

Cambuskenneth Community Council

Notes from Meeting 24/6/24

held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Archie McIver (Chair), Elaine Turner (Secretary), Barbara McElhinney (Treasurer), Maggie Ruddy, Graham Barrett, Catriona Taylor

In attendance: Councillor Susan McGill, one member of the public

Full approved minutes will be issued after the next meeting in September
Parking

New regulations - ban on parking on pavements

Stirling Council will enforce the ban from **15th July 2024**. Penalty charge notices will be issued from 15/7/24 with fines of £100, reduced to £50 if paid within 14 days. There are exceptions to the ban - short term essential visits for emergencies and deliveries. In addition, pavement parking can be permitted if parking on the carriageway would impede the passage of an emergency vehicle.

Actions: Elaine will apply for an exemption for North St via the Council website

Elaine will ask the Active Travel Team and transport team to review parking and traffic flow in Cambuskenneth to consider how best to meet everyone's wishes, and present options to our September meeting

Access for emergency vehicles on South St and North St

There had been a recent incident on 1/6/24 where a fire engine had been unable to proceed down South St to deal with a fire in a litter bin in the park, because cars were parked on both sides of South St. The incident commander said that fire crews had visited Cambuskenneth several times since then and had always found ample space for vehicles to pass. He attached a poster which could be displayed locally which highlights that **a fire engine needs 3.1m (10ft) to safely pass** between vehicles. He confirmed that the Council would need to be contacted to consider whether a pavement parking ban exemption should be in place.

Action: Elaine will laminate posters and attach to lamp posts

Which day of week is best for holding CC meetings?

We discussed whether a different night was an option. Susan McGill explained that different Councils held meetings on different nights of the week from Monday-Thursday, so a change was possible provided it did not clash with another meeting. Archie said that he was not sure at this stage

what his schedule would be in the autumn. We will continue with Monday meetings meantime.

Cambuskenneth Nature and Environment Group (CNEG) Report

Helen has written to the chief executive of Ricoh to express disappointment that staff from Head Office have not wished to engage with the community. She awaits a reply. She has also written to Mark Ruskell, MSP, to request help in persuading Cowane's Trust to allow more trees to be planted on Ladysneuk Rd.

The next event is a **Gardening for Wildlife talk in the Village Hall at 2pm on Sunday 7th July 2024.**

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for 2023/24 were presented at the earlier AGM. Since then, we have spent £315 on hanging baskets, and a further £145 on stationery and printing, Hall hire and event insurance and an annual charge for website provision. The total balance is £3503.31 including the Hall & Park fund, unchanged at £2073.31.

We agreed to continue to pay membership of Scotways, the Scottish Rights of Way Society.

Action: Barbara will pay Scotways membership fee.

Matters arising (not covered below)

Graham asked for more information about the traffic calming measures on Ladysneuk Rd from the Active Travel meeting which Archie had attended. Archie explained that options were still being discussed and nothing is finalised.

Matters arising

Pergola - Replacement Benches and Planters

Elaine had shared different styles of seats and planters. Our first decision is to decide on the material. Examples were made from galvanized steel with a 25 year guarantee – as on Riverside walk and in Bridge of Allan- recycled plastic, also 25 year guarantee and maintenance free, or wood, although some concerns that wood may rot and need replacement sooner. She will ask for an example price from Ogilvie's, the steel manufacturer.

Action: Elaine to request sample prices for seats and planters and circulate to Community Councillors

SUB GROUP REPORTS

Social Subgroup

We held a very successful barbecue on 22nd June with over 70 tickets sold. Elaine thanked everyone who helped and suggested more volunteers for next year to have a rota of helpers on the day. 10-12 children attended so more organised activities may be possible next year. The BBQ highlights the value of the Hall for social events and a sense of community. The next events will be a **quiz** and **chocolate tasting** in the autumn.

Resilience Group

The Resilience Group has met twice. There is a plan to note informally who may need help in each street in adverse weather or power cuts. The Resilience Officer may be able to advise on how to comply with data protection legislation if we keep any records. The Group has obtained a copy of a Resilience leaflet from Callander, which they wish to amend to circulate to the community. Councillor Jim Thomson agreed by email that the Hall is important for resilience planning, but he will need to wait until after the election to become involved.

Cambuskenneth Village Hall Group

The Hall Group has met once. The Group wish more information about running costs and income, acknowledging that the current booking system and pricing is discouraging people from booking the Hall at weekends. Stirling Councillors need to be lobbied prior to the next round of budget setting. Susan suggested that we should lobby all councillors with a one-page summary and focus on development of community and social cohesion, loneliness and resilience as reasons to fund the Hall.

Report from Councillor/s

Council business is suspended due to the upcoming general election. Caroline Sinclair has been appointed as the new CEO of Stirling Council. Ross McGuffie has been appointed as the new Chief Executive for NHS Forth Valley.

Wallace High School girls' football team won the Scottish Schools' Cup and were given a civic reception. Stirling City Heritage Trust have been asked to lead on the delivery of a new Heritage Strategy for Stirling and are consulting with two questionnaires as well as drop-in sessions to seek local people's views. Susan will circulate information on this.

Police Report

None received

AOCB

Manor Powis signpost

The finger post sign to Manor Powis has fallen over and is lying by the entrance to the field. The footpath is also extremely overgrown and very difficult to walk through this year because of high vegetation.

Action: Elaine will contact the Access Officer to ask if the signpost can be replaced and to seek her view on the vegetation which obstructs the path.

FEL Trustee opportunity

Forth Environment Link (FEL), a local environmental charity, is seeking new members for its Board of Trustees and emailed the Community Council to publicise this to the community.

Date of Next Meeting: 7.30pm, Monday 23 September 2024 in the Village Hall

No Meetings in July or August

This note is provided for information prior to approval of the Full Minutes at the next Community Council meeting in September.

Reminder: Minutes are available via the CC website and Facebook page. If you would like them emailed privately or paper copies, please let us know via email at cambuskennethcc@gmail.com or by contacting any CC member.