

Cambuskenneth Community Council
Meeting held on Monday 25th October 2021 @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Tessa Carroll (Vice Chair), Linda Jones (Secretary), Barbara McElhinney (Treasurer) Elaine Turner, John McCallum

In attendance: 2 residents (Caroline Bell, Helen Barrett)

Apologies: Ross McGregor (Chair), Councillor Danny Gibson, Councillor Susan McGill

Adoption of previous minutes (27th September 2021)

Adopted as a true record

Proposed – **Linda**

Seconded – **Elaine**

Matters Arising

Maintenance of picnic benches and tables in park – Councillor Jim Thomson was to ask Council officers about this – *carry over again*

Phone Box update – Elaine will ask electrician again about a certificate. She noted that the door sticking on the pavement when open stopped people from getting fingers trapped so maybe best to leave as it is.

Ladysneuk Road Resurfacing & Pavement – Tessa emailed Councillor Jim Thomson, who forwarded an email from Roads from 10 August, in response to complaints from residents soon after surface dressing had been carried out, saying excess stones would be swept away, but the state of the road is still not good. Pavements haven't been sorted yet either, and other points raised in the email have not yet been addressed. **Tessa** will follow this up again with Jim Thomson.

Wallace Monument Steering Group

No update.

Footbridge Maintenance – Jim Thomson has chased council officers re the exposed gas pipe, and yellow markings have been made on the bridge to highlight the defects.

Sheds at Village Hall – Ross has emailed SC to ask about the sheds.

Increase in Hall Charges / Booking Procedure – Councillor Susan McGill passed on an email from Tracey Mills of SC advising of the increase of 1-2% and the need for a caretaker due to covid and the need for extra cleaning. However, charges at the weekend have gone up far more than 1-2%. We will raise this again when a Councillor is present.

Procedure for contacting SCC – Difficult to keep track of issues raised because responses from the central CC enquiries email account don't include topic in subject line. Raise when Councillors are present.

Nature Subgroup

The first meeting was held on 9th October, chaired by Helen Barrett and attended by 9 residents. Helen gave a summary of the meeting and the ideas suggested, including: monitoring invasive species, working with the local farmers and Ricoh, planting trees, making hanging baskets & tubs

and pergola beds more wildlife-friendly, arranging talks on wildlife gardening & energy saving, wider issues of environment and climate change. The desire to keep the village tidy and the need to consult residents were noted. The subgroup will report back to the CC who will take anything forward to SC if needed. Meetings will be held 4 times a year, next one 22 January 2022, and Helen will report back to the CC after each one.

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Nothing to report.

Defibrillator

Nothing to report.

Update as at 28/10/21 – SC have confirmed no planning permission is required to site the defibrillator on the village hall. The defibrillator and cabinet have been generously paid for in full by a resident who wishes to remain anonymous. **Ross/Anne Marie** to contact SC for advice on an electrician to install.

Resilience

Linda hasn't met yet the resident who expressed an interest in being involved. **John** is interested in being involved in this group.

Sub-groups need to be advertised on Facebook and posters.

Treasurer's Report & budget

Admin grant, including minute taker fees) received from SC. Still £200 loss within this financial year.

Approx. £2600 is ringfenced for the hall and park. Susan Macleod (member of the former hall & park sub-group) had suggested having Christmas lights on the village hall and on trees in the park. **Linda** will ask her for more details and pricings for the CC to discuss.

Ross suggested purchasing audio-visual equipment for talks etc in the village hall and to hire out. **Linda** suggested this equipment could be used for a community cinema.

We will ask residents for their views on suggestions for spending the hall & park money.

Fundraising & Events

Hanging Baskets – Martin has suggested reducing the number of hanging baskets next year and planting up more tubs instead. The nature sub-group is keen to have more wildlife-friendly plants in baskets/tubs. **Tessa** will ask Helen to contact Martin via **Linda** to coordinate for next year.

Calendar with local views – The CC plans to produce a calendar with local views to raise funds. As time is short for this year members of CC are asked to submit some photos. **Linda** will also speak to her neighbour who is a keen photographer. If it is a success, we will open it up for residents to submit photos next year. **Elaine** has sent away for a sample from one company and **Ross** is waiting for a sample and prices from a local company.

Christmas – A raffle for a Christmas hamper was suggested, but this would require a licence, unlike a raffle run and drawn on the same day.

Susan Macleod has offered to organise Advent Calendar windows again.

The CC will run the decorated Christmas window competition again with a prize for the best.

Event planning – needed but carried over to a future meeting.

Coffee mornings and Christmas lunch

Caroline Bell attended to discuss the coffee mornings and Christmas lunch, which are not organised by the CC.

Caroline confirmed that coffee mornings will not go ahead at present, given the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, but hopefully can restart in the better weather next year.

Caroline outlined the history of the Christmas lunch. This was traditionally on a Monday, for pensioner residents, paid for by the CC, and held in and cooked by the pub. It evolved over the years and was organised outwith the CC. It was opened up to other residents, with tickets charged (subsidised by the coffee mornings), with catering by Henderson's Bistro, and held in the village hall.

With the demise of Henderson's the hunt is on for a new caterer. The Christmas lunch will not take place this year, but Caroline suggested that a social events sub-group be formed and this could poll people in the village to see what they want for next year. There may be a need to hold two Christmas lunches/events to cater for numbers and the needs of different people e.g. retired or working. There is some time to think about this before next Christmas and the opportunity to rethink after the "covid pause" – please pass any thoughts or ideas to Caroline.

Police Report

Crime report for Cambuskenneth from 1/8/21 – 23/10/21

Detected cases – none

Undetected cases – none

Total crime reports – none

The implementation of the new 20-mph speed limit by Stirling Council has led to an increase in reports of speeding across the Council area. Where duties allow, the local community officers conduct checks using hand-held radar to influence driver behaviour, give advice, or report offenders where appropriate.

Items for AOCB

Social Events Sub-group

There are 3 residents currently interested in forming a Social Events sub-group. **Elaine** volunteered to be the CC member involved. **Tessa** will let the residents know.

The issue of **Public Liability Insurance** for events was raised again. **Barbara** will look at the Booking Form conditions for the hall.

Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd November at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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