



CAMBUSLANG Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 19 February 2019 Cambuslang Institute 7.30- 9.00pm

Present

John Bachtler, Chair
David Porter, Secretary
Hilda Allison
Robert Allison
Amy Davison

Donald MacDonald
Suzy Quinn
Dave Sutton
Linda Wallace
Stewart Walker

In Attendance

PC Paul Patterson (Police Scotland)
PC Thomas McEwan (Police Scotland)
Alison Park Sub Group (FoHWCP)
Brian Law, SLC-YFCL
Charles Causer, Resident
Shirley Flannigan, Resident
Maureen Good, Resident
Norrie Good, Resident
Louise Murdoch, Resident
Jacqueline Smyth, Resident
Alice Wallace, Minutes Secretary

Apologies

Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair
Brian Fisher, Treasurer
Hamish Allan
David Thomson
Clare Williamson
Cllr. John Bradley
Cllr. Ann LeBlond
Cllr. Margaret Walker
Clare Haughey MSP
James Kelly MSP
Elizabeth Whyte, Resident

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that as usual the police report be given first to allow the officers to leave the meeting immediately afterwards.

2. Apologies

Noted above.

3. Minutes of Meeting on 15th January 2019

There were no corrections. The minutes were approved by H Allison, seconded by R Allison.

4. Matters Arising

- **Whitlawburn East housing redevelopment project.**

D Porter reported that several CCC members had attended the 'Public Consultation' at Whitlawburn Residents Association's Community Hall on 16th January 2019. Good information on the proposal was on display and additional material sent to CCC in the following days. Overall, a good impression was gained. CCC has submitted its comments on outstanding issues that should be addressed. D Sutton commented that the development team seems to be applying good space and energy efficiency standards and this was a good start for accessible housing.

- **Residents' Parking Permit Zone (RPPZ)**

J Bachtler reported that correspondence on this matter has been exchanged between CCC and Cllr J Anderson, Chair of SLC Community & Enterprise Resources Committee. So far, the 'spirit of participatory decision-making' has been elusive and it does not appear likely that a public meeting with SLC participation will take place in the short term. J Bachtler commented that Cllr J Anderson has said a meeting is not necessary but CCC is free to hold its own consultation meeting. However this would be pointless as CCC does not have the information that SLC has. A letter supporting CCC's position has been sent by James Kelly MSP to SLC CEO and a reply received.

SLC'S 'Consultation Notice' can be viewed on SLC's website. L Wallace commented that on the website the zone is said to be in central Cambuslang but it does not provide specific details of what streets are to be included in the zone, although there is reference to the streets around the station (likely to be a response to lobbying from residents on those streets). J Bachtler commented that if the zone was introduced without an alternative parking area for commuters, the cars would simply be displaced into the streets outside of the zone.

- **Proposed upgrade of Vodafone/Telefonica base stations in South Lanarkshire.**

Mono Consultants have ignored all attempts by CCC and elected representatives urging them to arrange a public meeting in Cambuslang to explain the proposal and reassure the public on safety and amenity issues. Despite these Consultants saying that they would contact St Bride's Primary School concerning a possible pre- and post-upgrade audit of radiation around the school, a check with the school's administration on 18th February 2019 revealed that no such contact has been made. D Sutton commented that there is European guidance to not place telephone masts near schools however telephone companies argue that there is no research/proof. Detailed plans have now been received for the works that will be undertaken at 4 of the 5 sites in Cambuslang West Ward – John Hillhouse industrial estate, Cambuslang Rangers football ground, the Brae Public House on EK Road, and Bute Tower on Western Road.

Action: Follow-up with Consultants (D Porter)

- **Community Council Federation and other informal CC cooperation**

A letter to Cllr M Chalmers has been prepared proposing a SLC code of practice on consultation and seeking backing for the establishment of a Community Council Federation. This will be sent under the signatures of officers from CCC and neighbouring CCs. Also, in conjunction with neighbouring CCs, a CC survey form has been drafted

which will be used to gauge opinion on these matters among CC throughout South Lanarkshire.

Action: Send letter to Cllr M Chalmers on behalf of CCC and neighbouring CC's (J Bachtler).

Action: Once responses to survey are received from neighbouring CC's, circulate survey to all CCC members (J Bachtler).

5. Police Report

PC Thomas McEwan reported the crime statistics for 16 January – 18 February 2019.

Type of Crimes	No. recorded 21 Nov – 18 Dec 2018	No. recorded 19 Dec 2018 – 15 Jan 2019	No. recorded 16 Jan – 18 Feb 2019
Acquisitive	11	11	10
Disorder	5	6	13
Violence	4	9	9
Drugs	6	5	6
Miscellaneous	15	20	12
Total	41	51	50

PC Patterson reported that he had looked into the two break-ins raised at the last meeting and confirmed that neither had occurred in the Cambuslang West area so this was why he had been unaware of them.

PC McEwan commented that there seems to have been an early start this year of youths gathering in Cambuslang Park at the weekends to drink and the police have already received calls on Saturday night complaining about broken bottles and discarded rubbish. PC McEwan confirmed that they intend to concentrate on Cambuslang Park over the next month with officers out on patrol to reduce the number of calls and hopefully allow the officers in cars to deal with more serious issues. They plan to have two officers on foot, two on bikes and two in plain clothes starting Saturday 23rd Feb. The aim is not to get youths out of the park but they will be confiscating bottles as the broken glass is hazardous for dogs.

PC McEwan reported that they have had a couple of drug-related incidents in the Whitlawburn area over the past week. Intelligence logs were used to proactively target addresses with known links with drugs.

The officers noted that there were several new attendees at the meeting, so they left their contact details and explained that if anyone has an issue that is not an emergency but is worrying them they should contact them via email.

Committee Business

6. Chair's Correspondence

SLC has commissioned the second phase of the park and ride study. This is being done to look at the implementation of the recommendations made in the first report. This Thursday 3-4pm there is to be a public meeting with Adrian Garcia from the consultancy firm AECOM.

Healthy n Happy who run Greening Camglen have asked CCC if there was anyone interested in representing CCC at their meetings. A Park said she would be happy to participate.

Action: A Park to contact Healthy n Happy.

7. Secretary's Report

D Porter gave the Secretary's Report.

Planning Applications (from weekly notifications)

For domestic premises: 4 applications for changes/extensions to houses; and 2 for commercial developments.

- 1) Retrospective application P/18/1720 for change of use from small industrial unit on John Hillhouse estate to dance hall. CCC registered a number of deficiencies it found with this application and suggested that further attention was required with respect to potholes in access road and parking areas, poor lighting bearing in mind that facility will be used in evenings, and, more widely, the creeping diversification of uses of units on an industrial estate to non-industrial activities. D Sutton said he is happy for the hall to be given a use but he would hope that the issues with the pot holes and street lights would be sorted within the first year as they could lead to accidents as the dance classes are likely to be in the evening when it is dark. D Porter asked why there were not more regulations in the planning application for the dance hall itself e.g. heating systems. D Sutton said that these kinds of regulations would be included in the building application.
- 2) Digital advertising hoarding on Bridge Street (P/19/1071)

Others

- 3) Separate notice received of planning application (P/18/1837) by Dawn Homes for ca. 70 housing units – detached, semi-detached, terraced houses and flats - on the former site of Hoover factory. CCC has formally registered a number of concerns regarding this application and, in light of the multiple deficiencies in the application, has requested that SLC restarts the planning process.

A number of residents in properties adjacent to the development site attended the meeting to raise issues:

- Despite having asked repeatedly for information on the development of this site, none was made available to residents when the planning application was first made. Pre-applications notices were issued in July and September; however information was only made available to residents recently after they had already moved into their new homes.

- There are now concerns from residents that there does not appear to be enough parking spaces as the original plans they saw showed only houses but now there are flats. Residents have already spoken to the planning officer on this matter.
- There are also concerns about noise and intrusion.

D Sutton offered to work with residents and CCC to generate a formal statement for submission to SLC Planning..

Action: D Sutton to work with residents group to generate the statement.

- 4) Notice has also been received that the appeal against refusal of application P/18/1104 - Indo-Pak restaurant on former site of TSB Bank at 5 Greenlees Road - has been turned down primarily on the grounds that cooking odours would likely be a nuisance to nearby residents.

Marches/Parades: None notified.

Consultations/Surveys

- **A Consultation on Fireworks in Scotland:**

In November last year, the Minister for Community Safety announced that the Scottish Government would be taking forward a public consultation on the use and regulation of fireworks in Scotland. The consultation is now live and will run for a period 14 weeks, closing on Monday 13th May. During the consultation the Scottish Government will seek views on how people use and enjoy fireworks, the impact they have on people and communities across Scotland, as well as their impact on animals. It will seek views on the sale of fireworks to the general public, and ideas on what action can be taken to ensure fireworks continue to be enjoyed safely and responsibly.

Action: Post consultation on CCC website (JB)

Council Membership

CCC has been approached by Ms Jacqueline Smyth enquiring about the possibility of becoming a member. SLC advise that a Community Council can co-opt 1/4 of the current membership. In the case of Cambuslang CC, it has a current membership of 15 so the CC can co-opt up to 3 people. Notice of any proposed co-option is required to be intimated to all members of the Community Council, at least 14 days prior to the meeting when the matter will be considered. The agreement of at least half of the voting members in attendance is required.

Action: Notify all CCC members of proposal to co-opt Jacqueline Smyth and vote on this at next CCC Meeting on 19th March 2019.

8. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer outlined current and pending transactions for all three CCC Bank Accounts since the 15th January 2019 meeting.

Account	Jan 2019 Balance	Statement date	Feb 2019 Balance	Statement date
CCC Main Account	£3,402.95	31.12.18	£3,318.95	01.02.19
Cambuslang in Bloom	£1,937.75	30.11.18	£1,937.75	30.11.18
F of Holmhill WCP	£231.72	01.06.18	£231.72	01.06.18
Total	£5,572.42		£5,488.42	

Last month's transactions:

- Main Account - Cheque for £84 to Crisp Documents

Pending transactions:

- Main Account - £34.00 to John Bachtler for Remembrance Day Wreath (cheque issued – 506)
- CIB Account - Well done to Linda and the CIB team who have been awarded £1,000 grant for their Environmental Project(s)

Other financial business:

- AGAIN, signatory forms (for M. Farmer, D. Porter and B. Fisher to be sent to RBS)???

Items for Discussion

9. Cambuslang Future Sub-Group

- **Update on Group work/meetings**

Cambuslang Future has been having regular monthly meetings with SLC since August with their main objective being the regeneration of Cambuslang Main Street. At the last CCC meeting on 15th January it was noted that in the latest version of the Main Street Regeneration Plan that CF had received, SLC had stripped out a lot of the previous input from CF. This revised version presented a more positive picture of the Main Street. This latest version has now been revised by CF to restore the previous input and was sent back to SLC last week. So far there has been no further response.

C Williamson met with Glasgow City Council and Merchant City CC to discuss the bin collection systems they have introduced with the aim of reducing the amount of time the bins are out on the streets, and learn how Cambuslang might possibly implement a similar system.

CF is currently working on a newsletter to make Cambuslang residents aware of the work being done on the Main Street. J Bachtler is working on the first draft.

A question was raised about whether there was anything being done about the mess around the Nisa car park bins.

Action : M Farmer to make contact with the SLC to have something be done about this.

M Farmer has continued to contact BT about the removal or upgrade of the Main Street phone boxes. BT has said they are still being used so they should be upgraded rather than removed but M Farmer has asked for a meeting.

A firm that organizes street markets has contacted CF to ask if it would be interested in regular street markets on Cambuslang Main Street. CF has replied asking for more details.

Items for Report

10. Parks

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

A Park presented the report for February 2019 on behalf of the Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park Sub-Group which is attached as Appendix 1.

The Next FoHWCP Planning Meeting will be on Thurs 21 February 7-8:30pm at Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre, 57 Belmont Road, G72 8PG.

11. Town Greening Projects

- **Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group**

L Wallace reported that Cambuslang in Bloom's application for the community grant of £1000 has been successful. She also reported that they are still waiting to hear back from Morrisons regarding a date for the bag pack.

S Walker mentioned that there may be an opportunity for Cambuslang in Bloom to get a grant from Tesco as they are running a 'Bags for Help' scheme in their centenary year where they are providing community grants throughout the UK to help with greening projects.

- **Greening Camglen**

There was no update.

12. Any Other Business

CCC has received a newsletter from Ged Killen MP containing updates on various issues with which he is involved e.g. Scottish Affairs, Brexit, Burnside BoS, WASPI. This newsletter is attached as Appendix 2.

For the benefit of the residents of housing in the Somervell area attending the meeting, the Chair summarized the work underway to develop and fund a project to turn waste ground

along the River Clyde into park with cycle track and other recreational facilities for community use. The land will be leased from Scottish Enterprise and a charitable trust (Clyde Cycle Park) has been set up. £5-8 million will be needed to create the park and community engagement will be invited from the design phase onwards.

13. Closure of the Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

**The next CCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March 2019 in
Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road at 7.30pm**

Appendix 1: Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park

Report for Cambuslang Community Council

February 2019

- Our next monthly meetup, Sunday 3 March 11am -1pm, will be a clean-up registered with Keep Scotland Beautiful. Starting at the Holmhills Grove entrance we will work around the ponds and into the woods and scrub at Greenlees Road entrance.
- With newts, frogs and toads are beginning to head for the ponds we plan to offer an informal evening/after dark meetup(s) for the annual spectacular showing (March for frogs, April for toads & newts).
- We had thought of arranging an Eden Communities Project Big Lunch but we intend discussing ideas with Camglen Greening Group as they are planning co-ordinated events around the Landemer weekend.
- Path repairs near Holmhills Grove still ongoing. SLC Unpaid Work now have go ahead to dig drainage in areas prone to flooding to complete the task but we don't know when work is scheduled.
- Following site meeting with SLC we have a new rubbish bin in Holmhills Terrace at unofficial Park entrance through the woods. We hope the offending dog owner(s) will use this instead of tossing bagged dog poos amongst the trees and brambles. I removed 114 bags today so we can monitor the situation.

Appendix 2

News from Ged Killen | Member of Parliament for Rutherglen and Hamilton West

Cambuslang Community Council.

Scottish Affairs

I attended the launch of the Scottish Affairs committee report on the future of the oil and gas industry in Aberdeen. The report set out proposals to ensure the survivability of Scotland's oil and gas sector and the role it will play as we transition to low carbon economy. The report was well received, and I look forward to the Government's response to its findings.

The Scottish Affairs select committee continued its inquiry into the relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments. This week we hosted former ministers from the UK and Scottish Governments including former First Minister Jack McConnell. The inquiry session was extremely useful and provided an opportunity to reflect on the lived experiences of those who helped chart the progress of devolution and to think about how our system of governance can be improved in the future. Including how we reform how our two Government's work together. This was one of the final sessions before the committee will begin writing its report and I will continue to provide updates as this inquiry progresses.

Brexit

The Prime Minister returned to Parliament to provide an update on the Brexit negotiations this week. No progress has been made and we are still no further forward than we were before Christmas. We are now perilously close to the article 50 deadline of the 29th of March, so time is no longer a luxury we can afford. The issue will return to the house in the week beginning 25th of February and I plan to continue opposing the Prime Minister's deal as well as supporting any efforts to extend article 50, rule out no deal, and secure a final say in a second referendum.

Burnside Bank of Scotland

I have had a number of meetings with the Bank of Scotland in relation to the planned closure of their branch in Burnside. Unfortunately, the branch closure is going ahead, but I have now called on the Bank of Scotland to help to get the building sold or re-let in terms of offering incentives or assistance with change of use. Failing that, I have asked them to look at other ways to invest in the local community. I intend to also raise this issue with other banks that have vacated buildings which still lie unoccupied such as TSB in Cambuslang.

WASPI

As you may know I have been working with a large number of women in the area on the equalisation of the pension issue also know as WASPI women. A large number of women who I have been helping have completed the 1st and 2nd stage of the complaints procedure and are now due to move on to the 3rd and 4th part. At the end of last year the Government were told they are now subject to a Judicial Review due to this matter which will be heard later on this year. Due to this the DWP and the Independent Case Examiner have put a hold on the complaint procedure until the Judicial Review has been completed. I have written to the DWP for more clarification and will continue to fight for the women effected by this injustice.