

CAMBUSKENNETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday 28 September 2020
Online

Members Present: - Ross McGregor (Chair), Tessa Carroll (Vice Chair), Linda Jones (Secretary), John McCallum and Elaine Turner.

In attendance: Councillor Jim Thomson, Councillor Susan McGill, Councillor Danny Gibson, one resident.

Apologies: Barbara McElhinney (Treasurer), Fraser Sinclair (minute taker).

The minutes were taken by Tessa Carroll.

1. Apologies

Ross opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noted apologies.

2. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 18 August 2020 were accepted. Proposed by John and seconded by Elaine.

3. Matters Arising (not covered below)

Your Stirling You Decide - participatory budgeting

The pavement resurfacing on Ladysneuk Rd has been completed – very good work and a great improvement. It was noted that more cyclists may be using the pavement as a result. More resurfacing work, funded from the capital budget, is planned for the south end of Ladysneuk Rd (see 13) and St James' Orchard.

Cllr Thomson reported that the work to install the new equipment in the play park is on hold until the lease from Cowane's is agreed.

Level crossing closure

It seems that the closure scheduled for overnight 9-10 September did not take place and Network Rail was able to carry out the planned work without closing the road.

Action: Tessa will contact the SC Traffic Management Officer who informed the CC of the planned closure to pass on thanks for completing the work without closing the road but also noting the confusion caused by notice of a closure that apparently did not take place.

Rodents

There was a report of rats at the north end of the village but none from the areas previously noted. Residents are encouraged to be vigilant if putting out food for birds.

4. Coronavirus

As the number of cases is rising and we are going into autumn/winter, a reminder that there are volunteers available within the community if and when anyone needs assistance. Could volunteers please let us know about any change in their contact details and circumstances related to their ability to volunteer.

Action: Linda to post on website and Facebook and email volunteer group.

A resident noted that the notices about social distancing on the footbridge had disappeared and queried whether they were still necessary.

Action: Tessa to contact Riverside CC to consult as the signage was a joint action between the two CCs.

5. Waterside Cottage / Kerr's Yard

A resident had reported that the security fencing around Waterside Cottage was open again. There was no update on the planning application submitted to Stirling Council; Cllr Thomson noted that the planned consultation through a manned exhibition will have been delayed because of the Covid-19 restrictions.

Action: John will contact the architect firm about the fencing.

6. Phone Box

The telephony has been removed from the phone box. The CC discovered that the box is on land belonging to Cowane's Trust so asked Stirling Council if it was possible for them to include this land in the lease for the park, currently under negotiation for renewal. SC's lawyer then asked the CC to contact Cowane's directly; an email was sent to Cowane's on 25 August, but no response has yet been received.

Action: Cllr Thomson will ask SC's lawyer for an update, and Cllrs Thomson and McGill, as Patrons of Cowane's Trust, will seek an update there.

7. Waste Bin

Some residents had objected to the proposal to reinstate the waste bin that had been removed from outside the former pub, by placing it near the field entrance opposite Ferry Orchard. There was discussion about the need for a bin within the village now the pub was closed. It was agreed to leave things as they are for now and monitor litter within the village.

8. Hall and Park Update

See update on playpark under Matters Arising: Your Stirling, You Decide. Under the current Covid-19 restrictions there are no plans to reopen the hall in the immediate future.

9. Sustrans / speed on Ladysneuk Rd / Space for Everyone

Cllr Thomson reported that the plan to reduce the speed limit on the whole of Ladysneuk Rd to 20mph had been revised in response to feedback from the CC and residents. The revised plan is to reduce the speed within the village (all streets) to 20mph and along the rest of Ladysneuk Rd to 30mph, to be reviewed after 18 months. SC is waiting for funding to carry out the work. A resident asked whether there will be signs indicating the road is a walking/cycling/running-friendly route, which the CC has also asked about in its comments and queries to SC.

10. Fundraising and Events

As no fundraising events have been possible this year, as things stand, there will not be sufficient funds for the hanging baskets next year, or for any work on the phone box etc. Suggestions for alternative ways of raising funds were discussed, including: a raffle; asking for donations via envelopes through the door and/or online; an online quiz. Someone had contacted the CC about the possibility of using the hall for an art exhibition that could raise funds for the community and the query had been passed on to SC; this led to the suggestion of an art fair. Ideas to be discussed further. Any other suggestions welcome.

11. Hanging Baskets

Many thanks to everyone on the basket watering rota this year, and to the residents who looked after the window boxes at the village hall. Particular thanks, as always, to George and others for all the organizational and practical work involved. Everyone agreed that the flowers have cheered up the village over the last difficult few months.

Sadly, George will be leaving Cambuskenneth, so we are looking for (a) volunteer(s) to take over organizing and coordinating the hanging baskets and watering teams next year.

12. Hall Maintenance – shed

Action: John will look at the shed to see if it can be made waterproof for winter.

13. Road closure – Ladysneuk Road from South Street to farm entrance

Ladysneuk Road will be closed from the junction of South Street to the private access road to Cambuskenneth Abbey from 0800 hours until 1700 hours 12–18 October for surfacing work. Emergency Service access will be maintained. *Update from letter to residents in affected area:* Work on the road will start on 5 October and is expected to last for 8 days, carried out between 8am and 6pm. The road will be closed to through traffic on 12th and 13th. No parking on the road between these hours ANY of the days. Could people parking elsewhere in the village during this period please do so considerately. There may also be increased traffic on North Street.

14. Secretary's Report

All issues covered elsewhere.

15. Treasurer's Report

No report in Treasurer's absence.

16. Police report

No police reports are being sent to CCs, as officers have been redeployed as response officers during the pandemic, but they will inform us of any serious incidents.

17. Councillors' Report

Cllr McGill reported that committee structures have been reconfigured and meetings are now taking place online, with recordings available on the council website until the next meeting of that committee. There will be a special budget meeting and the council is hoping for more government funds, as it currently has a deficit of £7 million, with a lot of money spent on IT because of the pandemic, e.g. Chromebooks for pupils from P6 to S6, laptops for teachers.

A resident asked if there were plans for online consultations with councillors. Councillors said this hadn't been discussed, but most people email, and phone calls are also possible; if necessary, an online meeting via Teams could be arranged.

18. AOCB

Wallace Monument – Stirling Council is taking back management of the monument and has invited someone from the CC to join the stakeholder group it is setting up. Ross volunteered; he would like to see more made of the link between Abbey Craig and the abbey.

It was noted that the abbey had been closed until quite recently; Elaine had been told by Historic Scotland that the re-opening was delayed until the grass had been cut and removed. The lack of signage to the abbey from the end of South St was also noted.

Action: Ross will ask to join the stakeholder group.

Footpath across fields (signed to Manor Powis) – Elaine noted that the field has been ploughed right up to the footpath, which is a core path, making it narrower.

Action: Elaine will contact SC Access Officer.

23. Date of next meeting

**Monday 26 October 2020 at 7.30pm, online unless
Scottish Government Guidance changes.**
Details to be announced nearer the time on CC website

Stirling Council 01786 404040, Police non-emergency 101, NHS-24: 111
Scottish Power emergency 105, Scottish Gas emergency 0800 111999

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