

Cambuskenneth Community Council Meeting
Village Hall, Cambuskenneth
24/03/2025
7.30pm

Present: Maggie Ruddy, Barbara McElhinney (Treasurer), Catriona Taylor, Councillor Nunn, Jim Richardson,

Apologies: Archie McIver

The meeting was chaired by Maggie Ruddy and minutes were taken by Caroline Stewart

1. Attendance and apologies

Maggie welcomed everyone to the March meeting and asked if there were any issues that people wanted to bring up that hadn't been included on the agenda. Nothing was declared.

2. Items from AOCB

Nothing

3. Adoption of previous minutes (27th January 2025)

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Barbara McElhinney and seconded by Maggie Ruddy.

4. Co-option on new council member

Jim Richardson was co-opted as a new member of the community council, as voted for by unanimous consent. The rest of the CC expressed their thanks to Jim. He will be offered full membership after attending two further meetings, or after six months as a co-opted member.

5. Update on Cambuskenneth Village Hall

Jim Richardson read out communication he had with regards to the village hall - previously Councillor Gibson had advised that officers from the asset management team at SC intend to seek a 2-year lease extension on the hall from 1st April 2025. He had also provided an update on the park. On 30th October 2024 a new formal lease agreement was put in place for the lease of the park and the land of the phone box and this will run until 31st March 2045. There is an option to purchase the park included in the lease –

Although the 2-year lease for the hall will give us some breathing space we intend to further investigate the possibility of a sublease of the hall from the council or a direct lease from Cowane's Trust. We will arrange another meeting in the village hall when we have made further progress. In the meantime, we will discuss with the hall letting team at SC a better method of operating hall lets.

Councillor Nunn advised that several CC's have highlighted issues with the hall booking system and due to this she raised the matter as a political motion. The main issue now is that all the buildings are managed by different teams. The plan is to introduce a new online booking system which will be managed by one team within SC. It is hoped the system will be introduced imminently and will allow payment to be made online.

Councillor Nunn also discussed that Cambusbarron CC apparently run the booking system for their hall even though it is owned by Stirling Council.

There was also a discussion about communication within the village and the best way to get information out to the community including setting up a local WhatsApp groups to compliment leafletting and door knocking.

Action:

- Jim Richardson will contact Cambusbarron CC and arrange a meeting with Cowane's Trust
- Catriona Taylor will look at options to set up a local WhatsApp group

6. Hanging Baskets

Barbara and Martin are arranging for hanging baskets to be purchased from a supplier in Riverside. Martin will also organise a watering rota for the baskets.

7. Councillors update

Councillor Nunn's updates with regards to the village hall had already been discussed

8. Cycle Route

A meeting about the cycle route took place a few weeks ago which was well attended. It has been agreed that a speed bump will be installed near the entrance to the village plus a new designated pedestrian and cyclist space, and a bench will be installed close to the bridge in Ferry Road. The drawings are available on the noticeboard at the village hall

9. Treasurers Report

Barabara gave an update. The current balance is £4233.00 with £2000 of this allocated to the hall and park fund. Barbara will arrange for the annual audit to be completed as it nearing the end of the financial year.

Payment is still to be made to food train for the music night.

Action:

- Payment details for food train to be sent to Barbara to arrange payment.

10. Matters Arising (not covered below)

Nothing discussed

11. Matters Arising

Nothing discussed

12. Subgroup Reports

Social group

- A music night took place on 28th February which was a success raising £350.
- The Strathspey and Reel Society have approached the CC asking to book the village hall, weekly between September 2025 and March 2026.
- There was a discussion about the yearly barbeque and the amount of work required to organise it. It was agreed it will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Resilience Group

Nothing is moving with this as access to the village hall is required for plans to move forward. There are plans to consult with other groups and SC can provide a resource list on areas such as generating own power, how many people own 4x 4s etc. Once this information has been gathered there are plans to have an information day. It was also discussed that it would be good to educate villagers (plus ourselves) on making emergency plans for our own households as far as possible. The next meeting is planned for 5th April 2025.

Cambuskenneth Nature and Environment (CNEG) Report

No report had been submitted however trees have been planted along the river near Broom Farm.

13. Police Report

The police report had been received but nothing on it. Councillor Nunn advised that Police Scotland have tried to consolidate reports at a ward level rather than having individual reports. She recommended if people want to find out more information they can go online and look at the report from the Public Safety Committee. She also recommended if there are issues that people feel aren't being reported they should reach out to their elected member

14. Questions from floor/Members of the public

No questions

15. AOCB

- It was agreed that there will be a CC meeting in April and the AGM will be held in May
- Amendments have been made to the original plans for the cycle lanes. There will be no central line, and this is shown on the drawings that are displayed on the noticeboard.
- There was also a discussion that if local residents want a copy of the minutes emailed to them or a hard copy delivered to them this option is available.

Date of Next Meeting: 7.30pm, Monday 28 April 2025 in the Village Hall

Stirling Council: 01786 404040, Police non-emergency 101, NHS 24 111

Scottish Power emergency: 105, Scottish Gas emergency: 0800 111999

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.