

**Cambuskenneth Community Council Meeting  
Tuesday 18 August 2020  
Online**

**Members Present:** - Tessa Carroll (Vice Chair), Barbara McElhinney (Treasurer), Linda Jones (Secretary), John McCallum and Elaine Turner (part).

**In attendance:** One resident, Councillor Jim Thomson,

**Apologies:** Ross McGregor (Chair), Fraser Sinclair (minute taker).

The meeting was chaired by Tessa Carroll and minutes were taken by Linda Jones

### **1. Apologies**

Tessa opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noted apologies. She noted that the meeting scheduled for 27 July had been postponed because of unavailability of members.

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

Minutes of the meeting of 29 June (online) were accepted. Proposed by Linda and seconded by Barbara.

### **3. Proposed New Speed Limit for Ladysneuk Road**

Cambuskenneth Community Council (CCC) had collated and summarised responses received from the community via Facebook/website/email and submitted this summary, along with the CC's views as expressed in the minutes of the 29 June meeting, to Stirling Council . Only residents with Ladysneuk Road addresses received a consultation letter from Stirling Council.

The Community Council has advised Stirling Council (SC) that any reduction to 20mph within village would need to apply to all other streets within the village, not just Ladysneuk Rd, and that all residents are affected so should be consulted. We've been advised there is a 4-week window for comments from when the advert appeared in the Stirling Observer on 5 August, so there's still time for residents to comment directly to SC by emailing [eastons@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:eastons@stirling.gov.uk)

**Update received by CCC 18 August: Response from Stirling Council:** SC states that based on the responses received there will be no implementation of the 20 limit as it stands at present. They have received comments from the CCC and other residents. It is unclear at the moment whether the preferred 30mph on Ladysneuk and 20 mph within the village will be considered by SC.

### **4. City Fibre and Footbridge Closure**

Tessa has written to City Fibre to express thanks for completing the work in the planned 3 days and for providing the shuttle bus, which generally worked well until it disappeared on last day – City Fibre has apologised and sent flowers by way of apology to one resident who was stranded in town.

## 5. Level crossing closure 9/10 September 2020

For Network Rail works.

<p><b>Wednesday 9th September</b></p> <p>2100hrs – 0000hrs Road closed</p>	<p><b>Thursday 10th September:</b></p> <p>0000hrs – 0030hrs Road open  0030hrs – 0300hrs Road closed  0300hrs – 0330hrs Road open  0330hrs – 0600hrs Road closed  At 0600hrs the road opens</p>
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This information has been posted to Facebook and the website. CCC have been promised a letter drop from Network Rail to residents.

## 6. Hogweed

A number of juvenile plants along Ladysneuk Road were identified by SC. They should have now been treated.

SC have been very limited on what invasive treatment they could carry out this season on the riverbank due to a shortage in staff numbers across the service. With the very small spraying team that the service has had this year their focus has been on high treating giant hogweed in high amenity areas, and areas where hogweed posed a threat to members of the public undertaking daily exercise.

## 7, Your Stirling – You Decide – Park

Equipment has been ordered for the playpark. Work to start in October.

## 8. Wildflowers in Park

On the Verge - marker posts have been put in to stop grass cutting teams cutting down part of the wildflower strip, which happened again at the beginning of August. On the Verge recommends that the community take responsibility for cutting the wildflower area until grass cutting teams are on board with the requirements.

## 9. Dog Fouling in Park

Complaints received from residents about dog fouling in the park and children having to clean up the dog mess before being able to play safely. Cllr Thomson advised that the dog wardens need evidence in order to take action and encouraged residents to report such incidents. Resident requested a larger sign regarding dog fouling at the entrance to the park. Cllr Thomson advised that we make a formal request to SC.

## 10. Orchards

Two work sessions took place in Tower Orchard in early August, extending the protective enclosures and weeding. Emilie will schedule more sessions later in the summer and autumn to finish extending the enclosures for the trees and to plant replacement trees (including for one in the park which has died).

## **11. Your Stirling – You Decide - Pavement Work**

CCC welcomed the work. We had understood that it was intended to extend from the village sign to the end of the pavement opposite the junction to the Broom Farm road, but work is being done as far as Ferry Orchard (west) and on the east pavement beyond the factory towards the level crossing. Cllr Thomson will check on this. The work seems to be of a good standard.

A resident raised lack of welfare facilities (portaloos) for works team doing pavement works - this was apparently included in costings for the work. Another resident has mentioned the amount of litter dropped/thrown into the field. Cllr Thomson to check.

A resident has raised the suggestion of extending the pavement on the west side and installing more lighting beyond the bend on Ladysneuk Rd. This was previously discussed at a meeting on 2 March 2020, at which the CC 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. This action has been delayed due to more pressing matters during the lockdown and beyond. Stirling Council's proposal to reduce the speed limit on Ladysneuk Road may affect this issue.

## **12. Parking in the Village**

The CC has received complaints about parking on pavements around the village, particularly round Ferry Orchard/North St junction and cars parking on the corners of South St/Ladysneuk Rd.

This issue was discussed at the November 2019 meeting, which noted that a bill has been passed by Scottish Government and will come into force in 2021 making parking on pavements illegal. Clarity is required on how Stirling Council will enforce this, given the narrow streets in many areas.

In the meantime, it was also noted that at the moment, any vehicles parked partly or wholly on the pavement should always leave room for e.g. a wheelchair to pass safely on the pavement. We respectfully ask all residents to park considerately.

## **13. Waste Bin**

The waste bin on Ladysneuk road/North St outside former pub, had been deposited at the narrow bit at the edge of the village. CC reported it to SC as a hazard and asked for it to be returned to where it came from but it was just removed.

Since there is now no bin in the village between the Abbey or the bridge and the bench on Ladysneuk road, CC will ask SC to reinstate bin (suggesting the entrance to the field where the hanging baskets are, opposite Ferry Orchard), with the proviso that they check with Mr Rennie of Hood Farm.

## **14. Phone Box**

We need to investigate public liability insurance for this.

It had been discovered that the land where the phone box is situated belongs to Cowane's Trust, so the CC had asked the councillors whether SC could include this land in the

renewed lease for the park, which is currently in negotiation. No response had been received. Cllr Thomson to action.

**Update:** CC to sound out Cowane's Trust.

### **15. Land at Waterside Cottage**

The developer had contacted the Council. Cllr Thomson to check the situation at Stirling Council meeting on 19 August 2020.

### **16. AOB**

- a) The cattle grid at abbey entrance is to be replaced
- b) Coronavirus volunteers – please let us know if your circumstances change. Things are quiet now but may change, especially in the winter.

### **17. Fundraising**

It was noted that since we have been unable to organise any fundraising events this year, we will have to consider other means of raising funds. Without funds, we may be unable to finance projects next year, eg hanging baskets, phone box.

Any suggestions from residents welcomed.

### **18. Date of next meeting**

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 28 September 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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