

CAMBUSKENNETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Cambuskenneth Community Council Meeting Monday 23rd September 2019, Cambuskenneth Village Hall

Members Present: - Tessa Carroll (Vice Chair), Barbara McElhinney (Treasurer), Linda Jones and Ailsa McLeod

In attendance: Two residents, Councillor Jim Thomson, Andy Davis (Stirling Council) and Fraser Sinclair (Minute taker).

Apologies: Ross McGregor (Chair) and George Thynne (Secretary)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Tessa opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noted apologies.

2. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 24 June were accepted. Proposed by Linda and seconded by Barbara.

3. Matters Arising

Hall flooding

The CC noted that a gutter on the building is broken, there is a 'Do Not Use' sign on the boiler, and no hot water facilities functioning.

Action: Andy to notify Asset Management.

Footbridge

A resident in attendance discussed the background and history of his communications with Sustrans and the Council about the footbridge and the pedestrian and cyclist signage. He explained that he had experienced problems with cyclists not giving way to pedestrians and has been in discussions with the Council for the past two years about the appropriate signage to ensure pedestrians and cyclists can cross safely.

The group discussed the history of signage on the footbridge and various options of addressing the correct signage in terms of health and safety as well as practicality. Councillor Thomson reported that the correct signage in terms of the Highway Code has been put in place by the Council.

The resident strongly felt that he would like to see further evidence-based information regarding the proper signage and would like to seek resolution with the Council; he will continue to research the issue.

Another resident noted that the number of cyclists using the footbridge may increase because of the new student flats in Riverside and when the cycleway to Manor Powis opens. Cllr Thomson reported that Sustrans is currently negotiating with Network Rail about the cycle route going under the A91, and that improvements to the cycleway on Causewayhead Rd, which might encourage students to use that route to the university, are planned.

The group agreed that better communication between SC, the CC and residents about problems and signage on the footbridge was needed and that any problems should be reported to the Council. Cllr Thomson agreed to liaise with the Roads Team about the bridge's life expectancy and possible better solutions as and when a new bridge is built.

The group also noted that dogs should be kept under control on the footbridge.

Action: Councillor Thomson to liaise with the Roads Team.

Action: Residents are asked to report to the Council any hazards, safety issues or inconsiderate behaviour regarding cyclists/pedestrian issues on the footbridge.

4. Councillor's Report

Deep Clean

Councillor Thomson advised that a deep clean of road gullies and streets within Cambuskenneth is due to take place from October, and the CC had been asked to advise which streets require the most attention. The group agreed that Ladysneuk Road is worst.

Action: Tessa to contact SC asking for Ladysneuk Rd to be prioritised in the Deep Clean.

Hall and Park

Councillor Thomson advised that the Hall and Park will be discussed at the next Finance and Economy Committee, to be held in October. A report will be drafted with various options, including the Council buying the park and building from The Cowane's Trust.

Riverside Flats

Councillor Thomson reported that contractors had started work on new blocks of student flats next to Riverside Quay without permission to cross Council land; a legal and planning dispute is ongoing.

Climate Change Protest

Last Friday protestors attended Old Viewforth (Stirling Council HQ). Following on from that, the Council has agreed to put forward a motion on climate change at Full Council in October.

5. Stirling Council

Andy Davis informed the group that a new **Community Planning day** is being planned for October to allow CC members to learn about the new planning process that is being put in place and understand roles and responsibilities. Dates to come out shortly.

Action: Andy to communicate dates to community council.

Andy spoke about the new **Budget Consultation** which has been launched this week and will run for a month. The new process is an online simulator which allows you to choose options of where budget efficiencies can be made and put forward your ideas for budget setting to allow evidence gathering. Andy gave out information cards and posters on how to participate.

6. Secretary's Report

No representative to provide update.

7. Treasurer's Report

Barbara advised that the account remains at £5,497.19, of which £2,612 is ring-fenced for the hall and park.

8. Police Report

There had been two crime reports from the village since the last CC meeting: 1) Dog out of control, owner reported to Procurator Fiscal. 2) Vandalism to a vehicle, enquiry ongoing.

9. Hall and Park

Following on from Councillor Thomson's update, Tessa confirmed that Ross has written a letter to Stirling Council addressing the village's concerns and wishes regarding the hall and park. Councillor Thomson will forward this to the appropriate officer to take into consideration for the report which will go to committee.

Action: Councillor Thomson to forward letter to Finance and Economy Committee.

10. Your Stirling, You Decide

Following on from the initiative, the first sub-group meeting has taken place and minutes of that meeting are to be uploaded to the CC website. A further meeting is scheduled for October. Residents will be consulted on plans in due course.

Action: Linda to upload minutes of this meeting to CC website.

11. Community Council Conversations

Ailsa attended this recent event at Stirling Council, when the speaker discussed what funding grants are available for community councils, events and training offered, etc. Ailsa highlighted some of the items discussed and what other community councils are doing, and noted that the Scottish Community Councils website has lots of useful information.

Participation Requests can be raised through a community council and Ailsa suggested this could be done for Historic Scotland on how the abbey can be improved. Andy advised that Historic Scotland don't have Participation Requests but does have something similar. The group agreed it might be worthwhile looking into.

Ailsa also noted that the Community Council Handbook is launched on SC's website and for any feedback to be given to Andy Davis.

Action: Andy to see if the handbook can be consolidated into one PDF document. Any further suggestions and feedback to Andy.

12. GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

Linda explained that a statement needs to be put on the website advising that we are compliant with GDPR, and that the CC needs to be registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Action: Linda and Barbara to register the CC with ICO and upload an appropriate form of words to the website.

13. Residents' survey

The survey planned for the summer has been delayed until the GDPR requirements have been dealt with.

14. Insurance for Events

Barbara reported on the cost of insuring for events held in the hall and said it would be easier and cheaper if an annual policy could be taken out to cover all CC events held in the hall, instead of single transactions, which are costly.

Action: Andy agreed to look into and speak with colleagues about insurance and see what other community councils do and report back.

15. Hanging Baskets

The CC wished to thank everyone who has been involved in watering and looking after the hanging baskets over the summer. The baskets will be taken down soon.

16. Orchards

Tessa reported that the orchard group had had two sessions in Tower Orchard over the summer (weeding, extending the protective guards etc.), and that more sessions will take place over the next few months (extending more protective guards, pruning, planting replacements for trees that have died, etc.).

17. Recent Events

Evening Cycle Ride

Eight cyclists turned up for the evening cycle ride in July. Another may be organised next year. A resident noted that the planned cycleway through to Manor Powis will open up more off-road routes and give more options for such group cycle rides.

Harvest Exchange

The CC wished to thank everyone for their contributions and everyone who attended.

18. Fund Raising and Other Events

Quiz night

The Quiz Night is due to take place on 11 October. Tickets to be printed: £5 per head.

**After the meeting, the CC was told that the hall would be closed 7-14 October for an upgrade to the heating system & electrical re-wiring. The quiz will therefore be rescheduled to Friday 8 November, 7.30pm.*

Actions: Tessa to check that the hall is booked for the evening. Linda to print tickets.

Christmas Lunch

Village Xmas Lunch to take place in the village hall on Monday 9th December, 12.30 for 1pm, at a cost of £20 for 2 courses. Everyone is welcome. Contact Sandra Thynne for further details and tickets on 447679.

Christmas Event

The group agreed that it would be good to have a Christmas event this year, and discussed the popular carol singing evenings held in the past. Anyone willing to help organise a Christmas event, please let the community council know.

Autumn Newsletter

Linda is putting together the CC autumn newsletter and is looking for contributions. The group agreed that it should feature past and upcoming events, hall and park update, and any other news items. If anyone has any items, please pass on to Linda.

19. AOB

A resident mentioned that the **litter bin** by the bench near Ricoh on Ladysneuk Road keeps getting knocked over. It gets reinstated, but the Council should be contacted if this continues to happen.

Ailsa raised an issue of a neighbour dispute on behalf of a resident. It was agreed that this was not a community council/Stirling Council issue but a civil matter and the resident concerned would need to seek legal advice or mediation.

20. Date of next meeting

**The next meeting will be on Monday 28 October
2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall.**

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