

**APPROVED**  
**Cambuskenneth Community Council Meeting**  
**Village Hall, Cambuskenneth**  
**23/02/2026**  
**7.30pm**

**Present:** Archie McIver, Jim Richardson, Maggie Ruddy, Barbara McElhinney, Hannah Brightley, Catriona Taylor, Councillor Rachel Nunn and five residents.

**Apologies:** None received

**1. Attendance and apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the February meeting and advised that no apologies had been received

**2. Items for AOCB**

Two residents had come along as they wanted to discuss the path at the side of their property, Ferryman's Cottage. They have already spoken to Stirling Council and Cowane's Trust. The path runs along the boundary of the house and splits Ferryman's Cottage from the other section of their land. There are ongoing issues with privacy and some security issues, and the residents would like to purchase this strip of land. The matter is due to go before the board in March and has the support of the Local Ward Councillors. Stirling Council would need to remove it from the core path designation. Core path designation must go to consultation and part of that will include the CC. The Chair proposed that the residents provide a map with the plan and alternative access information so that the CC can understand the matter further.

**Action:** residents to send further information to the Chair.

**3. Adoption of previous minutes**

There was a spelling error in the previous minutes, Councillor Gill to be changed to McGill. The January 2026 minutes were proposed by Jim Richardson and seconded by Barbara McElhinney based on the amendments being made.

**4. Adoption of minutes of EGM**

These have been previously approved, and Catriona Taylor has emailed Stephen Bly to remind him of this and has resent the minutes to him.

## **5. Community Council: offer of full membership**

Hannah has now attended four meetings which allowed the option to co-opt her. This was proposed by Maggie Ruddy and seconded by Jim Richardson. Hannah was therefore offered full membership which she accepted.

## **6. Treasurer's report**

Awaiting February statement. The current balance is £3367.65. The account is still operating at a deficit for the year, but things will improve as more events take place. The total includes the Burns Evening which made a profit of £256.00, as well as the Hall and Park fund and the money ringfenced for this. JR started a discussion about how this ringfenced funding can be used moving forward. It was agreed this will be discussed further at a future meeting.

## **7. Community condolences process**

There was a discussion about how the CC can communicate any bereavements within the village to the wider community. It was felt that sensitivity was important and showing empathy to the wishes of the person's loved ones. It was agreed that it would be included in the minutes that this will happen and a process will be outlined on the CC website of how residents can notify the CC of any announcements.

## **8. Community Growing & Park Wellbeing Fund 2026**

An email has been received containing details of funding available for outdoor space. It was suggested that the funding could be used to install two benches and two planters in the area where the pergola was and to have replacement picnic benches and a new seating bench for the park. Catriona has sent for quotes as otherwise the deadline to apply for funding would have been missed. The deadline is 6<sup>th</sup> March. The process advises that two quotes are required. The application requires that we show minutes from a CC meeting showing support for the application. The committee agreed that they were in support of the application. Catriona agreed to speak to SB to see if the unapproved minutes of this meeting can be sent and then followed up with approved minutes, or alternatively if we can send older minutes showing agreement in previous years.

## **9. Community Action Plan**

Hannah gave an update on the Community Action Plan. She reminded everyone that this will help provide the strategic direction for the CC for the next five years. The survey is live and open until 31<sup>st</sup> March and available online [here](#), there are also paper copies available in the hall and phone box which can be posted through the letterbox of the Village Hall once completed. The posters advertising this are on the window of the Village Hall, noticeboard, phone box and website. The next step is to draft a Community Action Plan. Hannah has contacted Pauline Roberts at SC asking for support with statistics and maps. Hannah also asked about the possibility of accessing funding for a second engagement event to share the draft Community Action Plan and for a celebration event. There is the option to apply for the Community Pride Fund, applicants can apply for up to £800 and applications can only be made twice in the financial year. Hannah is happy to put together a proposal and send it round.

Hannah also asked if there is a calendar available detailing all the events that take place regularly in the Village Hall. The other members of the CC gave a rundown of the events that take place: Rainbows take place on a Wednesday evening; Coffee Morning is every second Wednesday at 10.30am. Hannah will also provide information at the Quiz night. There have been nine responses to the survey online and one paper copy has been received. There is still a month left for people to complete the survey and the option for children to draw their entry.

## 10. Village communication methods

Catriona gave an update. She has worked with Hannah to put together a list of the communication methods to and from the CC, what their current state is and what the CC want to do with them:

### Outgoing

- Meetings will **continue**
- Posters around village for social events will **continue**
- Door knocking is a main channel that is used. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of doing this form of communication. The alternative suggestion was to put flyers through doors and the possibility of using “Ticket Tailor” or “Eventbrite” so that residents can buy tickets online. The CC could still do a mail drop to let the community know how to purchase the tickets online. It was agreed this method will be trialled for the BBQ. The link will also be included in the newsletter.

- Noticeboard – **continue**
- Website – **continue**
- Newsletter – started this in February with next quarterly issue in May. There is an online document where further information can be added up until the deadline. There was a discussion about asking Riverside Primary school if the Cambuskenneth children could do a design competition and as a reason to keep people interested. Hannah will also look to see if funding can be used to cover the cost of the newsletter
- Facebook - Hannah has tried to get access. Passwords are still required to get into the page or control given to someone from CCC.
- Welcome to Cambuskenneth - **continue** but needs an owner. It was felt it was important to know who is new to the village to be able to provide them with a copy of the leaflet. Hannah agreed to take on as an action to print copies.
- WhatsApp group – Catriona has set up a WhatsApp group is unsure how to best use it as there isn't a way to stop everyone having a discussion. It was initially hoped this would be used to communicate information only. Due to these issues, it was agreed to **stop this channel**
- Instagram created by a resident **parked at the moment**

#### **Incoming**

- Minutes **continue** and invite residents
- Village hall post box on the door useful for communication so **continue**
- CC gmail – continue, currently managed by Catriona in her role as Secretary but other people can access the account. If anything is relevant to a specific person send to forward the email on to them. Catriona will send details of how to mark and email as “unread” so that emails aren't missed.

### **11. Active Travel and Consultation Process**

There has been so much discussed in the past that a summary of the issues has been produced. The Chair distributed a paper overview of all of this and the main areas to be addressed. The CC have been working with SC to address the issues for more than a year. Just over a year ago, at a public meeting, there was clear dissatisfaction from residents with the consultation process. Two Stirling Council officers and Councillor Thompson attended. The reference point here is that there is

a requirement to meet a legal minimum standard, the Gunning Principles, four key principles that a legitimate and valid consultation must follow. The four principles are: to consult when proposals are at a formative stage, to give enough information for intelligent consideration, to give adequate time for response, to explain how consultation results have been taken into account in policy/legislation. So the Council ought to have included people at the initial stages, ensure adequate information was actually provided and not assume people already knew what was proposed. The Council performed better at giving adequate time for response but this was undermined by a lack of advertising so that people were coming into the process late or finding out after it was finished. A poor aspect was the lack of response to enquiries with generalized responses that didn't actually address the issue raised. The summary covered four areas.

a) Consultation process for active travel.

The CC were presented with three routes in October 2023 and the CC were advised that the public would be consulted. At the active travel meeting in January 2025, one of the largest attended meetings, there was dissatisfaction with the consultation process both around lack of public involvement at the formative stage, lack of information and misleading information. The minimum legal consultation standards have not been met.

b) Standards and design applied.

Standards such as the National transport travel hierarchy and safety standards and advice have been ignored. Instead of being told that the proposed active travel route was safe because it complies with the advice of the various safety authorities, vague assurances have been made that it works somewhere else with no analysis of whether these are dangerous situations and no statistically valid basis for the claim that it is safe. The Council have made assertions that they are applying Cycle by Design Criteria but when examined the actual proposals don't correlate with the parameters in the documentation.

c) Safety accessibility on Grange Road.

This is a narrow single lane shared with HGV and farm traffic. Councillor Nunn had previously provided information that the Council's traffic monitoring detected no HGV movements over a week. Following the email, the Chair recorded the traffic using the road during a 24 hour period. He showed some videos of this traffic, HGVs and agricultural traffic (pairs of tractors and trailers making repeated journeys with long trailers and heavy loads). NCN active travel routes are

supposed to be suitable for children from 12 years old and novice cyclists, these would encounter these heavy vehicles and have to decide whether it is safer to try to get to the next passing place or to squeeze into the grass verge whilst the vehicle passes.

SC haven't provided any information to the Road Safety Audit on HGVs and agricultural machinery using the single track road, nor on the seasonal variations. SC asserts it is a "safe" option based on apparent or perceived risk. Perceived risk has been proven to be an invalid means of risk assessment .

A resident advised that the monitoring took place in October when there was little farm activity but, during harvest time, farm traffic is at its busiest which is also the period when the highest number of active travellers use the road.

SC have been asked twice for the road traffic data provided to the Road Safety Audit team but have yet to respond.

d) Footbridge and village traffic levels and safety.

According to Mr Hopper of SC, the A91 active travel route will not be going ahead which would mean increased active travel across the footbridge. This long narrow footbridge was designed for local access but has now been subsumed into the national active travel infrastructure. Although barely wide enough for a one-way cycle lane it is being designated as a national two-way cycle route in addition to being Cambuskenneth CC area's access to the city. This is the only pedestrian access to the bus stop, is used by people with mobility aids, school access by parents with buggies and children and pedestrian access to the city centre. This has been feasible so far because of the low number of cyclists. If the volume increases this will deter those for whom it is the only viable link to Stirling. David Hopper has been contacted by the CC to attend a meeting who were advised that SC are awaiting Marco's replacement.

A resident commented that children, including creches, use the bridge to get to the playparks on either side of the bridge.

Councillor Nunn suggested a second traffic audit could be requested. Councillors challenging assurances presented to them by officers puts them in a difficult position regarding the code of conduct. Councillors were advised that of the three options, only one was deemed viable and presented for consultation (this was verbal, she could not recall the details).

A resident stated that she was consulted on all three options, including the two options that were not presented to the CC or to the public. She also stated that, in her opinion, from a safety viewpoint, the Council's preferred route was a bad option, but that the Council didn't listen to her. She said the Council's handling of this was appalling, that they didn't want to look at information or standards, they just wanted to put this option through. She doesn't want anyone killed, there is a very high risk, and she hopes she isn't involved in an incident [she drives farm vehicles on this road].

The Chair pointed out that her opinion about high risk is supported by several safety organizations who advise against unsegregated vulnerable users, HGVs and farm traffic.

Discussion ensued about SC making claims and assertions but not providing evidence to back up these assertions. The Chair stated that a small group was involved in consultation but the members were sworn to secrecy and what was discussed was never revealed to the public.

Hannah suggested the CC consider a private consultation but Councillor Nunn considered this might not be useful as it may not be accepted by the SC.

Councillor Nunn suggested taking the issue to the SPSO.

**Action:** Councillor Nunn will ask David Hopper and Elliott Williamson to meet with the community. The Chair asked for CC members to read through the document he had distributed and provide feedback and the amended version will be sent to Mr Hopper. Consideration is to be given to a submission to the SPSO or to other legal or advisory authorities.

## 12. Update on Cambuskenneth Village Hall

Jim Richardson gave an update, awaiting reply from SC regarding the lease, Councillor Nunn will chase this as a decision had to be made by 19<sup>th</sup> February. An update is needed on the lease as this determines what the CC can do. A bank account has been opened with the Co-op and there are plans to have a meeting to update the village in March/April to update everyone. Jim has been involved in a range of other activities including visiting Blairlogie CC to find out how they run their Village Hall. He is also compiling a list of the skills available in the village and a list of

children. Jim is looking at arranging a range of community events such as a summer gala week.

### **13. Update from Councillors**

Councillor Nunn gave an update. The focus is on the budget. No budget savings that will impact the community. SC are currently looking at doing more joint work with other Councils as a budget saving strategy.

### **14. Matters arising (not covered below)**

Nothing raised.

### **15. Subgroup reports**

#### **15.1. Social Group**

There are various events coming up:

- Quiz night – 25<sup>th</sup> February
- BBQ June 20<sup>th</sup>
- History night still to be arranged

Maggie wanted to say thanks all of those who helped with the selling of tickets for the quiz night.

#### **15.2. Resilience Group**

The next meeting is on April 16<sup>th</sup>, and any future activity depends on plans for the Village Hall. The current plan is to have another resilience day in the Autumn which will include Defibrillator training and redistributing brochures.

#### **15.3. Cambuskenneth Nature and Environment Group (CNEG) Report**

Archie gave an update and advised that there are covers that need to be removed from trees around the riverbank.

#### **15.4. Communications Group**

Updated provided earlier in the meeting

### **16. Police Report**

Nothing received

**17. Questions from floor/members of public**

Nothing raised

**18. AOCB**

Nothing

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026 at 7.30pm**