

APPROVED MINUTES

Cambuskenneth Community Council Meeting
Village Hall, Cambuskenneth
24/11/2025
7.30pm

Present: Jim Richardson, Maggie Ruddy, Barbara McElhinney and Councillor Susan McGill

Apologies: Archie McIver, Catriona Taylor and Hannah Brightley,

The meeting was chaired by Jim Richardson and the minutes were taken by Caroline Stewart

1. Attendance and apologies

Jim Richardson chaired the meeting. He welcomed everyone and gave apologies for Archie MacIver, Catriona Taylor and Hannah Brightley,

2. Items from AOCB

Nothing added to the agenda

3. Adoption of previous minutes - October 2025

Amendments have been made. Proposed by MR and seconded by BMcE.

4. Treasurers Report

Barbara gave an update. Withdrawals made over the last month have been due to bank charges and payment of the GDPR annual fee. This leaves the current total at just under £3500.00.

Jim asked for clarification on the grants that the CC receive. Barbara advised that they normally receive an Admin and Minute taking grant but not had the minute taking part for a while as didn't have a minute taker. This will be received again next year as now have a minute taker. There was a discussion about having some fundraising events to try and bring more money in. There are plans for History and Wildlife talk, Quiz night, Scottish night and BBQ. The CC need to pay to hire the hall and insurance for each event, so have to make sure enough money is coming in to cover costs.

Action: Maggie to check with Leighanne to see if it is possible to get a list of all the children in the village

5. Meeting dates for 2026

An email had been received from Stephen Bly at SC asking for details of all the CC meeting dates for 2026. Maggie has booked the hall until June 2026 but will arrange to book it for the rest of the year and will send details of all the meeting dates and the AGM date to Jim. The meeting takes place on the fourth Monday of the month and there are nine meetings a year. Details of all the meetings are included at the end of the minutes and are posted on the noticeboard outside the village hall.

Action: Maggie to check hall bookings for next year. It was agreed that we will make a list of all the meeting dates and will add details to the noticeboard and post on the website.

6. Community Action Plan Proposal

This was a proposal from Hannah, and she had provided an outline of what a Community Development plan is with a timeline to get this up and running throughout 2026.

7. Update on Cambuskenneth Village Hall

- Name of the organisation will be Cambuskenneth Community Hall Trust
- Constitution is in complete agreement with Lee Stevenson at SVE.
- The five trustees are Jim Richardson, Ian McFarlane, Les Berrow, Catherine Malley and Leighanne Moir.
- Mission statement that was drafted by Jim –“To encourage the inhabitants of Cambuskenneth and the surrounding area to make the maximum use of the village hall for social, sporting, recreational and cultural activities. To work towards the building of a strong community spirit among the villagers of Cambuskenneth. The trust will promote the objective without distinction of sex, sexuality, politics, religion or other opinions by involving the inhabitants, voluntary organisations and local authority in a common effort to provide facilities, advance education, social welfare, recreation and other leisure activities so their life situation is improved”.
- Jim has a meeting with Lee from SVE tomorrow to finalise the constitution, and the application to OSCAR charities commission.
- Proposal and budget- Jim is dealing with Tracey Mills in SC Assets team. Jim met with Tracey in November and was keen to show that the CC can run the hall and have the capability. He hopes to add some information about the trustees to say what they have done in their lifetime and plans for the hall.
- An update on the village hall was hand delivered in November to all households.
- IT update was discussed previously in the meeting.
- Jim is keeping in touch with Cowane’s Trust.

Action: Councillor McGill will forward an email with details of various funding streams.

8. Active travel and consultation process

Archie has been involved in this and a notice about upgrades has been sent including speed bumps, and bench at the bridge being installed. There have been concerns raised that the cycle path will encourage more people to come over the bridge. It was decided that the matter will be left to Archie to provide an update as he is involved in ongoing dialogue.

9. Update from Councillor

Councillor McGill gave an update; she advised that there have been changes in the council. The SNP won the recent bi election for Stirling East which meant they were able to take control of SC, currently still in the transition process. Rosemary Fraser is now the Lord Provost, new Councillor Leader is Susan McGill, and the Deputy Leader of Stirling Council is Jim Thomson. Out of the ten SNP Councillors only three that have been in administration, new to all the rest. The next council meeting is on 11th December 2025, not had agenda yet.

Already started the budget discussions but this is complicated due to the UK budget being late.

Stirling City region deal - Various upgrades are being made to the City Park, below Back O' Hill. This includes drainage, electricity connection and Wi-Fi therefore nothing is booked for the park in the near future, money has been set aside for the work to be completed. There are also plans for renovation work to take place at both The Albert Hall and Smith Art Gallery. The Film Studios work is progressing, looking at it being completed in early 2026. A skills sector will be based there and offer a range of training, currently liaising with possible operators to manage the studio.

10. Matters Arising

Nothing raised

11. Subgroup Report

11. 1 Social Group

These are the plans for social activities for 2026:

Music Group – 30th January

Quiz Night – 27th February

Easter – to discuss options at a future meeting.

History Night – Jim will liaise with the relevant people

BBQ – 20th June agreed to book 1pm to 4pm

AGM – 22nd June

11. 2 Resilience group

The group are due to meet again on January 22nd. Leaflets have been distributed, and the next stage is to have a clear emergency plan, including information such as whether a generator be available.

11.3 Cambuskenneth Nature and Environment Group

No update available.

11.4 Communication Group

Catriona and Hannah not at the meeting to provide an update.

12. Police Report

Nothing received

12. Questions from members of the public

Nothing raised

13. AOCB

David Hewitt sadly passed away this morning, and the CC wanted to send condolences to his partner, Tessa.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday January 26th 2026