



**CAMBUSLANG**  
Community Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August  
2020**

**Virtual Meeting by Zoom 7.30-9.00pm**

**Participating**

John Bachtler, Chair	Stewart Walker
Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair	Jacqueline Smyth
David Porter, Secretary	Suzy Quinn
Brian Fisher, Treasurer	Alison Park, FoHWCP
Hilda Allison	Margaret Ferrier MP

**In Attendance**

Morven Last, Minutes Secretary

**Apologies**

Clare Williamson	James Kelly, MSP
Mark Lauterburg	

**1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Noted above.

**3. David Thomson (1949 – 2020)**

The Chair expressed great sadness in announcing the passing of former Chair, D Thomson.

A number of CCC members gathered outside David's house on the day of the funeral to pay their respects when the cortege arrived. Condolences on behalf of CCC have been sent to his wife, son and wider family. Flowers and a card have also been sent.

An obituary was written and featured in the Rutherglen Reformer. This will also appear on the CCC website as soon as access to the upgraded site has been obtained.

**4. Minutes of Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

Corrections to the minutes – None.

Approval of the minutes was proposed by M Farmer, seconded by S Walker.

## **5. Matters arising**

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

J Bachtler provided the following report in the absence of C Williamson and M Lauterburg:

A report is being drafted on the Cambuslang foodhub. The resources have now been transferred to the Rutherglen foodhub or the Cambuslang foodbank. He thanked C Williamson and M Lauterburg for their hard work in organising the foodhub along with the 26 volunteers who helped to collect, pack and deliver food parcels.

The hall at Saint Bride's Church was cleared and various redundant cleaning products were donated to the church. A gift has also been given to the Parish Priest and also to one of the parish staff as a thank you.

It was noted that 754 families have been supplied with food through the 26 volunteers working a total of 369 hours. There were 190 families who had made donations along with various local supermarkets and businesses. The report of the foodhub will be published in the Rutherglen Reformer and posted on CCC's website.

### **b) Waste issues –fly tipping and uplift service - response from M Walker**

M Farmer provided the following report:

M Farmer emailed M Walker regarding the issue raised about fly-tipping at the last CCC meeting. M Walker then contacted the Waste Services Manager at SLC and forwarded the response to M Farmer. The outcome was that the council do not have a restart date for the bulk uplift service. They have been using all available resources to maintain regular scheduled collections since the start of lockdown.

To ensure refuse collection crews can physically distance, they are currently operating with only a driver in the cab and are having to utilise school buses to transport the loaders. The limited additional transportation available, staff who are still shielding and the need to provide extra staff to manage access to the civic amenity sites all make it difficult at this time to provide any additional service levels beyond what is currently being provided.

### **c) CCC website update & sharing maintenance of social media**

J Bachtler provided the following report:

The update of the website has now been completed, although currently authorised CCC personnel cannot access the administrator protocols for updating.

The office bearers had a meeting and proposed that there should be a review of communications arrangements so that the website will be used more effectively and allow individual sub-groups and projects to update their own pages.

The Chair asked for volunteers to help with the running of the social media. A meeting could then be held regarding how the communications are run.

**d) Legitimising virtual CC meetings: update**

R Leith, SLC Community Engagement Manager responded to M Farmer with the following update:

- Review of the scheme - a motion will be tabled at Council (SLC) proposing that formal CC meetings can be carried out virtually. Elected SLC members will then need to vote to agree this and if they do there will be a formal consultation.
- R Leith has passed a draft email to the Head of Legal Services asking for CCs to come forward now with their suggestions as to what changes should be consulted on and she's going to review that to make sure it is satisfactory. Hopefully this will be issued to all CCs soon.

**e) Planning support/training/local expertise initiatives**

M Farmer provided the following report:

- M Farmer has emailed R Leith, Community Engagement Manager, explaining that CCC had discussed at its last meeting its lack of detailed technical expertise for reviewing planning applications due to the recent loss of Dave Sutton. She asked if SLC could provide CCC with any official information/leaflets/guidelines describing the basic planning process from start to finish, including the review of planning applications and appropriate appeal processes.
- R Leith responded stating that she has had a positive response from the Planning Department regarding producing some resources and possibly even a training session which could be delivered to CC members to try to explain the planning process in a more straight forward manner. She doesn't have any timescales for this as of yet but she will continue to work on this.

**6. Police Report**

No formal Police reports have been received for the July or August meetings.

However, PC Paul Patterson phoned J Bachtler on 11 August 2020 to discuss a number of matters:

- The Police were keen to know more about the drugs issue reported to CCC which they want to follow up. PC Patterson said that they only have a record of one complaint re Richmond Drive on their STORM database but were aware of reports of a burgundy alloy car being used to trade drugs; they have stopped and searched it once, but it was empty.

**Action: J Bachtler has asked the Richmond Drive resident to contact him to put him in touch with PC Patterson.**

- J Bachtler brought up the speeding issue. PC Patterson said they have been following up on this. They've been out with speed guns and asked traffic police to monitor this (not sure whether they have done so).

**Action: PC Patterson will arrange to go out again with speed guns and remind the traffic police.**

- PC Patterson hoped the Community Police can start attending CCC meetings in person later in the year. Currently, they don't have access and/or authorisation to use Zoom software.

## **Committee Business**

### **7. Chair's Correspondence**

The Chair was notified that the Glencairn Football Stadium is to be renamed 'the Hamish B. Allan Stadium' in recognition of his lifelong support to the Club. He expressed the pleasure of the Community Council at our former Secretary being recognised in this way.

J Bachtler also reported that The Herald had been approached regarding the obituary of D Sutton. The Herald would like an extended obituary and so the Chair has approached D Sutton's wife for additional information on D Sutton's work.

He also reported on the progress with objecting to a planning application on Douglas Drive (see Item 8).

### **8. Secretary's Report**

D Porter provided the following report:

- 1) Planning Applications for period 20 July 2020 to 14 August 2020 (from weekly notifications): For domestic premises: 5 applications for changes/extensions to houses and tree removal; and none for commercial developments.

**Action: None**

Progress with Planning Applications CCC has objected to:

*P/19/0983 – 7 Douglas Drive:* I Beattie has provided an update on the latest concerns with video evidence on the presence of bats - providing grounds for getting Scottish Natural Heritage involved. She has also underscored the lack of a tree survey which CCC raised this with SLC. However, SLC have not responded on this point.

**Action: CCC writes to SLC on these latest issues, focusing particularly on the need for a tree survey and the presence of bats.**

Changes to structure of SLC Planning and Building Standards from 17 August 2020:

To rebalance the current structure, there will now be two Planning and Building Standards teams which will deal with planning applications and building warrants sitting alongside the existing Headquarters Team. These teams will be known as the East and West Teams. The West Team will include the existing Cambuslang,

Rutherglen and East Kilbride areas along with Ward 4 from Clydesdale and will be managed by Tina Meikle. The Headquarters team will continue to be managed by Tony Finn. Its role includes policy and strategy formulation, enforcement and monitoring and performance management as well as the processing of planning applications for minerals, waste and renewable energy development. The new structure will be publicised on the Council website.

At this time there are no proposed changes to the Planning Committee and the weekly list will continue to be issued although it will be updated to reflect the changes to the structure.

## 2) Consultations/Surveys:

### *Scottish Government Consultation: Proposed Changes to Pre-Application Consultation Requirements in Planning*

The changes proposed are not related to COVID-19, but follow on from the review of Planning, the Report 'Empowering Planning to Deliver Great Places', our 'Places, People and Planning' consultations, and new powers at section 18 of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. Information about the planning reform programme and the 2019 Act is available at: [www.transformingplanning.scot/planning-reform/](http://www.transformingplanning.scot/planning-reform/)

### **The deadline for consultation responses is 6 November 2020.**

As part of that, it is intended to have a number of **events** with different interest groups, to help inform their eventual responses to the consultation. The form of the event will depend on the technology and platforms available to the parties involved and the compatibility of same. At the very least these would involve a telephone conference, but could extend to online video.

The intention is to hold these 'events' from the middle to the end of September. Depending on the level of interest, we may not be able to accommodate everyone interested in taking part.

To be part of one of these events, please e-mail us to that effect at: [Pre-ApplicationConsultationChanges@gov.scot](mailto:Pre-ApplicationConsultationChanges@gov.scot). Please include your contact details, and indicating you are representing a community council. It would also be helpful to have an indication of your preference for telephone conference or online video, and, if online video, any preferred platform (Microsoft Teams etc.) and any limitations on your choice of platform. **Notes of interest in attending an event by 31 August please.**

**Action: Respond to invitation for CCC to participate in these events.**

## 9. Treasurer's report

B Fisher provided the following report:

Current and pending transactions for all four CCC Bank Accounts since the 21st July 2020 meeting.

Account	July 2020 Balance	Statement date	August 2020 Balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£2,602.50	01.07.20	£2,452.82	31.07.20
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,011.04</b>		<b>£4,861.36</b>	

Last month's transactions:-

- **Main Account** - Cheque for £150 cashed by Morven Last re Minute taking

Pending transactions:-

- **Main Account** - 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 design.
- **CIB Account** - Cheque no. 12 for £45.36 to Jean Hunter for wood to extend the height of fence at the Credit Union for the garden shed
- **M. G. Account** - One cheque outstanding to Happy Days for £300. Unfortunately they have found it extremely difficult to open a new account under the present climate therefore it may result in having to cancel this cheque and then re-issuing a new one.

**Year end accounts have been submitted to SLC by email.**

Items for Discussion

**10. Future CCC Meetings: post-Covid lockdown plans for resuming normal meetings**

J Bachtler reported that Cambuslang Institute will not be available for meetings until Scotland reaches Phase 4 in the COVID-19 recovery plan. SLC have suggested that CCC should wait until mid-September before requesting an update on this.

**11. New CCC Members: election / co-option**

D Porter provided the following report:

CCC is entitled to 18 full members. During the CCC renewal of November of 2018, 15 nominees were appointed (uncontested election) and an additional member (JS) was co-opted in 2019. Sadly, in the course of the past 2 years, three members have died leaving CCC with 13 members.

Under *paragraph 7* of the Scheme - Casual Vacancies on the Community Council – CCC has two options:

- Hold an EGM in order that the vacancy (and any other outstanding vacancies) can be filled, on the basis that such vacancies would be publicised in*

*prominent public places and the local press if possible, nominations invited and an interim election held if required; or*

- b) Fill the vacancy/vacancies by co-option, with voting rights to a maximum of 1/4 of the total voting membership of the CC, as governed by paragraph 6 of the Scheme.*

*Where there is a proposal to co-opt members, the CC must seek expression of interest from people (who must be eligible for election to the CC).*

*Nominations for vacancies must be advertised in prominent public places 28 days prior to the meeting, where the vacancies will be placed on the agenda, and if possible, in the local press. Persons expressing an interest in being co-opted must make the intent known within 14 days of the publication.*

**Action: Initiate preparations for Option a) with the EGM planned for the same day as the AGM in November 2020 when, hopefully, Covid-19 restrictions will have eased further.**

## **Items for Report**

### **12. Development of Town Centre Strategy**

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

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

A working meeting was held with the Access to Cash Pilot representatives, where it was agreed that Cambuslang town centre needs a bank branch on the Main Street. This would most likely be a shared branch. The Access to Cash Board would like a firm proposal on this idea which can then be discussed and, hopefully, approved.

A vacant unit along the Main Street would be rented for a six-month experimental period. It would be set up like a bank branch and would provide a set of services that have been highlighted as useful for both residents and businesses. This would be run by the Post Office on behalf of the banks. CCC is currently in discussion with the Post Office to work through how it would be run and whether it would be necessary to set up an entirely new Post Office branch.

The Chair has been in touch with the owner of the three vacant units next to Asian Tandoori, who is willing to grant a lease for one of the units. Details of facilities and costs are being awaited, which would be built into the proposal to the Access to Cash Board.

In this proposal, the Access to Cash Pilot would ringfence £50,000 for the rent and refurbishment of the unit, marketing and other set-up and operational costs.

There are currently discussions being held over creating a sub-group and a meeting has been set up with various organisations over having a legal entity.

Plans have been made to do survey work of residents and businesses to ensure services and opening times are suitable to the needs of the community.

**b) Town Centre Fund; update**

J Bachtler reported that a meeting is to be held with SLC to discuss the issue of the Town Centre Grant and to obtain an idea of the procurement process and budget. As there has been a significant delay due to Covid-19 restrictions, the time at which the works will happen must be discussed as well as how the budget shortfall will be covered.

**c) Parking update**

M Walker has brokered a meeting with SLC Parking Staff, although this is yet to happen. An update will follow once the meeting has taken place.

**d) Regeneration Capital Grant Fund application**

As of yet there has been no response on the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund Application.

**13. Parks**

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

A Report on HWCP is attached as Appendix 1.

A Park raised two issues that CCC should raise with the appropriate authorities:

a) With SLC Planning, the potential risk of recurrence of fly tipping of waste building materials from the property on Grenadier Park if planning permissions is granted for building works on the residence.

b) With the Police, the current spate of anti-social behaviour including drinking, drug-taking, vandalism, littering in areas of the park.

**Action: Register CCC concerns as appropriate.**

**14. Town Greening Projects**

- **Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group**

There was no report.

**15. Any Other Business**

B Fisher noted that there are a number of overgrown trees on Bridge Street which cause pedestrians to have to duck or move onto the road to avoid them.

**Action: B Fisher to take photos of these trees and pass them onto M Farmer who will send them onto Land Services.**



S Walker noted that Greenlees Road has been resurfaced and there are now no bumps down the hill towards Costa. He also added that he is pleased to see a new supermarket on the Main Street (Day-Today).

**The next CCC Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm. Venue will be dependent on post-Covid lockdown possibilities.**

### CCC sub-group - Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park

#### Report for Cambuslang Community Council - August 2020

- High visitor numbers demonstrate the Park is much appreciated within the community. Many have enjoyed close-up views of a pair of moorhens raising 2 broods of chicks.
- Last few weeks have seen disturbing amount of Anti-Social Behaviour: frequently groups drinking alcohol in both open fields or secluded woodland, taking drugs and lighting fires. They and others leave rubbish behind and some are breaking branches off trees and pulling plants then leaving them strewn on paths and in the ponds. Unable to reach police on 101, we have reported to Community Police, Wildlife Crime Officer and Council ASB Team. We will continue to report incidents and expect to see increased Police Patrols. SLC Countryside Rangers have been out to inspect the damage and tidied damaged tree branches where it poses a risk or is unsightly. SLC Lands Service have replaced some damaged/missing bins and have lidded bins on order.
- SLC have sent Solicitor's letters to all residents of Grenadier Park and Grenville Drive that back onto woodland reminding them that land beyond their garden fence is within Holmhills Park. This follows our reports that some residents were using the woodland as garden extensions (cutting trees and shrubs and stripping vegetation, dumping garden & other waste) causing damage to biodiversity.
- Planning Application to build home extension at 10 Grenadier Park has recently been submitted. As the garden backs onto woodland we will submit a comment that if Application approved there should be a condition that construction works and associated storage of materials and dumping of waste must not extend beyond the boundary fence to the rear of the property.

Members of Friends of Holmhills Park continue to care for the Park whilst working within the restrictions imposed by Covid-19. We can be contacted via:

Facebook ([www.facebook.com/holmhillspark](http://www.facebook.com/holmhillspark))

Email ([holmhillspark@yahoo.com](mailto:holmhillspark@yahoo.com))