

**CAMBUSKENNETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Cambuskenneth Community Council Meeting  
Monday 29 June 2020  
Online**

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

**In attendance:** Two residents, Councillor Jim Thomson, Councillor Susan McGill.

**Apologies:** Councillor Ross Oxburgh, Councillor Danny Gibson, 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 25 May 2020 were accepted. Proposed by Ross and seconded by Linda.

**3. Matters Arising (not covered below)**

None.

**4. CityFibre & footbridge**

Linda summarised the feedback from residents about arrangements for the forthcoming closure of the footbridge for CityFibre to complete the work: although some were unhappy about the bridge being closed at all, it was recognised that getting the work completed while schools are on holiday and many people are working from home would be best, and that closure over a weekend would cause least disruption to people commuting to work over the footbridge.

City Fibre have said that the bridge will need to be closed completely throughout the work period (potentially five days, but they hope to have the work completed in three) for health and safety reasons. They will have to raise a Temporary Traffic Road Order with Stirling Council and give us five days' notice before starting the work, and they are offering to put on a shuttle bus service from the village into town.

A resident asked for signage warning about the closure at both ends of the footbridge a week in advance and at the junction of Ladysneuk Rd and Alloa Rd while the work is in progress.

**Action:** The CC will ask CityFibre to schedule the closure over the weekend and for a shuttle bus to be provided during the closure.

**Action:** Cllr Thomson to notify council officers about the request for timely and suitably located signage.

**5. Kerr's Yard**

A planning application has been submitted to Stirling Council for a mixed tenure residential development including lodges and riverside access with associated roads, parking and landscaping on land adjacent to the west of Waterside Cottage, Ladysneuk Road Stirling. Consultation through a manned exhibition is planned.

## **6. Coronavirus**

A reminder that there are volunteers available within the community if and when anyone needs assistance. The CC continues to pass on information from Stirling Council via various platforms to update and inform residents.

## **7. Sustrans / speed on Ladysneuk Rd / Space for Everyone**

At its May meeting, the CC had asked Stirling Council for temporary signage on Ladysneuk Rd to slow traffic and warn road users about extra cyclists and pedestrians using the road because of social distancing and other covid-19 restrictions. Cllr Oxburgh had investigated and been told that SC was already planning to reduce the speed along the whole of Ladysneuk Rd up to the level crossing to 20mph, if an application to Sustrans was successful. The CC had heard nothing of any such plans. Subsequent correspondence involving Cllr Thomson as well as Cllr Oxburgh gave information on the council's bids to Sustrans for funding to support safer walking and cycling under the Places for Everyone initiative and separately for Covid-19 measures under the Spaces for People initiative. The councillors had sought clarification from council officers and Cllr Thomson had instructed them to contact the CC to consult the community before taking the plans any further. He had also asked for temporary signage, as the CC had requested, and was under the impression that was already in place.

The CC emphasised the lack of consultation and noted that it would not support a reduction to 20mph along the whole of Ladysneuk Rd. A reduction to 30mph would be considered, but not if this involved installing street lighting along the unlit stretch, which would remove the separation between the village and Causewayhead and has been rejected by the CC in the past.

**Action:** Cllr Thomson to follow up about the promised temporary signage and contact from council officers about the speed limit.

## **8. Phone Box**

Linda had contacted BT and been told that Stirling Council had been consulted and agreed to the removal of the phone box, which was due to take place imminently. The CC had discussed and agreed to adopt the phone box to prevent its removal and to consult the community about possible uses (the telephony will be removed). Information about the Adopt a Kiosk scheme can be found here:

<https://business.bt.com/campaigns/communities/adopt-a-kiosk/>

## **9, Proposed changes to waste collection**

Cllr Thomson outlined the proposed changes to household waste collection and the background to the changes, due to be voted on in Full Council on 30 June. CC members raised concerns about fly-tipping etc. He noted that he had received many comments on various points from Community Councils and individual residents.

## **10. Cycleway under A91 (Manor Powis roundabout)**

Cllr Thomson had been in touch with Sustrans about this again last week and was told that the holdup is in getting Network Rail to sign the contract. There are some design issues about flooding but the funding is there. Sustrans will push harder with Network Rail.

## **11. Your Stirling, You Decide – participatory budgeting - play park**

A resident asked about the Your Stirling, You Decide projects for Cambuskenneth and Riverside, in particular, when the new equipment would be installed in the play park.

**Action:** Councillor Thomson will investigate and report back.

## **12. Noticeboard**

The CC thanked John McCallum and a resident for carrying out essential repairs on the noticeboard at Village Hall. It was agreed that the noticeboard would need to be replaced at some point.

## **13. Lighting on Footbridge**

Councillor Gibson had reported back from Street Lighting that they would deploy a team to review the lights and establish which lights need to be repaired. Unfortunately, any upgrade to the existing lighting at the bridge will not be possible this financial year as the Street Lighting Capital Budget is already fully allocated.

It was noted that any additional lighting would need to be carefully planned to be effective rather than dazzling pedestrians.

## **14. On the Verge (wildflowers) & grass cutting**

Councillor Gibson had reported a response from Land Services about grass cutting. The normal frequency, allowing for budget reductions, would be a target 14 cuts per season April to October with cuts at fortnightly intervals. Because of the disruption caused by Covid-19, there was no grass cutting for much of April and when re-introduced, priority was given to cemeteries, garden maintenance and tractor mowing.

\* The grass areas in the village were in fact cut on 26 May, the day after the CC meeting.

Tessa reported that the grass-cutting teams had unfortunately cut back part of the wildflower strips in the park and near the bench on Ladysneuk Rd. She had contacted the grounds officer at Stirling Council about this.

Ross reported that one of the apple trees in the park had been damaged and killed, possibly when the grass was cut and that we should look to replace it.

**Action:** Tessa will let Emilie Wadsworth (Central Scotland Green Network Trust) know about the damaged apple tree in the park.

## **15. Hogweed**

It was noted that CC members and residents had reported increasing amounts of hogweed along Ladysneuk Rd, the river and the railway line.

## **16. Fundraising and Events**

No events can be planned in the current circumstances.

## **17. Hall Maintenance**

Shed – look at this in the autumn.

## **18. Rodents**

John McCallum had contacted Scottish Water and SEPA about the septic tank that serves the village and the possible link with the problems with rats in the village this year. The tank was emptied and Scottish Water arranged for their own pest control to visit. They will monitor the tank on a monthly basis. SEPA reported that the tank is not currently on their Monitoring Plan; adding it to the plan will be discussed with senior colleagues, and the ongoing maintenance of the tank will be raised with Scottish Water.

The CC agreed with John's view that the processing of sewage from the village should be assessed to protect the environment, particularly as the outfall is into a tidal region of the river, which means that the effluent discharge on incoming tide goes upstream and back on the following tide to be added to by the constant flow. It is hoped that the monitoring to be put in place will advise and accelerate change.

### **19. Secretary's Report**

All issues covered elsewhere.

### **20. Treasurer's Report**

The accounts are with Alan Loughray for auditing. Stirling Council has said that CC AGMs will not be held until restrictions allow, and the accounts will be submitted then.

£500 has been spent on filling the hanging baskets. New wheels for the watering trolley and feed have also been purchased; receipts to be submitted.

### **21. Police report**

No crimes or phone calls reported for 26 May–27 June 2020.

### **22. Councillors' Report**

No committee meetings have been taking place, but a Full Council Meeting took place on 10 June and another will take place on 30 June via virtual platform.

Cllr Gibson had responded to a resident's query about the minutes from the March Full Council Meeting; they are due to be approved at the 30 June meeting.

Cllr McGill reported that funding to expand digital capacity in schools had been increased to cope with the covid-19 emergency and SC was trying to ensure that all pupils have devices. Ross McGregor noted that he and other parents were very impressed with how Riverside Primary is dealing with things.

### **23. Date of next meeting**

Cambuskenneth CC meetings are not usually held over the summer, but it was agreed to add a July meeting with a reduced agenda for urgent matters only.

<p><b>Monday 27 July 2020 at 7.30pm, online</b> Reduced agenda – urgent matters only Details to be announced nearer the time on CC website</p>
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