

**CAMBUSKENNETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**Cambuskenneth Community Council Meeting**

**Monday 3 March 2020**

**Cambuskenneth Village Hall**

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

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

**Apologies:** Andy Davis (Stirling Council) and Police Scotland.

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Ross opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noted apologies.

**2. Adoption of Previous Minutes**

Minutes of January's meeting were accepted. Proposed by Ross and seconded by Barbara.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Past events**

Thanks also to the resident who arranged hire of a projector from Transition Stirling for the Christmas get-together.

**Noticeboard outside Village Hall**

It was noted that the noticeboard outside the hall is falling apart and the lock on it requires to be repaired, to allow notices and community council minutes to be displayed.

**Action:** Ross McGregor to email Stirling Council to see if it can be fixed or replaced.

**Lighting at Footbridge**

Ongoing. Ross McGregor to follow up with Stirling Council.

**Community Council Vacancies**

The community council welcomed Elaine Turner and John McCallum to fill the vacancies on the community council and they will be co-opted. They will be appointed as full members when the AGM takes place later this year.

**Action:** Ross McGregor to notify Stirling Council of the new members to the Community Council.

**4. Councillor's Report**

Councillor Oxburgh advised that the Council are busy confirming budgets for the new financial year. The Full Council meeting on Thursday 5 March will agree an increase of 4.84% in Council Tax.

Monies have been allocated to Stirling Council by Scottish Government. Councillor Oxburgh advised that there is a £3 million gap in the coming year and Stirling Council are looking at proposals to agree what cuts have to be made. There will be another Full

Council on 12 March which will set and confirm the budget for the financial year 2020/21.

**Hall and Park:** a report from the Finance & Economy Committee will be discussed at Full Council on Thursday 5 March to agree the future of the Village Hall and Park. Recommendations are for an extension to the hall lease and a long lease retained for the park.

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

No update.

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

Barbara confirmed that there is a balance of just over £5,000, of which £2,612 is ring-fenced for the hall and park. Barbara has also completed the Insurance forms and will submit them to Stirling Council.

Linda advised that Stirling Council got back to her with costs for printing, e.g. newsletters, and the rates were cheaper than commercial printers.

Ross noted that the accounts need to be audited prior to the AGM.

**Action:** Barbara to get the accounts audited for the AGM.

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

No crimes or phone calls for 28 January-23 February.

Tessa read out the response from by Police Scotland in response to her query about the helicopter and police activity in the area on the evening of Saturday 25 January. This confirmed that police had been searching for the perpetrator of an incident in Riverside, who was in fact traced near the incident.

However, the email back does not clarify the points raised about the lack of contact at the time with residents in isolated houses who were concerned, and that the incident was not mentioned in the January Police Report to the CC.

**Action:** Tessa will email again.

#### **8. Hall and Park**

Resident read out the recommendations from the Infrastructure & Environment Committee's report on the future of the hall and park, which is available on the SC website.

Ross advised he will send the letter on behalf of the Community Council restating the community's wishes prior to the Full Council to which the future of the hall will be discussed and ask that the Community Council be made aware of the outcome of the Full Council meeting.

**Action:** Ross to email Stirling Council.

#### **9. Hall Maintenance**

Tessa had emailed Tracey Mills at SC again after the last CC meeting about some of the outstanding issues. She has had no response and will follow up again with Tracey.

**Action:** Tessa to email Tracey Mills again.

### **10. Your Stirling, You Decide**

Residents in Ward 4 can vote online on the proposals for Lover's Walk until 8 March. There has been no update about the planned work on Ladysneuk Rd pavement and play equipment in the park.

**Action:** Linda to share info on via CC website and Facebook.

### **11. Residents Survey**

The community council discussed content for the survey and what and how information relating to GDPR needs to be provided.

**Action:** Linda will circulate a draft of the survey and GDPR info to the CC for feedback.

### **12. Ladysneuk Road/City Fibre**

The roadworks on Ladysneuk Road did not go to plan when the works took place on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 February. There was no traffic control and lots of rubbish had been discarded and left by the contractors. Tessa advised that she had fed this back to the Area Roads Officer, who had apologised and said he would raise these issues with the manager and contractor and report back.

City Fibre information is on CC website. Ports will be installed at the back of pavements for internet service providers to then connect to individual houses if they sign up. Vodafone has exclusivity but only for 6 months. There will also have to be ducting over the footbridge to reach connectivity. It has been highlighted that the footbridge may need to close to allow this to take place. Communication with Stirling Council is needed to confirm whether this is the case and what measures are in place to ensure access into and from the city.

**Action:** Councillor Oxburgh to seek clarity and report back to the community council.

### **13. Flooding**

The group discussed the recent weather conditions and frequent flooding of Ladysneuk Road. The Area Roads Officer overseeing the roadworks has asked the Flood Prevention Team and drains team to investigate and will report back on their findings.

### **14. On the Verge - Wildflowers in park**

The wildflower strip in the park should have been cut by Land Services with the last grass cut in Autumn, but this did not happen last year. On the Verge recommends that the strip be strimmed and raked to allow the new growth to come through. A resident suggested borrowing a strimmer from Transition Stirling.

**Action:** Resident to investigate.

### **15. Community Council get-together**

Riverside Community Council are organising a get-together with members of other Stirling CCs on 12 March. Linda, Tessa, John and Elaine agreed that they will attend.

### **16. Tower Orchard**

Sessions to carry out maintenance work on the trees and extra tree guards to protect them will be arranged through Emilie Wadsworth of Central Scotland Green Network Trust. Thanks to those who have already volunteered and done work, but there is a good deal of work to do at different times of year, so more volunteers are very welcome. If anyone is interested, please email the CC or contact Tessa or any other CC member.

### 17. Ladysneuk Road - Lighting and crossing

Resident has asked the community council to raise the possibility of lighting being installed between the village and the Ricoh Factory, and of the crossing point near Ricoh being made safer. The group discussed and agreed that more lighting on Ladysneuk Road was not currently needed or desirable, but that they would investigate the possibility of making the crossing point safer.

### 18. Fund Raising/Future Events

Ross discussed the idea of setting up a 'Party Box' for any children's birthday parties which might take place in the hall. The box would consist of banners, balloons, cups/plates etc to encourage bookings for the hall. The council felt that was a welcome idea but agreed to re-visit it once outcome on the future of the hall is confirmed.

It was suggested that once the new equipment has been installed in the playpark, a re-launch/re-open of the park could take place.

With the success of the Summer BBQ last year, another one is planned for Saturday 20 June 2020.

**Action:** Linda to book hall.

Elaine suggested asking Murray Cook, Stirling Council Archaeologist, would be available to come and give a talk on Cambuskenneth Abbey and a tour of the abbey.

**Action:** Elaine to contact Murray Cook.

It was agreed that another Quiz will be organised for later in the year.

Ross suggested having Stirling Gin come and do a 'pop up' session in the hall, and also see if a museum curator could come and give a talk/presentation on the Glasgow Boys, given the strong connections with the village.

**Action:** Ross to look into both possibilities.

### 19. AOB

The group discussed the damaged shed at the back of the hall. Ongoing.

**Action:** John to investigate options and obtain three quotes.

### 10. Date of next meeting

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