

Cambuslang Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 18th September 2018

Cambuslang Institute 7:30-9pm

Present

David Thomson, Chair
Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair
David Porter, Secretary
John Bachtler, Treasurer
Linda Wallace,
Hamish Allan
Donald MacDonald
Councillor Ann LeBlond
Councillor Margaret Walker

In Attendance

PC Paul Patterson (Police Scotland)
Brian Fisher, Cambuslang Future
Clare Williamson, Cambuslang Future
Suzy Quinn, Cambuslang Future
Elizabeth Allan, Resident
Phyllis MacDonald, Resident
William MacDonald, Resident

Apologies

Ged Killen MP
Hilda Allison CCC member
Robert Allison CCC member
PC Thomas McEwan (Police Scotland)
Alison Park Sub Group (FoHWCP)
James Kelly MSP
Councillor John Bradley
Don Ferguson CCC member

1. The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.
2. Apologies noted above.
3. Correction of the Minutes dated 19 June 2018 - **point 4 Chair's Correspondence – change from - Blantyre Community Council to Halfway Community Council.**
4. The minutes were agreed.

5. Police Report

PC Paterson reported the crime statistics from 18 July -14 August and then 15 August to 18 September 2019 retrospectively. The stats for June/July have been included which we received over the summer. See Appendix for full police report.

Type of Crimes	No. recorded 19 June – 19 July 2018	No. recorded 18 July – 14 August 2018	No. recorded 15 August – 18 Sep. 2018
Acquisitive	12	28	17
Disorder	8	11	8
Violence	9	8	9
Drugs	2	6	3
Miscellaneous	10	7	21
Total	41	60	58

The Treasurer reported that business owners had expressed appreciation for the work being done by the Community Policing Team, particularly their regular and active engagement with businesses on the Main Street.

The Chair thanked PC Patterson for the update and he left the meeting afterwards.

Committee business

CCC Elections 2018

6. The Secretary discussed the 2018 election timetable and the next steps. Cllr Walker (Independent Interim Chair) confirmed that she has not yet received any formal notification from SLC in accordance with her role in this process. The Secretary explained the contested process but indicated that it is highly probable that the CC nominees **will not** be contested. Brian Fisher stated that the closing date has been extended due to issues with nominee proposers and seconders in the recent nominations. Michelle Farmer mentioned that CCC office bearers and members compiled a professional poster and how this had been distributed widely in the Main Street, at other community hubs and on social media.

7. Chair's Correspondence

The Chair discussed the result of his efforts in contacting SLC officials in recent months regarding two soldiers who served and died in WW1 and WW2. Both soldiers won the Victoria Cross: John B. Hamilton and Hugh McIver and their names will be inscribed on the South Lanarkshire VC Memorial located in Castle Street in Hamilton. He stated that it is hoped that this will be done in time for Remembrance Day but is not guaranteed. He proceeded to mention that SLC have agreed that the Roll of Honour for WW1 can be uploaded onto CCC website. This has been agreed by SLC. John Bachtler agreed to scan the document to allow it to be uploaded. Cllr LeBlond suggested it is uploaded onto an Excel spreadsheet for people in other countries to access. John will contact CCCs website designer to have it uploaded in the best way.

AP John Bachtler to scan Roll of Honour.

AP John Bachtler to contact website designer re: best way to upload document.

8. Secretary's Report

Planning Applications (Domestic Premises)

The Secretary stated that 15 planning applications for changes/extensions to houses have been submitted to SLC.

Planning Applications (Commercial Developments)

He informed the group that 2 commercial applications were granted. He added that one application has been received for conversion of the premises on the former site of the TSB bank, where a planning application was previously submitted for a restaurant. He informed the group that the revised application contains the addition of a function facility. The Secretary confirmed that it is the same owners who have submitted this application. The other application is for The Old Oak Inn (public house in Calderwood Road) and is for the reconstruction of frontage - addition of an external beer garden at the front of the premises. Elizabeth Allan commented that she is aware that there is a petition posted outside the premises for anyone that wishes to sign it if they oppose it. She also read an article about this in the Rutherglen Reformer.

Direct planning notification

The Secretary presented two notices to the group. One is a change of use of the former Cambus Bar to a licensed retail outlet which was approved 20 June 2018 and the other is a licensing application for the above planned retail outlet.

Consultations/Surveys

The Secretary reported that he had received **A Health Care Consultation** regarding the proposed closure and relocation of Monklands University Teaching Hospital to a new-build hospital in Gartcosh. He commented that it is not known how many people in Cambuslang use Monklands hospital, not very many it is thought. It was agreed that CCC will upload this consultation to the website and post the notice of the consultation through our social media channels (Facebook and Twitter). Cllr Walker contributed that there were 2 public meetings several years ago and so it is relevant to the community of Cambuslang.

AP John Bachtler, David Thomson to upload Consultation to CCC website and Social Media pathways.

The Secretary added that he had received the Review of Statement of Licensing Policy Document including overprovision statement for South Lanarkshire Licensing Division No.4 (Rutherglen and Cambuslang Area) and noted that comments need to be in by 28 September 2018. A discussion followed with reference to the review - specifically focussed on the overprovision and the factors that need to be taken into account. John Bachtler raised the point that the review highlights the fact that Cambuslang has an overprovision of selling alcohol licenses and asked why the new premises application in the old Cambus Pub (Premier) was approved if this is the case. Cllr Walker and Cllr LeBlond both stated that each individual application is considered in its own merits alongside the needs of the community (Main Street). It was said, that in some cases, it is considered better to have a shop than an empty unit. Cllr LeBlond commented that the Cambuslang Future group invited the Coop to have a store who also would have requested a license. Most people felt that Cambuslang Main Street has an overprovision and commented that this brings its issues – particularly at the North East side of the Mains Street (Kyle Court). Cllr Walker confirmed that up-to-date data are collated and considered when license applications are being considered. Clare Williamson noted that available data show that hospital submissions for this part of the main street are 6 times more than in other areas of Cambuslang. Cllr LeBlond confirmed that Planning and Licensing Applications are dealt with separately and the SLC Departments do not collaborate over license applications. Michelle Farmer stated that this is a gap. John Bachtler asked if Cambuslang had been refused any licence applications and Cllr LeBlond confirmed that there has only been one in the past year and a half.

Marches/Parades

The Secretary informed the group that there were no planned marches/parades scheduled.

SLC Residential Care Provision Plans

The Secretary then went onto discuss a new Residential Care in South Lanarkshire Policy *Investing to Modernise SLC Care Facilities*. He stated that Cllr Joe Fagan had alerted CCs to the major changes in Residential Care Provision being planned by SLC. He informed the meeting that details are available on SLC's website. He suggested that CCC should decide whether to study the potential impact this will have on Cambuslang West. Cllr Walker said that the policy is a whole new way of caring for people in the community. She stated that it will bring significant changes to Residential Care as care homes in SLC will close as a result and the number of residential beds in remaining care homes will also decline significantly. Cllr Walker and Cllr LeBlond both mentioned that Phase 1 of the proposed plans had been decided – in their view – with “insufficient consultation”; Cllr LeBlond claimed that this

policy is due to Council budget cuts. Cllr Walker stated that Labour do not support this policy due to the demographics of the elderly population which is ageing significantly. Cllr Walker offered to send CCC the minutes of meetings regarding this. The Secretary suggested that CCC look more into this and reply to Cllr Fagan to request that the group are kept informed of updates.

AP Cllr Walker to send CCC minutes.

AP David Porter to respond to Cllr Fagan's e-mail to keep CCC informed of stages of development.

9. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer discussed recent financial transactions as well as outstanding business. Linda Wallace has some personal expenses for Cambuslang in Bloom which she will pass onto John Bachtler to process.

The Treasurer reported the changes in the three CCC bank accounts since June 2018 as follows:

Account	June 2018 balance	Statement date	Sept 2018 balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£2,909.43	1.6.18	£2,849.83	1.8.18
Cambuslang in Bloom	£2,025.56	1.6.18	£2,020.88	1.8.18
FoHWCP	£231.72	1.6.18	£231.72	-
Total	£5,166.71		£5,102.43	

Financial transactions

- * Main Account - £60.00 Lauren Anderson (minute-taking)
- * Main Account -£90.00 paid in error (should have been CCC) and transferred to CIB
- * Main Account - £0.40 in interest
- * CIB Account - £850.84 + £90.00 (£940.84) paid in (from donations, shopkeeper payments, fund-raising); £945.52 paid out to Linda Wallace for garden supplies

Financial transactions still to be processed

- * Main Account - Election posters – Crisp Documents - £84.00
- * Main Account - John Bachtler - £34.00
- * CIB Account - £82.98 payable to Moira Hurles

Other financial business

- * Refund from dual payment to Registers of Scotland still being sorted out. The Treasurer has requested copies of cheques from RBS. He is still waiting for RBS confirmation of additional account signatories and has sent a letter to RBS.

Items for discussion

10. Cambuslang Future Sub-Group:

Group work/meetings

The Sub-Group Chair (John Bachtler) explained that CF is a sub-group of CCC and stated that the group had met on several occasions over the summer period. He pointed out that SLC agreed to partner with CF and met on 2 August 2018 and 6 September 2018. He explained that SLC has agreed to complete the first draft of the SLC Regeneration Strategy Plan based on CCC and CFs research/findings to date. He outlined the group's vision for the Strategy Plan and stated that the **key aim is to restore civic pride to Cambuslang town centre.**

John Bachtler listed what the group felt were the community's strengths which are;

- a strong community spirit – well-developed social networks, active involvement in clubs, associations and voluntary groups
- good quality green space – Cambuslang Park, Holmhills Wood Community Park, Clyde woodland
- accessibility – good road and rail connections

He then went on to state what the group has identified **as the community's wishes which are:**

- an attractive, safe and welcoming town centre providing a focal point for the community - designed for people of all ages to spend time and connect with each other
- a commercially diverse and successful Main Street that attracts new businesses and encourages them to thrive
- a town that remembers and retains its heritage – the oldest village in Scotland, and its connection with industrial history (mining, steel)
- Main Street Regeneration Plan progress with SLC

The main issues that the CF group are working on in partnership with SLC.

SLC review of Main Street resurfacing options

He explained the problems regarding the paving problems and ad hoc/slapdash maintenance repair by SLC. He made the point that CF has brought this issue to the table with SLC on 4 recent occasions. He confirmed that an e-mail was sent to SLC Roads & Transport recently which requested clarity again on the maintenance options. Clare Williamson mentioned how she avoids walking along the Main Street due multiple pavement hazards. She stated that she has spoken to various SLC repair contractors in recent weeks and expressed her concerns about the ad hoc solutions being used. She said the repaired slabs sit proud above the surrounding pavement and are extremely dangerous. She added that there appears to be different solutions each day. Cllr LeBlond commented that there was a budget cut last year for such works, although overall there is a £2 million reserve. The group discussed next steps which would be to send the CF video created earlier this summer to the SLC Leader John Ross which documents interviews with residents on their experiences with the Main Street pavements

Streetscape audit

John Bachtler stated that Suzy Quinn had compiled a Main Street street-furniture audit earlier in the summer which has been passed to SLC several times, and that a representative from SLC agreed to meet with her and **walk through** the street. She met with Vicky Eccles of SLC) who took notes, photographs and stated that a deep clean-up

(power wash) had been carried out in previous weeks at the South East side. SLC, Vicky Eccles had mentioned to Suzy that costs would need to be obtained by SLC as the first stage. Michelle Farmer expressed disappointment as CF put together a fully comprehensive Street Furniture Audit which should have been used by SLC as a reference on the walk through. She also expressed concerns in response to Vicky Eccles' comment on the day that SLC have a lot of towns and that Cambuslang town may not be a priority. Cllr Walker agreed to contact SLC as requested by Michelle Farmer and agreed to copy the community council in on the e-mail.

AP Cllr Walker to contact SLC to express CCCs deep concerns about their approach to the walk round and copy CCC in the e-mail.

Waste bins

John Bachtler confirmed that a meeting is being set up with SLC Environmental Services' officials to discuss possible options.

Parking

John Bachtler stated that CF members asked Ian Ross & Vicky Eccles to obtain information on 3 issues:

- (a) the outcome of the response to the Park-and-Ride consultation and the Parking Study of Cambuslang – IR noted that a paper was being prepared for the Community & Enterprise Resources Committee meeting on 30 October;
- (b) the SLC proposal to consult on a controlled parking zone to the south of the station – He noted that CCC-CF would have concerns if this were not combined with a broader overview strategic response involving extra capacity because displaced commuter cars would inevitably seek parking spaces on other streets or put still more pressure on car parks;
- (c) progress regarding the experimental traffic order for 2-hour parking on the Main Street.

Cllr Walker stated that this issue is on the next SLC Community & Environmental Services committee meeting agenda.

Community and Business Engagement

Michelle Farmer is collecting contact information from businesses on the Main Street. CCC issued a letter in August explaining the development of Regeneration Strategy Action Plan.

Banking

Mark Lauterburg from CF has contacted the banks and SLC have confirmed that there is provision for a pop-up Credit Union in Cambuslang Gate.

Regeneration Capital Fund Grant

Amy Davidson from CF put together a bid for £2 million for the Main Street which was submitted via SLC and we are due to hear any day of the 1st stage result.

Items for report

11. Cambuslang Cycling Project

There was no update on the Clyde Cycle Path & Clyde Cycle Park.

12. Parks

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

Michelle Farmer had an update which she received from Alison Park (Chair), however due to lack of time in the meeting she asked the members if she could add the update as an appendix to the minutes. This was agreed.

- **Douglas Park update**

David Porter noted that this group is now an independent charity that it no longer needs to be an agenda item which was agreed.

AP David Porter to remove this agenda item for future meetings.

13. Town Centre

- **Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group**

Linda Wallace updated the group on CIB progress and noted that watering the plants several times a week is a demanding role for all volunteers involved. She mentioned that the path along the North side of the Main Street where shrubs were placed last year is desperately needing maintenance and some TLC. She was advised to contact Ian McCaig (SLC Land Services) to attend to the shrub area.

- **Community Choices Fund**

Greening Cambuslang: making neighbourhoods better
There was no update on this item.

- **Community Choices Fund**

David Porter stated that Healthy n Happy e-mailed CCC recently to inform the group of their success in their Community Choices Funding application. Funding is pinned to two communities: Halfway and The Caledonian Circuit (which comes under our Ward). A discussion followed regarding the underpinning theme as CCC received funding last year under Environmental outcomes. It was decided that we should seek to find out the theme and how CCC can be of assistance.

AP David Porter to reply and find out the theme and how we can assist/support Healthy n Happy.

14. WW1 Commemoration

Efforts by CCC have been discussed and noted above under Chair's correspondence.

15. Any Other Business

Residential Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) agenda item at next SLC Committee meeting

Linda Wallace expressed concerns regarding this proposal. John Bachtler explained the background of the Park & Ride Study and Consultation and reiterated his concerns as to a possible CPZ being considered in isolation from a broader parking strategy for the Town Centre. Fears were expressed that this may be a cheap and effective response for SLC and one that appears to be avoiding dealing with the parking overview.

Remembrance Garden

Elizabeth Allan expressed her gratitude to the group who went to great lengths and effort to create the new Remembrance Garden at the Toll Pitch.

Minute Taker

Michelle Farmer informed the group that they need a Minute Taker and will pay £30 for each set of minutes taken. Linda Wallace stated that she would ask her daughter Alice Wallace and respond asap.

Heart Recovery Machine (aka Defibrillator)

The Chair informed the group that there is a heart recovery machine located outside the butchers (H. Blacks) which can be used in emergency treatment of heart attacks.

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their contributions.

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16th October 2018** at Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road at 7.30 pm.

Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park

Report for Cambuslang Community Council

Period from June 2018 to September 2018

- Monthly Meetups took place in Park on Sundays 1 Jul, 5 Aug & on 2 Sep included a community litter pick in the Langlea Road end of the Park. Next meetups are scheduled for 6 Oct & 3 Nov.
- We are co-hosting a bat walk with SLC Ranger Service on Fri 21 Sep
- Weekly Health Walks planned to start at Whitlawburn Resource Centre from Sat 6 Oct. In preparation several Group members have completed Paths for All Walk Leader training and met with Get Walking Lanarkshire Co-ordinator for further guidance and route planning. We also consulted with Friends of Cambuslang Park.
- For 2018 we have attained a Level 3 (Advancing) Award in the Its Your Neighbourhood Scheme run by Keep Scotland Beautiful.
- After much delay, due to technical issues, SLC Unpaid Work should complete much needed path repairs at the muddy Holmhills Grove entrance and fix pooling on the main path near the top pond. They are unable to address path problems (including poorly placed concrete slabs) near Douglas Drive entrance and advise that we contact Paths for All for assistance.
- We support SLC's revised proposals designating Holmhills Local Nature Reserve. The extended area now includes woodland and grassland near Cathkin School along with the large field bordering Grenville Drive. Responses to our Facebook posts indicate community approval for LNR designation. SLC advise designation should be completed in 3-5 years, then there will be a Management Plan aimed at improving biodiversity and enhancing opportunities for environmental education.
- On Tue 18 Sep 3 of our volunteers supported Rutherglen High School's Eco Day by providing equipment and assistance for pond-dipping sessions. Around 50 pupils & staff much enjoyed viewing the varied aquatic life (especially newts) in the pond.
- Alison has obtained a place to attend Eden Community Camp in Cornwall later this month. This involves workshops and networking opportunities on community engagement and future support from Eden organisation.
- The next Friends of Holmhills Planning Meeting is set for Thurs 11 Oct @7pm, Cambuslang Institute.

Police Report

PC Patterson reported that he and PC McEwan have spent a lot of time in engaging with the business community on the Main Street. CCTV posters are now being displayed on most business premises. He confirmed that they distributed CCC letters to business owners as requested by Michelle Farmer. He discussed the **Business Watch** scheme which has been set up via a What's App group (run by the business community itself). He mentioned that this was optional and that 75% of businesses joined the scheme. PC Patterson then explained the benefits of the scheme and noted that it has been successful in raising awareness of counterfeit money.

PC Patterson commented that the parks (Cambuslang & Holmehills) have been quiet for several months and explained several strategies that they will be using as approaches to promote Road Safety with local schools - particularly West Coats PS. A dialogue took place regarding previous strategies West Coats PS had tried in previous years. PC Patterson mentioned that 2 schools in Springhall are currently promoting Road Safety although these schemes were in the infancy stage.

The discussion extended to cover the point that police have no authority over parking on zig zag lines and highlighted the point that this is the role of the traffic wardens who have been made aware of the issues. A discussion took place regarding a **No-Go Zone** under way by SLC for all schools and that this issue is being fed into the Park and Ride issue that CCC has been campaigning for in recent months.

Michelle Farmer requested that PC McEwan be encouraged to follow up with SLC Security Manager (Stephen Bell) regarding the CCTV signs installation and Telemetry card fault for the broken camera.

AP PC McEwan to follow up with SLC Stephen Bell.

PC Patterson was asked about the large rise in acquisitive crime (28) from July-August and stated that there was no particular reason for this that could be identified.