

## **CAMBUSKENNETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Cambuskenneth Community Council Meeting**

**Monday 28 November 2019, Cambuskenneth Village Hall**

**Members Present:** - Ross McGregor (Chair), Tessa Carroll (Vice Chair), Barbara McElhinney (Treasurer) and Linda Jones.

**In attendance:** Councillor Ross Oxburgh, Fraser Sinclair (Minute taker), two residents.

**Apologies:** George Thynne (Secretary), Ailsa McLeod, Andy Davis (Stirling Council), Police Scotland

#### **1. Apologies**

Ross opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noted apologies.

#### **2. Adoption of Previous Minutes**

Tessa requested that discussion about people not keeping dogs under control in the playpark be added to the previous minutes under Your Stirling, You Decide.

Minutes of October's meeting were accepted. Proposed by Linda and seconded by Barbara.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

**Damage at abbey:** Tessa noted that she plans to take photos before contacting Historic Scotland and Cowane's Trust.

**Action:** Tessa to contact Historic Scotland and Cowane's Trust.

#### **4. Councillor's Report**

Councillor Oxburgh noted that the projects under Your Stirling, You Decide were to be carried out by March 2020.

Stirling Council has just procured new mobile CCTV cameras to be set up at areas of concern if and when required. Locations are currently being looked at and it is planned to locate one at Waverley Crescent in Riverside to try to tackle the problems of dog walkers not picking up and disposing appropriately of dog mess and anti-social behaviour within the park.

#### **5. Secretary's Report**

No update.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

Barbara distributed the latest financial report. The recent Quiz monies need to be added; approx. £300 was raised. Current balance is £5,677.72, of which £2,612 is ring-fenced for the hall and park.

#### **7. Police Scotland Report**

No crimes or phone calls in the report for 28 October–25 November submitted by Police Scotland.

## 8. Hall Maintenance

At the last meeting, issues were noted regarding the new heating system etc. Tessa, George and residents had contacted Stirling Council and responses had been received from Councillor Gibson and Asset Management, summarised below:

- A full set of user instructions and how to operate the heating system and the hot water heater has been posted on the noticeboard within the hall. This guide can be used by caretaking staff and hall users when required.
- Floorboards left sticking up, constituting a hazard – A full inspection has been carried out on the floor, and any areas of concern found are being addressed. Quotes for sanding and varnishing the floor are being sought.
- Broken guttering at the back of the hall – A repair will be carried out (carried out since email received).
- Out-of-date PAT testing in kitchen – PAT to be completed in week beginning 18/11.
- No Gas Safety Certificate is on display – Gas Safety Certification is on Concerto, SC asset management database and the Caretaking Staff can get full access
- Broken electrical heater lying in the kitchen with wires exposed, not disposed of properly – Council Mechanical Inspector visited the hall on 18/11 and confirmed that it had been removed
- Is there any Caretaking management over the property? if so, who and who do the users contact if an issue arises when in the hall? – There is a new point of contact called Alan Airlie regarding Caretaking management for Cambuskenneth Village Hall and SC are in discussion with Alan to improve the level of support to this particular hall.
- Quotes for decoration are being obtained and will be programmed in shortly.

Asset Management are keen to get further feedback, so users are encouraged to let both Stirling Council and the CC know how the new systems are working.

A recent user of the hall had been locked out when they left the key inside by accident. The group was concerned about the Health and Safety risks of the current situation (i.e. a Yale lock and no emergency contact able to supply spare keys urgently), e.g. if children were accidentally locked in the hall. They agreed a mortice lock would be safer.

**Action:** Ross to email Asset Management about lock and Out of Hours emergency number.

## 9. Hall and Park

The group noted that the Council's discussions on the future of the hall and park are ongoing but are disappointed at the continuing delay.

## 10. Your Stirling, You Decide

An information and voting session on the options for playpark equipment and road/pavement upgrading was held in the hall on 15 October.

The deadline for online voting was midnight on 24 November. However, CC members reported that it had already been closed by 24 November.

A resident involved in the process said that he will email Stirling Council with constructive feedback, including the above problem with online voting.

The resident had also contacted the Council to raise the concern that the planned City Fibre work would need to be completed before the planned upgrade work to roads/pavements and had received a positive response about coordinating the works appropriately.

Several of those attending had noticed markings on Ladysneuk Rd and surveying around the village and road, but it the CC had not been informed about the purpose.

**Action:** Ross to make enquiries and feedback about proposed works.

### **11. Cycling on the Footbridge**

No update.

Resident mentioned the Walk, Cycle Live Stirling event on 25 November in the Albert Halls about the **proposed new cycle routes** for Stirling.

### **12. Residents Survey**

Deferred to Spring 2020.

### **13. Insurance of Events**

Barbara had contacted other Community Councils and got feedback regarding insurance for community council events. She will contact Jean Cowie at Stirling Council about annual public liability insurance, as suggested by one of the other CCs.

Barbara will check with George regarding the insurance of the hanging baskets.

**Action:** Barbara to contact Jean Cowie and George.

### **14. Community Council Vacancies**

George Thynne, Secretary and Ailsa McLeod will be stepping down from the CC, but will stay until replacements are found. Anyone who is interested or would like to know more, please speak to any CC member or email [cambuskennethcc@gmail.com](mailto:cambuskennethcc@gmail.com)

### **15. Winter Maintenance**

A resident advised that he had emailed Stirling Council about the gritting of the Riverside Drive/Abbey Rd corner, as discussed at the last CC meeting.

### **16. 20mph areas**

The group discussed the Council's recent expansion of 20mph zones. Cllr Oxburgh said the Council intended to expand them further. The group agreed that a 20mph limit should be put in place for the village and noted that this had been raised with the Council in the past. A resident asked whether a 20mph limit might also be applied to the road to Broom Farm, as many vehicles drive too fast along it.

**Action:** Ross to make enquiries and seek clarity from the Council.

### **17. No Parking on Pavements**

A resident noted that a bill has been passed by Scottish Government and will come into force in 2021 making parking on pavements illegal and asked how Stirling Council will enforce this, given the narrow streets in many areas. The group agreed that clarity is needed and the issue should be discussed again nearer the time of the bill coming into force. It was also noted that any vehicles parked partly on the pavement should always leave room for e.g. a wheelchair to pass safely on the pavement.

### **18. Climate Change**

A resident raised the issue of climate change, noting that Stirling Council declared a climate and ecological emergency in October, and asked how a Community Council can assist, support and inform residents on climate change. The group discussed severe weather and Cambuskenneth's location, almost surrounded by the Forth, and possible contingency and resilience planning. It was noted that the CC had opposed fracking, and

that resilience planning had been postponed until the future of the hall was secure. In the meantime, residents should be prepared with food stocks in case of emergencies, and can contact CC members if they would like someone to check on them in severe weather.

**Action:** Ross to contact SEPA to discuss water metrics and measuring.

### 19. Lighting on footbridge

A resident noted that the new (late 2017) street lighting is not adequate for the whole of the footbridge, as the light is directed downwards rather than along a wider area. Extra lighting along the footbridge is needed.

**Action:** Ross to contact SC.

### 20. City Fibre Works

City Fibre Works have been scheduled for February 2020 for Cambuskenneth. See also 10. Your Stirling, You Decide.

### 21. Quiz Night

Another very successful quiz night with a good turnout, raising approx. £300. Ross thanked Paul Rimmer (resident) for being the quiz master.

### 22. Future Events

Christmas get-together for all the family with festive drinks, mince pies and singing, in the hall, 4–6pm, Sunday 15 December.

### 23. Winter Newsletter

The group discussed content for the newsletter (delayed from autumn), which Linda will compile.

### 24. AOB

**Bins on Ladysneuk Road:** Resident noted these are still repeatedly being pushed over but then reinstated, presumably by Council workers when emptying.

**Action:** Councillor Oxburgh to raise with the Roads Team.

Barbara noted that she has **registered the CC with ISO** for data protection.

### 10. Date of next meeting

**The next meeting will be on Monday 27 January  
2020 at 7.30pm in the village hall.**

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

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