 floors with the hub on ground floor; and using the middle and top floors for toilets and canteen

- b) The ATM provider NoteMachine has agreed to make the ATM in Corky's free to use again rather than charging; this should happen sooner rather than later. M Lauterburg is keen to get second free ATM on the Main Street. The SME cash deposit machine in Nisa is due to be operational by the end of the year. The New Premier Store is now providing cash back without requirement of a purchase. This has been a huge success so far with typical amounts of 5 or 7 pounds being withdrawn as that's all the clients have in their account. This is a service an ATM cannot provide. An understanding has been reached that at least 1 or 2 of the planned ATMs will provide access to smaller cash amounts e.g. 5 pounds.
- c) Preparations for refurbishment of the unit have involved the Post Office developing plans for the layout, and engaging specialist shop fitters to survey the premises and develop detailed plans.
- d) The banking survey conducted by CCC (via SurveyMonkey) has achieved 1060 responses. M Lauterburg and S Quinn are now conducting a business survey. Both surveys will inform the service provision via the hub. The banking survey not gone out yet as we are waiting to hear today's Covid-19 restrictions announcements which may alter the way it goes out.

M Ferrier MP reported that she had meetings with the Community Access to Cash Pilot as well as the Payment Systems Regulator. Another meeting is to be set up. J Bachtler has been invited to a meeting with Payment System Regulator on 4th December 2020.

J Bachtler shared first designs for the banking hub. The aim is to be open in early January but lots of work to be done between now and Christmas. M Farmer suggested a banner for the window saying 'Glasgow's first banking hub coming soon.'

15. Cambuslang Future Sub-Group: – J Bachtler

The next meeting of the Cambuslang Future working group with SLC - to be attended by H Allison, J Bachtler, A Davison, M Farmer, C Williamson - will be on 25th November 2020. We are waiting to hear whether the SLC Community & Enterprise Committee approves an allocation of an additional £200k to allow the streetscape works on the Main Street (phase 1) to go ahead in 2021.

J. Bachtler had a brief discussion with Pauline Crisp of SLC about the Phase 2 proposal for a community hub and agreed that there should be a timely discussion with SLC to

prepare for its resubmission for Regeneration Capital Fund Grant in 2021.

J Bachtler reported that CCC had put in a £1.2 million bid for a community hub at 152 Main Street. Although we didn't get to stage 2, the panel liked the project and told us to come back when it's further advanced.

16. Clyde Cycle Park: update – J Bachtler

The Clyde Cycle Park is a project to develop a derelict site between Bogleshole Road, Dale Avenue and the River Clyde into an attractively landscaped cycle park, with circuits, a clubhouse and café/restaurant. The SCIO recently submitted an application for support from the Clyde Mission Fund and has progressed to the second stage; the £180k application is for a 250m circuit and cycle training area, temporary units, a small car park, an environmental site survey, and cyclocross trails. A decision is expected by 19th November 2020 with any works undertaken to be completed by 31st March 2021. An expression of interest has also been submitted for a new 2023 Scottish Cycling Future Facilities Fund. CCC is a member and trustee of the Clyde Cycle Park SCIO which also involves East Kilbride Road Club, HealthnHappy CDT, South Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture.

17. Any Other Business

- 1) James Kelly MSP reported on follow up from the Tier 4 announcement and his concern about pressure on the NHS. He noted that there are lots being done to support businesses and explain guidance around Tier 4. M Ferrier MP noted the different funds available.
- 2) S Walker noted that new flats on Hamilton Road are nearing completion but car access on Newton Road might pose problem for traffic in morning.
- 3) C Williamson has received a message from Jan at HealthnHappy saying that they are doing a 'Give a Gift of Joy this Christmas' and are asking for gift donations for children between ages of 5 and 10, for babies, and also for older people. Drop off point: 24th November, 1st December between 11am and 12pm. C Williamson will collect donations during these times. Follow up support may be required with packing and transport.

The Chair closes the Meeting.

The next CCC Meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 15th December 2020 at 7.30pm.