

APPROVED
Cambuskenneth Community Council Meeting
Village Hall, Cambuskenneth
23/03/2026
7.30pm

Present: Archie McIver, Jim Richardson, Maggie Ruddy, Barbara McElhinney, Hannah Brightley, Catriona Taylor, Councillor Jim Thomson and one resident.

Apologies: None received

1. Attendance and apologies

Nothing received

2. Items for AOCB

A resident has approached the CC about the hosting of and the content of the website

3. Adoption of previous minutes

AMcI added in some more information about the Active Travel and Consultation.

Proposed by JR and seconded by HB based on the amendments.

4. Treasurer's report

Barbara sent out a report prior to the meeting. The balance is going down and not a lot of money coming in. The income was £320 from quiz night but various expenses to come off this figure so £131.00 profit. Barbara will be concluding accounts and passing them to be audited as it is the end of the financial year. It was highlighted that it would be good to have a Treasurer in place so that Barbara can hand over before she steps down. Barbara is also the only signatory for the bank account currently active on the CC. Jim and Catriona agreed to be signatories on the bank account. Hannah agreed to post on the Facebook page to try and gather interest as both Barbara and Maggie will be stepping down at the AGM.

Action: HB to promote the CC online to encourage new membership.

There was a discussion about the hanging basket that are organised by Martin Parry. The organisation in Riverside that the CC have been buying the baskets from are no longer making them, so Martin is investigating other companies that offer peat free baskets.

5. Community Growing & Park Wellbeing Fund 2026

Catriona gave an update on the application for the Community Growing and Park Wellbeing Fund. Unfortunately, the application wasn't successful, and the feedback given was that there was too much competition from other projects. Catriona advised that the process was quite confusing and due to this she will put together a guide to help with future applications. There was a discussion about other sources of funding including the option to reapply for the Community Pride Fund and the Clackmannanshire/Stirling Environmental Trust fund which has a deadline of next week. The application to the Community Growing and Wellbeing Fund was to purchase benches and the quote for new benches is approximately £15,000 including installation.

6. Community Action Plan

Hannah gave an update. There have been 23 responses to the survey online and one paper response. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st March. Hannah hasn't been able to attend Rainbow or Guides or the Coffee morning to gather feedback there. Once all the results have been received, Hannah will share the information with the CC and the wider community to get feedback. The CC are keen to find out more about what people want under each heading in the survey. Hannah will promote the survey on the Facebook page to try and get more responses before the closing date.

7. Active Travel and Consultation Process

Archie has sent videos of the type of traffic on Grange Road as well as the document he put together to David Hopper at SC. Mr Hopper has agreed to come to the next CC meeting. Now that the minutes have been approved, they will also be sent to Mr Hopper. Councillor Thomson has emailed a spreadsheet with information from Marco on why the preferred route was chosen. Archie highlighted that there were issues with the spreadsheet which have been raised previously. The information also only went to the CC and not to the wider community. It was agreed that the main points for discussion will be sent to David Hopper prior to him attending the meeting, so he is clear about the ask of the CC.

Action: AMcl to send the main points for discussion to David Hopper.

Barbara raised the issue about the plans for the new speed bump also including four new planters.

Action: Catriona will email Stephen Bly to get further clarification about the planters and raise concerns about the speed bump and highlight that the work at the bridge is still to be completed.

8. Update on Cambuskenneth Village Hall

Jim gave an update.

- He is still in discussion with SC Assets with regards to the lease which must be agreed before the CC can get a sub lease. Jim is currently awaiting a response from Tracey Mills. Councillor Thomson agreed to contact Tracy Mills. Jim highlighted that there are also other things that the CC will need to consider including maintenance, heating costs and details of the monthly bills.
- Bank account is now open with the Co-op bank, no money in the account, banking will be done at the Co-op, Causewayhead.
- Looked into rates and water relief, drop in relief from 100% to 80% if rateable value under a certain amount.
- SC are likely to benefit if the community take over the hall as the community will take all the other costs from them if SC provide support with the rent.
- Pricing policy will research at what other places are charging for hall hire.
- Use social media to promote that the hall is available and gather feedback on what people would want to use it for.
- Arrange a committee meeting once more information is available from Tracy on what is happening.
- There was a discussion about having a piper/gala day before the BBQ.

9. Update from Councillors

Councillor Thomson gave an update. The focus has been on the budget with a council tax increase of 8.8% and other charges in general had to be increased to cover the budget deficit. Moving forward there will be more spent on keeping the place clean and tidy, on potholes, deep cleans that started last year will continue, starting to plant flowers to make the area a place to be proud off.

10. Matters arising (not covered below)

The Fisherman's Cottage residents have sent in an email to the CC. It was agreed that this will be left until the next meeting to give everyone the chance to read the email. There was also a discussion and a demonstration on how to mark emails as "unread."

11. Subgroup reports

11.1. Social Group

Maggie gave an update. Murray Cook has been booked for the history talk on October 6th; BBQ is on 20 June. The CC were keen to offer thanks to Maggie for a successful quiz night and also thank Leighanne for being the Quizmaster. Hannah advised she is happy to get more involved in the social group.

11.2. Resilience Group

The group have a meeting on April 16th and are planning to have another event like the one last Autumn. It will take place on September 27th. Leighanne has brochures to distribute. Depending on what happens with the hall it could be used as a hub in the event of an emergency and could also look at getting a generator.

11.3. Cambuskenneth Nature and Environment Group (CNEG) Report

Archie gave an update. In the recent CNEG meeting there was discussion of having more tree planting around the rivers, focusing on sustainability rather than appearance. There have also been discussions around setting up allotments and running an Energy Saving Trust workshop, as well as having a Wildlife survey to look at invasive species such as hogweed and regeneration of the Orchard to be used as community Orchard. The CNEG lead will write a report and circulate.

11.4. Communications Group

Catriona gave an update and asked if anyone minded her amending the theme of the website. There were no objections. Archie has also received feedback on the website as it is hosted on an account that belongs to a local resident therefore the CC need to find a new host. Hannah now has access to the Facebook page if anyone wants to post on it.

Hannah has printed copies of the "Welcome to Cambuskenneth" leaflets which can be distributed to new residents. A local resident highlighted that the CC minutes on the website are not current. Catriona agreed to email the person as the recent minutes have been uploaded.

Hannah will add a post looking for members for the Community Council on the Facebook page and on the website and put posters up as well as include details in the minutes.

Action: Catriona to email the resident with regards to the CC minutes.

12. Police Report

Nothing received

13. Questions from floor/members of public

Nothing raised

14. AOCB

It was highlighted that the CC meetings normally take place on the 4th Monday of the Month but the meeting in April is on the 3rd Monday of the month, April 20th. Archie will let David Hopper know this in case of any confusion.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 20th April 2026, 7.30pm