

CAMBUSKENNETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Monday 20 May 2019 Cambuskenneth Village Hall

Members Present: Ross McGregor (Chair), Tessa Carroll (Vice Chair), Barbara McElhinney (Treasurer) and Ailsa McLeod

In attendance: Councillor Danny Gibson, Andy Davis (Stirling Council) and Fraser Sinclair (Minute Taker).

Apologies: Linda Jones, George Thynne, PC Greig Lowery, PC Martyn Paterson.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Ross opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noted apologies.

2. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted. Proposed by Barbara and seconded by Ailsa.

3. Matters Arising

Signage at footbridge: Ongoing. Signage still at bridge. Update for next meeting.

Marathon: It has been announced that the marathon will not take place next year due to funding problems.

Riverside Naturally: Launch is on Sunday 26 May. The website is now live and the link will be added to the Cambuskenneth website.

Minute Taker: Fraser Sinclair has stepped into post.

4. Nomination of Officer Bearers

The community council agreed that Ross McGregor will continue to be CC Chair.

Ailsa was nominated as Secretary in George's absence, but George will resume the post at the next meeting he attends.

The other office bearers all agreed and accepted to continue in the roles they currently fill.

5. Treasurer's Report & 2018/2019 Accounts

Barbara discussed 2018/2019 financial report, which has been audited and signed off. The CC wished to convey their thanks to Alan Loughray for auditing the accounts.

The end-of-year 2018/19 balance was £5,145.94, of which £2,612 is ring-fenced for the hall and park. Surplus for year 2018/19 was £239.07.

The CC discussed looking at the monies in the account and planning how to spend for the future.

6. Kerr's Yard / Waterside Cottage

Taylor Wimpey has put up Heras fencing around the building and site to secure them for Health and Safety. The group discussed that the cottage and site are still very much an eyesore. Cllr Gibson noted that he had received an email from Taylor Wimpey on 3 May advising that the garage will be demolished but the cottage is to remain in place. Tessa noted the amount of graffiti on the building and wondered whether Taylor Wimpey would be willing to paint it if they are not planning to demolish it.

Cllr Gibson discussed options and agreed he will speak with officers in Planning and see what opportunities or next steps could be taken.

Action: Councillor Gibson to liaise with Planning and feedback to community council.

7. Hall and Park

Tessa spoke of the ongoing situation of the Hall and Park and gave an overview to the background that has been discussed with the Council and no outcome has been achieved.

Councillor Gibson advised there had been a meeting on 7 May 2019 involving the four local councillors and relevant council officers to discuss the hall and park. The community council asked why there was no representation from their side. Cllr Gibson apologised and noted that there had been a mix up in communication leading to the CC not being invited.

Cllr Gibson advised that the meeting was to discuss the facts and that both the Hall and Park have leases running out on 31 March 2020. The future of the hall had not been discussed in the latest budget planning meetings.

Park lease is £100 a year. Play equipment maintenance, emptying of bins, grass cutting and repairs and maintenance are included in overall SC parks maintenance.

The Hall rent is £3,250 a year with £2,500 for utilities. Maintenance and repairs brings the overall annual running costs to £8,500. Booking income fees are around £1,500 a year.

The CC once again raised the high charges for hiring the hall, particularly at weekends, which discourage people and small businesses from hiring the hall, and the difficulties experienced by various groups that had hired the hall in obtaining invoices from SC to pay for the hire.

Cllr Gibson agreed to follow up with officers and set up a meeting with the Cowane's Trust, Council and Community Council to discuss the future of the hall and park.

Action: Cllr Gibson to organise a meeting with Cowane's, Stirling Council and Community Council.

8. Hanging Baskets

The hanging baskets have been taken to Homesteads for filling and should be ready for collection and hanging end of May/beginning of June. A rota is in place for watering and maintaining them.

9. Book Sale

The book sale went well and raised around £150. What wasn't sold went to local charity shops. Many thanks to residents for contributing and buying.

10. Barbecue

Barbecue takes place Saturday 25 May 4pm onwards. The group discussed arrangements.

Action: Receipts and monies to Barbara.

11. Councillor's Report

'Your Stirling – You Decide': The public vote will be launched on Monday 27 May and will be open until 21 June.

Andy Davis quoted from the committee paper:

“The weighting will be held against the proposal, therefore a vote for proposal which is in a community council area (with a population for example of 300) will be counted as 4 votes. If this proposal received 70 votes this would count as (70 x 4) 280 votes.”

Andy explained that voting will all be online and monitored to ensure no impersonation. There will be mini roadshows for those who do not have internet access, where the Community Link Team will assist people to vote online.

Ailsa talked about letting the community know as some are not online and they may not know when to vote etc. Cllr Gibson advised that discussions about leafleting are happening at the moment. If leaflets are ready by Friday 24 May, Ailsa will collect some to be available at the barbecue.

Action: Ailsa collect leaflets

12. Secretary’s Report

No update in George’s absence.

13. Police Report

Police gave their apologies. No incidents in Cambuskenneth in the police report of 19 May 2019.

14. Fund Raising

Quiz night will be held in October, date to be decided at next meeting.

A possible event for Christmas will be discussed at the September meeting.

15. AOB

It was noted that the bench by the river on Ferry Road has been repainted. The CC wished to convey their thanks to Thomas Scott (resident) for doing a marvellous job.

16. Date of Next Meeting

**The next meeting will be Monday 26 June 2019 at
7.30pm in the village hall**

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