



CAMBUSLANG
Community Council

Minutes of Virtual Meeting by Zoom

On Tuesday 20th October 2020

7.30-9.00pm

Participating

John Bachtler, Chair
Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair
David Porter, Secretary
Brian Fisher, Treasurer
Hilda Allison
Linda Wallace

Stewart Walker
Suzy Quinn
Clare Williamson
Amy Davison
Mark Lauterburg
Alison Park, FoHWCP

In Attendance

Kristina Bachtler, Minutes Secretary Elizabeth Allan, Resident

Apologies

Jacqueline Smyth
Margaret Ferrier MP

Cllr John Bradley
James Kelly MSP

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Noted above.

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

Corrections to the Minutes – None.

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by S Walker, seconded by B Fisher.

4. Matters arising

a) Commercial Waste on Main Street: update

J Bachtler and M Farmer provided the following report:

- On 20th September 2020, SLC sent a letter to CCC stating that Waste Services are monitoring the residential collection points. M Farmer wrote to S Clelland on 5th October 2020 proposing cooperation with Land Services regarding residential waste issues; their response is awaited. Meanwhile, she has received another complaint concerning residential waste left outside Findlay's Bar on the Main Street.
- On 4th October 2020, CCC sent a paper to SLC Council Leader and CEO, copied to SLC local councillors and senior officials. This paper is a comparative study, entitled "Getting Waste off our Mains Streets: Lessons for South Lanarkshire Council from Good Practice in Scotland" which draws on the experiences of five other local authorities regarding their 'bins off the street policies'. The paper assesses how bins are taken off the streets stage by stage and identifies how the local authority engages with waste contractors/businesses. The paper makes various recommendations including a proposal that Cambuslang could act as a pilot for the introduction of an appropriate policy in South Lanarkshire modelled on the schemes successfully introduced elsewhere. A response is awaited.

b) CCC Communications: update

J Bachtler, M Farmer and S Quinn provided the following report:

- A new CCC Facebook page has been created due to the loss of FB administration rights for our previous one following the death of D Thomson. S Quinn is responsible for CCC's new FB page and will post updates regularly e.g. on elections, bank survey, requests from organisations (cycle funding), flyers around the area, videos. Currently, our FB page has 600 followers.
- The CCC website has been improved by web designer, Graham Lawson.
- The long term plan is to develop a team to take responsibility for all external communications.

c) Legitimising virtual CC meetings: update by M Farmer

SLC has released a consultation document in relation to the Community Council Scheme with 2 amendments which will allow CCs to hold virtual meetings. This document will be sent out to CCC members. M Farmer recommended that that we should agree to the proposed changes as this will allow us to meet formally and democratically until the current meeting restrictions cease. Biggar CC is of the same opinion. However, we should to look to see if there are any other changes that we feel should be made and we can respond will additional proposals. For example, the Scheme refers to "circulating agendas and minutes via libraries and notice boards"; however, these days most people read these via websites and social media. We should also discuss changes in the way that casual vacancies are filled to make it easier to recruit new CC members if someone drops out, and suggest that stronger sanctions are needed in dealing with poor conduct by CC members.

Action - office bearers to have a meeting to return paper on this subject.

d) Community Planning Partnership: update by M Farmer

M Farmer has emailed R Leith, SLC Community Engagement Officer, requesting some training/information sessions on aspects of Planning. R Leith has facilitated a virtual meeting/seminar to be delivered by SLC Planning officials. The agenda will cover: (i) Planning processes and policy; (ii) What planning authorities can and cannot do legally; (iii) The role that community councils can have in the process; and (iv) appeals procedures. The meeting will be hosted by Microsoft Teams on Monday 23rd November 2020 from 4-6pm. They have requested that six CC members attend; these will include J Smyth, D Porter, M Farmer, and S Quinn from CCC, and M Farmer will invite 2 members from Halfway CC to join in.

5. Police Report

The following brief report was provided by PC Paul Patterson in response to a request by CCC Secretary. He was also asked to comment on a recent series of social media posts concerning speeding on a variety of roads in Ward 13 put together by M Farmer.

PC Patterson reported that over the past month the police have put a lot of work into obtaining intelligence in relation to drug supply. This has been successful and has resulted in several arrests. There have also been reports of anti-social behaviour in the Whitlawburn area which has also resulted in the identification of the persons responsible. Work is ongoing in relation to this.

In response to the social media complaints regarding speeding vehicles, as previously reported to CCC, PC Patterson and community policing colleagues have used the speed detection device in several locations. The posts collated by M Farmer suggest that most incidents occur late at night and several mention hearing speeding as opposed to seeing it. It would be helpful to establish if possible at what times incidents occurred along with any identifying details of the vehicles involved. PC Patterson said he would relay this information to his response colleagues to give extra attention at certain times as they patrol in their marked police vehicles.

Action: Arrange meeting with senior Community Police Officer to discuss the possibility of pro-active community engagement in tackling the speeding issue, perhaps along the lines of 'Traffic Watch' schemes set up elsewhere.

Committee Business

6. Chair's Correspondence

No correspondence in addition to those detailed issues in the Agenda except emails from A Lindsay and I Beattie who led a local residents' campaign against a development application for an extension. The planning application they objected to has been approved. A Lindsay and I Beattie wrote to thank CCC for their support with this matter. They have made an appeal to the Ombudsman about the way it has been handled.

7. Secretary's Report

D Porter presented the following report:

- 1) Planning Applications for period 14 September 2020 to 16 October 2020 (from weekly notifications): For domestic premises: 7 applications for changes/extensions to houses; and one for commercial development.

a) *Hazardous Substances Consent (HSC) consultation (P/20/1281)*: relates to a proposed amendment to the HSC consent granted in 2016 to the British Oxygen site off Bogleshole Road in Cambuslang. The proposal is to permit an increase in the types of hazardous substances at the site from 16 to 30 i.e. an increase of 14.

This is a technically complex application which CCC proposes to respond to by asking for access to SLC Planning assessments and to any other relevant documentation by the 'regulatory authorities' consulted such as the Health & Safety Executive (HSE).

Action: Submit CCC response with request for more details in plain language.

- 2) Consultations/Surveys:

a) National survey: What's next for mental health recovery in Scotland?

NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland is currently working towards a refreshed vision and strategy for mental health recovery in Scotland and want as many people as possible to have their say in the future for mental health recovery and peer support in Scotland. You can do this by taking part in our national survey.

[Take the survey](#)

b) Update on STA Pilot + Wish List for Training for CCC.

SLC passed on information received from the (Government) Improvement Service. The first part gives information about a pilot project they are about to start in Aberdeenshire which may lead to training opportunities for all Community Councils. The second item concerns a possible opportunity for them to work with the Open University in Scotland to provide online training for Community Councils. SLC asks if there is any training CCC could benefit from then please send them a list by Thursday 22nd October 2020 to allow them to compile a return for South Lanarkshire.

Action: CCC office bearers discuss CCC training needs and communicate these to E Harrison SLC by 22nd October 2020.

c) Local Government and Communities Committee – views on participation requests and asset transfers

The Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Communities Committee is doing some work on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to explore what impact it has had on improving community wellbeing. The Committee would like to hear directly from bodies about their views and experiences of submitting participation requests or engaging with asset transfer requests with their local

authority, or other public bodies. If you have not experienced this type of engagement and you are part of a community organisation which has views on how services or assets could be better run in your area, then we would also be keen to hear your views. The Committee has prepared the below survey to allow you to submit your views. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/UJ3R4L/>

3) Other communications received:

a) Advice to CCS regarding events during Covid-19 (extract from SLC letter):

Support on this is available from South Lanarkshire Council’s Environmental Services Team (Contact Centre on 0303 123 1015) Many CCs lead on organising, or are very involved with, a range of events which usually take place within their local community. This is an important role and rightly valued by your communities> However in the current circumstances there are a range of adaptations and safe ways of working which are required to reduce the risk of transmission, and in some circumstances events may not be possible at all. The current guidance from the Scottish Government can be found at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-events-sector-guidance/> This link will be updated as the guidance changes.

b) Care & Repair organisation’s new ‘Small Repairs Service’.

This service is provided by Care & Repair, a firm based in Lanark, which is a registered charity. They have provided services throughout South Lanarkshire over the past five years. Elderly and disadvantaged groups receive discounts on work done. Details have been posted on CCC’s social media.

c) Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme

This national scheme is intended for promote active travel by encouraging the use and maintenance of bicycles. An opening incentive is being with a grant of up to £50 on offer to repair existing bicycles that might not be in fully functional condition. Details are posted on CCC social media.

8. Treasurer’s Report

B Fisher provided the following report:

Current and pending transactions for all four CCC Bank Accounts since the 15th September 2020 meeting.

Account	September 2020 Balance	Statement date	October 2020 Balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£2,421.88	01.09.20	£2,937.20	01.10.20
Cambuslang in Bloom	£1,698.75	01.07.20	£1,653.39	01.10.20

Account	September 2020 Balance	Statement date	October 2020 Balance	Statement date
F of Holmhills WCP	£409.79	01.04.20	£409.79	01.04.20
Micro Grant	£300.00	20.04.20	£300.00	20.04.20
Total	£4,830.42		£5,300.38	

Last month's transactions:-

- **Main Account** - Interest received from RBS £0.32pence
Administration Grant received from SLC for £515.00
- **CIB Account** - Cheque for £45.36 cashed by Jean Hunter re wood to extend height of fence at the Credit Union for garden shed

Pending transactions:-

- **Main Account** - Cheque no. 528 for £156.00 to Mark Lauterburg for 250 booklets for CACP Community Survey
- **FOHWCP A/C** - Cheque no. 58 for £330.00 to Brian Fisher for payment of the long awaited garden bench to be supplied and fitted
- **M.G. Account** - New cheque issued, no.46, for £300 to Happy Days who have at last got their account open

Other financial business:-

- Year end accounts have been audited and passed and our Administration Grant has been granted and paid in
- Two new accounts have been set up:- 1) Access to cash called - A2C Pilot fund for the new banking hub and 2) Grant Fund

Items for Discussion

9. Micro Grants Scheme for 2020/21: update

M Farmer provided the following update:

- C Williamson has agreed to lead the project this year
- C Williamson and M Farmer met on 20th October 2020 to discuss this fund and will meet soon to start this project.

- Lesley Park SLC has confirmed that the funds will be in our account soon despite the previous confirmation that it had been transferred.

10. Election of new CCC members: update on process by D Porter

The result of CCC's Membership Election 2020 drive was very disappointing with only one nomination received by SLC's Elections Officer by the closing date of 19th October 2020. This nomination is now being verified by SLC and, if valid, CCC will be notified that it has a new member.

In response to a request to E Harrison on possible next steps that CCC might take, she noted that item 7 of the constitution says that where a vacancy arises which does not result in the number of community councillors falling below the minimum number, 3 months need to have passed since the last nomination process before CCC can advertise again for new members. She added that, hopefully by that time, there will be less COVID restrictions and CCC might find get more people wishing to join.

In conclusion, CCC's membership list currently has 13 members, if 2 are about to resign and one new member joins (if her nomination verifies ok) CCC will have 12 members and not be below its minimum membership level of 9.

Action: Discuss options at next meeting on 17th November 2020

Items for Report

11. Development of Town Centre Strategy

a) Cambuslang Access to Cash Pilots: update

M Lauterburg provided the following report:

- The Community Survey on banking requirements from the Banking Hub has achieved over 1050 responses. Paper copies have been distributed to various shops on the Main Street. M Lauterburg and S Quinn will start the business survey shortly.
- Meetings have been held with the Post Office, and copies of initial designs are expected to be provided shortly.
- The legal arrangements for taking on the lease and licences are still being discussed with Healthy n Happy CDT and a legal advisor.

b) Town Centre Fund; update on Phase 1 streetscape

A Davidson provided the following report:

- The award to CCC of £620,000 from the Town Centre Fund last year got to the point where an invitation to tender had been issued and was ready to go. However, this

has since been postponed due to Covid-19. Additional costs are likely to be incurred because of the pandemic.

- SLC have agreed to submit a bid for an additional £200k from the second phase of the Town Centre Fund to enable the project to go ahead. As a fallback, A Davidson and J Bachtler have submitted an application for £200k to the SLC Capital Fund. A Community & Enterprise Resources decision is expected towards the end of November 2020.

c) Regeneration Capital Grant Fund application - Phase 2 community hub

J Bachtler and M Farmer provided the following report:

The CCC application for £1.2 million to fund the creation of a community hub on the Main Street did not make it to the second stage of the RCGF. However, the review panel liked the project and recommended that we reapply next year when the project is further developed. The Cambuslang Baptist Church has requested a meeting in the next few weeks to discuss its involvement with a view to using the year's delay to get the required matching funding in place.

d) Parking - update on Bridge Street P&R

J Bachtler provided the following report:

- As noted previously, Cambuslang Future sub-group members had a meeting with SLC Roads & Transportation and subsequently provided feedback on the car park design plans. These comments have been taken into account in the new SLC landscaping plan which has just been sent to CCC for comment. J Bachtler is willing to distribute copies of the plans with members though SLC have requested that they are not made public. According to SLC, the Council wants to start tendering the P&R works before Christmas with a view to completing the work in the first half of 2021. CCC has asked SLC to schedule another meeting to get an update on progress.
- D Porter pointed out that SLC has published a send stage consultation covering, inter alia, the legal side of Park and Ride facilities operation; viz. Off Street Consolidation Order including how to deal with illegal, disabled parking/electric car park spaces.

12. Clyde Cycle Park: update by J Bachtler

The Scottish Government has published an invitation to bid for the Clyde Mission Fund. This follows on from the former Finance Secretary's announcement of a new Clyde Strategy. The emphasis is on projects close to the Clyde which are deliverable by end of March next year. The Clyde Cycle Park SCIO has submitted an application for £172,000. This would enable funding for a cycle training area, car park, cabins etc. The application has been accepted for progressing to the second stage with the new applications due by 6th November 2020.

13. Parks

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

A Park reported that she has ordered a strong metal (anti-vandal) bench with last year's micro grant. SLC will set this up next to the pond by November 2020. She highlighted the extensive litter problem in the park. There are no easy solutions to hand.

14. Town Greening Projects

- **Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group**

L Wallace provided an update on the work of the Sub-Group. She showed photos of flower baskets and planters on the Main Street. There was some discussion on which plants would best for bees. M Farmer mentioned that **Grow 73** is good for growing plants. L Wallace noted that the group still has access to the Credit Union garden; a fence has been extended as we can now put a galvanised shed there to hold all equipment. J Bachtler thanked everyone in Cambuslang in Bloom sub-group for their hard work.

15. Any Other Business

1) J Bachtler has had discussions with a Cambuslang resident Julie McLachlan (Senior Economic Policy Manager with North Ayrshire Council) who is interested in working with Cambuslang Future on Community Wealth-Building. She had apologised for not being able to participate in the meeting and said that she could not formally join CCC as she lives outside Ward 13 (in Westburn) and is short of time. A joint activity with Halfway CCC may be possible.

2) B Fisher and J Bachtler have discussed the problem of odours the in Morrison Park area originating from a local company. CCC is willing to write a letter of support for residents.

3) B Fisher has ordered a Remembrance Day wreath in the name of CCC and has volunteered to lay the wreath on the day.

4) D Porter noted that C Allan who owns a gym in Cambuslang had contacted CCC through our Facebook page. S Quinn and J Bachtler will follow up with him to see if interested in joining or working with CCC.

5) M Farmer reported that the group investigating the use of the Peter Brownlee Park for a football pitch is looking to set up a 'community interest company'.

The Chair closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

The next CCC Virtual Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 7.30pm. There will no AGM on that date.