

APPROVED
Cambuskenneth Community Council Meeting
Village Hall, Cambuskenneth
22/06/2026
7.30pm

Present: Archie McIver (AMCI), Jim Richardson (JR), Maggie Ruddy (MR), Barbara McElhinney (BMCE), Hannan Brightley (HB), Catriona Taylor (CT), Councillor Rachel Nunn and six residents.

Apologies: None received

1. Attendance and apologies

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

2. Items for AOCB

- Roads closures
- Treasurers Business

3. Adoption of previous minutes

Amendments had been made prior to the meeting including reallocating points to HB and CT. Based on these changes the minutes were proposed by HB and seconded by MR

4. Co-opting

There were two applications received for co-option. Thanks were given to the applicants, Savitri and Craig for their interest. The Chair advised that there was only one place available for co-option but there was also the opportunity to be an Associate Membership. Associate members can't vote but can have an input.

Craig had applied previously but was unable to attend the meeting. Due to this it was agreed that Craig Anderson was given the opportunity to be co-opted. Savitri Maharaj was willing to be an Associate Member. This counts as the first meeting for Craig, once he attends another two, he can be offered full membership.

5. Treasurers Report

New treasurer Jim Richardson in post following the AGM. BMCE and MR provided information about the BBQ and handed out details of income and expenditure. The total profit was £71.00 however it was advised that this needs to be amended as the estimated cost of food was £250 but the actual cost was only £200. This means there is a profit of £121.00

The BBQ was a great opportunity for the community to meet each other, and the plan is to repeat next year.

6. Agenda setting process

CT led a discussion about the agenda and the need for clarity on why each point is being discussed. She suggested that an "Inform, decide and discuss" approach is used and a time limit is put on each

topic. The topic owners can suggest how long is needed and what they are seeking to achieve from the point.

7. Interpretation heritage boards

BMCE will do a handover to the new Treasurer, JR. BMCE has already had a conversation with Stephen Bly with regards to the insurance for the interpretation boards. The insurance company needs to know who owns the boards. BMCE has gone back to Stephen to find out who the owner is.

8. Update on Village Hall

JR gave a recap on where he is currently and what he is trying to achieve. JR had a productive meeting on 2nd June where he was able to give an update to the community and gather interest.

- Licence granted to operate for 6 months from 1st August 2026
- There was a meeting with Fiona Scott, Team Leader, Stirling Council (SC) properties on 18th June. Leighanne and Jim attended
- Awaiting details of split of expenditure.
- Plan is to apply for rates relief for 6 months.
- The heating costs will be around £3500 per annum and the Hall Trust(HT) will pay for this. They will operate the heating and lighting and will monitor the usage monthly to determine the build up of the annual costs. SC will continue to pay the buildings insurance while the HT will take out public liability and contents insurance. The hall licence will be prepared by SC legal department shortly and will then be reviewed by the HT lawyer, HT will organise cleaning and grass cutting.
- Leighanne and Catherine want to try a Saturday morning cafe in July.
- Fiona Scott agreed it was a good idea and confirmed there would be no charge for the hall.
- The Website and payment system need to be checked and agreed, and social media coverage to be addressed.
- The HT propose putting up new curtains and bunting to brighten up the hall and consider maintenance to the outside of hall windows.
- A member of the community is keen to paint the huts.
- Also looking at painting the inside of the hall and putting boards or frames up.
- SC hall operations team plan to go over fire alarm and other weekly checks with the HT committee members as they will be taking over these weekly checks.
- Agree pricing for the hall at the HT committee meeting tomorrow - Rainbows and over 60s will be charged £7 per hour and this will continue at present. Proposing an hourly rate of £15 to £20 for hire of hall to others.
- 27 volunteers to date and have already involved quite a few.

The Riverside WhatsApp group has 366 people, and it is a platform where a lot of information is shared. JR is keen to have a village WhatsApp group. CT has looked at this before.

Action: JR will chat with CT re: WhatsApp group

9. Active travel and consultation process

At the last meeting there was long discussion about trying to find a way forward. HB and MR came up with suggestions. It was felt that a lot of time was being spent discussing this point at every meeting and concerns were raised that no positive way forward was being found.

- HB suggested at the last meeting that the CC ask SC for all the Information on all the options and the CC do a consultation with the community to raise awareness of why some of the options were ruled out. It was highlighted that some of the original options weren't feasible and it appears they are no longer on the table. MB also suggested that the CC contact Walk, Wheel, Cycle Trust to ask about the advice they are giving on the routes.
- There is concern that the route would be cancelled if it is not accepted.
- There are still concerns about the Road safety audit that was deemed sufficient by SC.
- Councillor Nunn advised that an email had been sent to the CC with regards to the safety audit and it appeared that not all members had seen/read this document.
- There was a conversation about whether Active Travel Consultation should be a standing agenda item as taking up a lot of time with no progress.

CT proposed a motion not to consult the community as it appears the options are the proposed route or nothing. Vote to not consult community proposed by CT and seconded by HB. JR voted to support and MR also voted. Four to one in favour of supporting the motion and it was carried. It was proposed by JR that Active Travel Consultation is taken off the agenda as a standing item. This was seconded by and agreed by CT and MR

Action: Check for the email from SC re: safety audit.

10. Grants for benches and Planters

CT applied through SC for two grants but was unsuccessful. JR is keen to look at applying for the landfill grants as the estimated cost for planters and a seat in the park is £15k.

11. Community Action Plan

HB has been involved in putting together the draft CAP and this is available as a google doc. There is also a survey available online on Facebook and there is a QR code included in the newsletter as well as physical copies in the phone box. The closing date is 30th June. While the CC is in recess, HB will look over the results and decide on the next step. One option is to organise an event and HB would investigate securing funding for this.

12. Engage Stirling Consultations

There have been no new updates since the last meeting. Two streams relevant to the LDP around spatial and site options.

13. Update from Councillors

Councillor Nunn gave an update:

- Councillor Nunn suggested to keep an eye on the Engage Platform to find out what is happening. There will be a new strategy around waste, soft plastics, as well as the separation of food and garden waste
- Planters – Councillor Nunn suggested that the CC ask for support from the Community Justice Team, it would be valuable to write to Councillors to see if they can help apply via Stephen Bly. Councillors can also apply on behalf of CC.

- SC are about to go into recess. The focus is carrying out transformation work due to budget constraints. They are looking at ways to avoid duplication of roles by working together with Falkirk and Clacks to offer joint services. It is hoped over the next 2 to 3 years this will reduce costs and improve efficiency.
- Forthside studios work is ongoing

14. Matters Arising

Nothing discussed

15. Subgroup report

15.1 Social Group

There was a discussion about where the social group will sit moving forward. Will it remain a separate group as currently only MR or will it become part of the Hall group. If it was to remain separate more volunteers would be required

15.2 Resilience Group

The pads had to be replaced on the defibrillator last Christmas and there were issues getting these as the supplier had stopped production. They have a long life but need forward planning due to previous supply issues. The cost is £150 but would be good to have a spare set. CT picked up an email from the Community Police Officer. She checked with MR if she is already in contact with them regarding the resilience event. CT agreed that she would email them back.

15.3 Cambuskenneth Nature and Environment Group (CNEG) Report

James will get back to CC but nothing specific happening.

15.4 Communications Group

The new website is up and running. There have been some issues with people seeing an error message when they try to access; this is due to their own browsers caching the old site and not something that our website admins can fix. Switching browsers or connecting via mobile data may help. The address is Cambuskenneth.info.

The second edition of the newsletter has now gone out.

16. Police Report

This was received nothing on it.

17. Questions from members of the public

A member of the public who lives in a house that is isolated from the rest of the village advised that he hasn't received any mail for 2 months. He also hasn't received the stickers that are being sent as part of a pilot by SC with regards to grey bin uplift. Another member of the public who lives within the village also advised that he has been having issues with mail and has raised this with Royal Mail. Decision to monitor this going forward and not investigate further at this time.

18. AOCB

Nothing raised

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 28th September 2026 at 7.30pm