



**CAMBUSLANG**  
Community Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 15 January 2019  
Cambuslang Institute 7.30- 9.00pm**

**Present**

John Bachtler, Chair  
Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair  
David Porter, Secretary  
Brian Fisher, Treasurer  
Hamish Allan  
Hilda Allison  
Robert Allison  
Amy Davison  
Donald MacDonald

Suzy Quinn  
Dave Sutton  
David Thomson  
Linda Wallace  
Clare Williamson  
Cllr. John Bradley  
Cllr. Ann LeBlond  
Cllr. Margaret Walker

**In Attendance**

PC Paul Patterson (Police Scotland)  
Craig Cunningham, SLHSCP  
Evelyn Devlin, SLHSCP  
Alison Park Sub Group (FoHWCP)  
Elizabeth Whyte, Resident  
Liisa Hepworth, Halfway CC  
Brian Law, SLC-YfCL  
Alice Wallace, Minute Secretary

**Apologies**

Mark Lauterburg  
Stewart Walker  
Clare Haughey MSP  
James Kelly MSP

**1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and paid special thanks to C Cunningham from SLHSCP, Councillors J Bradley, A LeBlond and M Walker, L Hepworth from Halfway Community Council and PC P Patterson for attending the meeting. The Chair proposed that the Police Report and the presentation by Mr Cunningham should be given before the Matters Arising to allow those involved to leave the meeting immediately afterwards.

**2. Apologies (noted above)**

**3. Minutes of Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

There were no corrections. C Williamson approved the minutes, seconded by D Porter.

#### 4. Matters Arising

- **Whitlawburn Housing Redevelopment Project Planning Consultation**

Re: Failure by SLC to consult with CCC. The Secretary has written several times to SLC Planning, but there has still been no contact by applicant despite assurances from SLC that this would happen. CCC has now been informed by SLC that a 'consultation' will take place tomorrow (16<sup>th</sup>) at Whitlawburn Resident's Association in the Community Hall, Morven Road between 2-7pm. CCC believes it is a statutory requirement for CCC to be consulted separately apart from being invited to a public exhibition/consultation (so-called).

**Action: Attend public consultation (16<sup>th</sup> Jan'19) and continue to follow up (M Farmer & D Porter)**

- **Scottish Government Consultation on Fracking**

The Secretary sent a letter on behalf of CCC to Clare Haughey MSP (circulated to CCC members). This has been passed by her to ScotGov's Minister for Energy etc, Paul Wheelhouse. Although CCC missed the deadline for the official consultation period (ending 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018), Clare Haughey has asked the Minister to take CCC's thoughts and conclusions into account when formulating SG's policy.

- **SLC's Resident Parking Permit Zone Proposal**

Proposal to introduce RPPZ in a significant area of central Cambuslang, especially south of Cambuslang Railway Station. A letter has been drafted by CCC office-bearers to be sent by the Chair to Cllr John Anderson, Chair of SLC Community & Enterprise Resources Committee and circulated to CCC members. There had been no issues raised by CCC members via email but D Porter asked if anyone attending the meeting had any comments or questions. L Wallace commented that the information available on the consultation website was vague which made responding to the consultation difficult. For example, it is not clear where the permit zone is exactly; the map shows the whole of Cambuslang and the narrative refers to the streets around Cambuslang train station. How this might affect individuals will depend on where those lines are drawn. D Sutton felt the letter should be more forceful about the need for a major parking provision to be created around the station.

**Action: Finalise letter and send (J Bachtler)**

- **Vodafone-Telefonica Base-Station in SL Upgrade Planning Application**

A letter was sent by the Secretary to Mono Consultants handling this planning application on behalf of the principals (copied to elected representatives with a request to lobby separately and circulated to CCC members) noting CCC's concern about the location of a mast close to St Bride's Primary School and requesting an audit of radiation around the school and a public meeting to address community worries. No response has been received so far.

**Action: Follow up if no response from consultants. (D Porter)**

## 5. Police Report

PC Patterson reported the crime statistics from 19 December 2018 – 15 January 2019.

Type of Crimes	No. recorded 17 Oct – 20 Nov 2018	No. recorded 21 Nov – 18 Dec 2018	No. recorded 19 Dec 2018 – 15 Jan 2019
Acquisitive	12	11	11
Disorder	5	5	6
Violence	8	4	9
Drugs	5	6	5
Miscellaneous	16	15	20
Total	46	41	51

PC Patterson commented that an increase of 10 in the crimes total was an anticipated seasonal hike (high levels of alcohol consumption) especially with the Old Firm game. PC Patterson said there had been no major issues to report. He also mentioned that Rutherglen had had more crimes over Christmas and New Year than Cambuslang. There had been a few people involved in a disturbance at Wetherspoons resulting in 3 injured and there is currently a CID enquiry ongoing.

PC Patterson was asked about two recent outbreaks of fighting – one outside of Finlays pub. PC Patterson reported that these were alcohol related incidents. The police have spoken to the licensing board about pub staff continuing to serve people who are already drunk.

## 6. Presentation by Mr C Cunningham of South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership (SLHSCP) on its Strategic Commissioning Plan 2019-2022

J Bachtler introduced Mr Cunningham. Mr Cunningham gave handouts for people to look over while he was talking.

SLC have recognized that to make a difference to the health and wellbeing of the community they need to work together with the community so they doing this within the framework of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. Through its agency, SLHSCP, it is currently undertaking wide-scale consultation for the next Strategic Commissioning Plan. 10 priorities have been identified with the main objective being to support people in staying at home for as long as they can. The 10 priorities are:

- Statutory work
- Early intervention, prevention, health improvement
- Carers
- Self-care/self-management, including use of technology
- Seven day services
- Intermediate care to reduce reliance on hospital/residential care
- Suitable and sustainable housing
- Single points of contact
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Enablers to improve integrated working

SLHSCP wants to invest earlier in people's care and health and wellbeing rather than wait until they are admitted to hospital.

In September 2018, SLHSCP visited 4 different health and social care delivery localities to check if the original 10 priorities were still relevant. All 4 localities confirmed that this was so. In addition they asked for:

- Clarity on commissioning Intentions
- Children and family services
- Transition from children to adult services
- Public health priorities
- Self-directed support
- Building and celebrating communities
- Co-ordination between services

The 4 localities were also asked what issues they thought SLHSCP was addressing well, what factors were potential challenges and what SLHSCP should be focused on in 2019-22 for communication, prevention and health improvement and person centred health and social care.

Mr Cunningham said that people have asked where the money for this initiative is coming from. He showed figures demonstrating that the budget for health and social care is increasing every year, and argued that this is resulting in growing investment in the community. He also provided statistics that showed the unscheduled bed days, unscheduled geriatric long stays and delayed discharges have decreased from 2017-18 which shows there is less reliance on hospital care.

Mr Cunningham then took questions from those present.

J Bachtler asked for more detail on the rationale for the proposed programme to modernise care facilities and close residential care homes to turn them into transitional hubs (as intermediate facilities between hospital and home care).

C Cunningham said that the changes would mean they would be able to provide more care in home and reduce demand on residential care facilities. Residential care facilities have no clinical staff, they are not run by nurses. The aim is to provide care for people coming out of hospital, to get mobility back and become self-sufficient. They therefore can go back to independent living. Some care homes are no longer fit for purpose so SLHSCP is trying to update them. For example, the David Walker Gardens facility has not been closed but is being updated.

C. Williamson shared her personal experience and was surprised to hear Mr Cunningham say that accessing residential care was not an issue. Her experience was that it had been hard to obtain residential care for an elderly parent with dementia. To be eligible you had to have a really strong report supporting your case that the current care wasn't enough. After getting approval there was a waiting time for places and it became clear that many people who should have been in care homes were being put in hospital due to lack of availability. It seemed that these difficulties were caused by lack of adequate budget provision by SLC.

C. Cunningham did not accept that shortage of funding was a relevant issue. He said that Bield Housing have given notice that they will be quitting the residential homes sector because there is not enough demand. He believed that this is a good indicator that there is sufficient provision.

J Bachtler acknowledged that this was a personal story but said he had also heard it was hard to get places in care homes near to your own home, and also that there was no target in local plan for accessible housing for wheelchairs.

C. Williamson said that she believed the reduced demand is likely to be the result of people finding the application process too difficult and the bar being set too high for eligibility. By the time people are getting residential care their level of need often requires nursing home care.

C Cunningham said this was self-directed and required better coordination. He acknowledged the assessment process is needlessly complicated and they are trying to find out how to make this easier.

Further details were given by E Devlin (SLHSCP). The forward-going plan is looking to increase the number of accessible homes by 10%. According to C Williamson, there are currently 2177 people on a waiting list for sheltered housing and only 273 people were given a place last year. The more people that are able to stay in their own homes the better it will be as nursing homes are a less homely environment. The demand for accessible housing is set to rise with the aging population. Provision for older people has been affected by beds being reduced as in David Walker Gardens where some beds are being re-allocated to young people with needs.

D Porter mentioned that 17% of the Scottish 16+y population are carers to some extent or another, but they are receiving very little support. SLHSCP's own report says that 60% of carers in SL don't feel supported. He highlighted that this proposed home based system relies on the quality and availability of appropriate care so there is an urgent need for more professional carers.

C Cunningham acknowledged that there is a need for more professional carers and said they are currently working with schools to try and encourage young people to choose care as a career.

E Whyte commented that at one point Stobhill hospital had a facility where elderly people moved from a ward to an assessment unit to determine their ability to return home. She asked if these kinds of rehabilitation units for people in hospital for physical reasons are also what SLHSCP are planning to provide more of.

Mr Cunningham said that SLHSCP would prefer to have more centres away from hospitals as hospitals are not healthy places particularly for elderly people who are more prone to hospital-acquired infections and are more liable to fall because their surroundings are unfamiliar. He said they have recognised that flexible housing is needed and technology will play a crucial part of independent living for elderly people in the future as more and more will be able to understand and use it. They hope to make the elderly able to access services

from a hub at home; a nurse would set up a tablet in the house to 'SKYPE' their physiotherapist and occupational therapist which would reduce hospital visits and stay time.

The Chair thanked Mr Cunningham and Ms Devlin for their presentation and participation in the discussion. He invited them to come back in the future to provide more information and show developments and practice as the policy is implemented. Further questions for C Cunningham were to be sent to D Porter.

## **Committee Business**

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

There was no Chair's correspondence.

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

#### **Planning Applications** (from weekly notifications)

For domestic premises: 3 applications for changes/extensions to houses; and none for commercial developments.

Notice received that Application P/18/1525 (Hot Food Take Away on Western Road) has been approved subject to a variety of conditions which address most of the concerns of CCC in its 'Letter of Objection'. Any appeal against this decision has to be lodged by 28 January 2019. It might be prudent to monitor applicant's compliance with the conditions set.

**Marches/Parades:** None notified.

**Consultations/Surveys:** None notified.

### **9. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer outlined changes in the position of the three CCC bank accounts since the December 2018 meeting (18.12.18)

<b>Account</b>	<b>Dec 2018 balance</b>	<b>Statement date</b>	<b>Jan 2019 balance</b>	<b>Statement date</b>
CCC Main Account	£2,887.58	30.11.18	£3,402.95	31.12.18
Cambuslang in Bloom	£1,937.75	30.11.18	£1,937.75	30.11.18
F of Holmhill WCP	£231.72	1.6.18	£231.72	1.6.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,057.05</b>		<b>£5,572.42</b>	

Financial transactions

- Main Account: income of £515.00 – SLC Administration Grant
- Main Account: income of £0.37 – bank interest

Financial transactions in the system

- Main Account – Election posters – Crisp Documents - £84.00 (cheque issued – 505)
- Main Account - £34.00 to J Bachtler for Remembrance Day wreath (cheque issued – 506)

#### Other financial business

- Administration Grant paid by SLC following audit approval of accounts
- New signatory forms (for M Farmer, D Porter and B Fisher) sent to RBS

### **Items for Discussion**

#### **10. Cooperation with other South Lanarkshire CCs, particularly Halfway CC**

The Chair said that CCC's experience with issues like the residential care plan as well as the parking permit zone indicate that CCC is not being adequately consulted by SLC. A letter has been drafted to go to Cllr M Chalmers proposing a SLC code of practice on consultation and other measures.

D Sutton had previously written to SLC raising these issues and received a reply last Thursday. A copy of the email was circulated to CCC members. It was sent by Geraldine McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services not the Community Participation and Empowerment Team which was referred to in the email. This letter is perceived by CCC office-bearers as not being very supportive of community councils.

In discussion, several points were noted:

- (a) there has been a small increase of £15 from last year in the total administrative grant for 2019/20 of £515 but this is considered low considering the level of activity of CCC and its sub-groups;
- (b) VASLAN are on the Community Planning Partnership board (representing the third sector and community organisations including CCC) but there is arguably a need for representation by members of CCC;
- (c) there would be merit in establishing a community council federation for South Lanarkshire to improve engagement.

Liisa Hepworth, Secretary of Halfway CC, said that CCC and HCC have common issues and would benefit from peer support on understanding and developing the roles of community councillors. The SLC Community Participation and Empowerment team should organize and lead on the establishment of a federation of community councils as it is their role. A meeting being organized by SLC in March/April should be used to develop a federation.

**Action: It was agreed that CCC and HCC should collaborate on drafting a joint letter (potentially involving Blantyre CC also) to SLC inviting them to discuss a new strategy on community council consultation by SLC. A survey of all CCs across the whole of South Lanarkshire should also be considered, as well as engagement among the CCs in Rutherglen, Halfway, Blantyre and Cambuslang.**

## **11. Cambuslang Future Sub-Group**

The CF sub-group had a meeting on 10 January 2019 with SLC as their planned meeting in December had been cancelled. M Farmer and C Williamson reported that they had visited Hamilton last week to look at the bin shelters. These are parked off the main road but Hamilton still has issues with people dumping rubbish next to the bins instead of inside them. However, the bins that they do have on the main road are all uniform as they are sponsored by the Business Improvement District. C Williamson is also meeting with Glasgow City Council to discuss the success of the pilot scheme in Buchanan Street where the bins are only put out for one hour a day for uplift.

C Williamson had also spoken to the South Lanarkshire Credit Union about a pop-up banking facility in Cambuslang Gate. The next step is to engage with the business community and build a case to justify this proposal to the Cambuslang Credit Union Board. There is also a meeting planned with Ged Killen MP to discuss banking issues.

There was a discussion about whether CCC should submit another participation request for phase two of residents' parking zone proposal.

The CCC has reviewed the latest version of the regeneration action plan from SLC and noted that some of the added value by CCC was removed; this will be raised at the meeting with SLC on Thursday.

M Farmer said the team is in early stages of developing a newsletter and logo for CF and she will bring examples to the next CCC meeting.

The next CF meeting will be on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## **Items for Report**

### **12. Parks**

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

The Group are still holding their usual Saturday health walks, and a week on Saturday they will be having a garden bird watch event. Issues were raised about the cost of accessing halls for community activity. CCC were not aware of a cap on use of SLC facilities for meetings (only 12 are free) – they have been informed that only the next 4 are free and payment is due after that (£7.50 an hour).

**Action: JB to write to SLC challenging them on charging for rooms (the previous room budget was cut with assurances that free access would be granted to SLC facilities).**

### **13. Town Greening Projects**

- **Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group**

The group has applied for a community grant of £1000. They have also requested for a 'bag pack' at Morrisons Cambuslang. The bag pack dates will be confirmed by L Wallace.



- **Greening Camglen**

There was no update.

#### **14. Clyde Cycle Project SCIO – Update**

Formal terms have been received from Scottish Enterprise for use of site. The team are in discussion with lawyers. A bid for £1000 as been submitted to the SLC Areas Committee for an Area Grant.

#### **15. Any Other Business**

CCC has received a newsletter from Clare Haughey MSP, attached in the Appendix. Ged Killen MP has highlighted that there has been cases of a Cambuslang company (HELMS) conning people on the UK Government's Green Deal; the company is now in liquidation but anyone affected should contact Citizens Advice.

#### **16. Closure of Meeting**

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

**The next CCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in  
Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road at 7.30pm**

## Appendix

### Clare Haughey MSP Report – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

I would like to wish everyone at Cambuslang Community Council the very best for 2019, and thank you all for your work last year.

Please find below a number of updates which are specific to my work in the Cambuslang, or which may otherwise be pertinent to the area.

#### Scottish Government 'Fracking' consultation

Cambuslang Community Council contacted me regarding their views on the Scottish Government's consultation on their preferred policy position on unconventional oil and gas (UOG), the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report, and partial Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA).

For reference, the Scottish Government's preferred policy position is to oppose the development of unconventional oil and gas ("fracking") in Scotland.

I wrote to the Scottish Government's Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, Paul Wheelhouse MSP, to make him aware of the community council's views, and asking for them to be considered as part of this consultation.

#### Proposed phone mast

Cambuslang Community Council have submitted an objection to the siting/upgrade of a phone mast/base station close to St Bride's School, Tabernacle Street, Cambuslang by Vodafone/Telefonica. I have written to the consultants organising the planning permission for this to support Cambuslang Community Council's call for more direct engagement with residents and parents at the school about this application and the potential negative environmental impacts

#### Compulsory Sales Orders

As has been reported in national press over the last two weeks, the Scottish Government has confirmed that local authorities will be given 'compulsory sale order' (CSO) powers by 2021. The plan to bring in CSOs by the end of this Scottish parliamentary term would allow councils to force owners to sell sites at auction rather than allowing them to lie empty and fall into disrepair, if they are seen to be causing harm to local communities.

I welcome the introduction of such powers, as they will play a vital role as we help tackle the blight of abandoned buildings in our communities. Of course, there are legitimate concerns about the fate of some historic buildings and the potential of overburdening local councils, but I am confident the Scottish Government's Planning Minister will consider this before the policy comes into force by 2021.

## HELMS/ Green Deal

I have been at the forefront of a Scotland-wide campaign that seeks to find a resolution for people who were allegedly mis-sold energy efficiency products under the UK Government's Green Deal scheme. Many of my constituents were fitted solar panels by a Cambuslang-based company named HELMS, who have since been liquidated, and rather than seeing savings on their energy bills, many have seen them soar. Furthermore, many of those who signed up were unaware that they were in effect taking out a loan on the solar panels, and as the debt is tied to their property, they have been left unable to sell their homes.

In my Rutherglen constituency, the issue is most prevalent in Blantyre; however, I am aware that there are constituents across Cambuslang who are affected too. As such, if you or any of your neighbours have solar panels that were installed by HELMS, then please get in touch with my office.

## Surgery

A reminder that my monthly Cambuslang surgery will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 10:30am in The CTEC building. This is a recurring surgery, which takes place in the same venue, at the same time, on every fourth Thursday of the month.

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