

## **APPROVED minutes of Cambusbarron Community Council Ordinary meeting 159 held Tuesday 20 February 2024 at 7pm at the Community Centre**

### **In attendance**

Ann Finlayson, Chair, AF  
Shaun Nesbitt, Planning, SN  
Lynda Simpson, LS  
Neil Benny, elected rep, NB  
Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB

Melissa Nelson, Treasurer, MN  
Jennifer Haggerty, Secretary, JH  
Dawn Marie Todd - Events Group  
PC Alistair Spike, Police, AS

### **Officers not in attendance at this meeting**

Jennifer McLeod  
David Ross  
Richard Blore

## **1 Introductions and welcome**

- 1.1 The Chair, AF, welcomed everyone to the meeting  
Apologies were received from David Ross, Mark Hill and Jennifer McLeod
- 1.2 Conflicts of interest were declared:  
Ann Finlayson– CCDT Board, Walled Garden and Management Group,  
Melissa Nelson– CCDT Walled Garden,  
Richard Blore–CCDT Management Group  
Lynda Simpson- CVN employee and director  
Jennifer Haggerty- CVN director  
Dawn Marie Todd- Events Group  
Shaun Nesbitt- none.  
Jennifer Macleod - CVN employee  
David Ross, DR
- 1.3 The minutes of the January 2024 meeting were approved. Proposed SN, seconded DMT. **ACTION HB** send to AF for Stirling Council.

## **2. Matters arising**

- 2.1 Funding for website Community Pride application - MB  
A second website quote is required for the application. **ACTION AF** to forward to MN. Initially this will just be for the Community Council. It is hoped that other groups will contribute once it is up and running.
- 2.2 Burnside Orchard - RB - awaiting Spring for new planting.
- 2.3 Benches Touch Road benches - RB - one is ready to put on site dependent on the weather. We would need more funds for a second bench.  
A specific design would be required for a WWI bench. The WWI fund has £311. Or it could come under the funds for a footpath i.e. bench and footpath.  
**ACTION MN.** There are some WWI memorial benches in Callendar.

- 2.4 Playpark improvements - AF  
James Aitman has been very helpful. The gym equipment should be going in first. The climbing tower is on order. Some residents may not be aware that new equipment will be installed, there was a discussion as to how best to publicise this.
- 2.5 Quarry Road - JM  
The Council are attending next week to deal with the slip by the burn.
- 2.6 Road sign near Walled Garden  
The restricted access sign is now in place.
- 2.7 Fleming Trust bookcase - AF
- 2.7.1 AF has got in touch with a local company, will meet to decide what is required. MN - is it worth getting the portrait done as well?
- 2.7.2 The Fleming and Goodwill Trust have merged. It was originally intended to recognise good works. There is a meeting on 29 February regarding the library. This may be a way to inform the community about this recognition scheme.
- 2.8 Who owns the land around the entrance to football park? Councillor Jen Preston taking this forward. Ongoing.
- 2.9 Rovers park bridge safety concerns – MN  
The Community Council has made every effort to find the owner of the land including checking the Land Registry, but this is proving difficult. NB suggested putting up a sign advising of the plans to construct a bridge. But it is uncertain whether the Development Trust has the capacity to do this currently not how much a bridge would cost.
- 2.10 Garages in Thomson Place – Jen Preston to query with housing.  
There are still concerns regarding these derelict structures which children climb on. **ACTION MN** to ask JP if she has had any feedback.
- 2.11 Forum 5  
We are awaiting the date of the next meeting. **ACTION AF** to ask Fern what is happening.
- 2.12 Drug use/discarded needles. No more have been spotted recently so hopefully it was an isolated incident.
- 2.13 Cambusbarron Goodwill Fund  
More people are needed to serve on this Board. Ongoing. **ACTION MN** to ask the Treasurer Janice if it can go into general funds to be managed for the community.

- 2.14 Removal of School Crossing Patrol. The Parent Council are hoping for a meeting with the Community Council. An alternative system i.e. an automated crossing, would have to be in place for seven weeks before the patrol is removed.

A rota of parents may be required to replace the patrols, but this is a big task to set up. Braehead operate this kind of system. **ACTION MN** to contact Braehead school. **ACTION NB** will find out what is happening in Cambusbarron.

- 2.15 CCDT lease from Stirling Council.  
This has been outsourced - this is ongoing.

- 2.16 Local Place Plan Review DR  
DR was not in attendance at this meeting.

### **3 Reports**

- 3.1 Police Report – PC Spike attended for part of the meeting. Report attached as Appendix I

There are no particular crime trends, incidents have been the usual: fraud, domestic incidents, public nuisance etc.

- 3.2 Concerns were raised about young people gathering in the village at night with knives. School-based officers are talking to pupils about the dangers and consequences of carrying knives. If there are concerns about specific areas, please advise the police so they can be added to the weekend policing plan.

- 3.3 Any advice on woodlands being damaged by motorbikes? The affected area is up from the Lodge on Polmaise Road, near the quarry, where the new entrance would be located if Patersons Quarry opens. The bikers have removed the safety signs and thrown them away.

Police - the bikes don't have registration plates, if the riders are wearing helmets it's difficult to identify. They could try doing patrols. A registration number for a van is insufficient, it requires a witness seeing the bikes being unloaded from the vans, and then witnessing a rider witnessing engaging in anti-social behaviour.

Patersons have been requested to block the parking area with large rocks. Making parking difficult seems the most practical solution at present.

- 3.4 Suspicion of someone growing drugs in a house - there is a strong smell, heat is coming from the property, what should the resident do? PC Spike requested more information. Crimestoppers pass on information anonymously.

- 3.5 Flat on Main Street with broken windows. Police are regularly in attendance at this household. They are aware of issues with anti-social behaviour but they can't get involved with tenancy issues.

NB - there is a major issue with some council tenants refusing repairs, e.g. boiler replacements, other work. Tenants don't want the disruption and they do not have to grant admission unlike in private lets.

### 3.2 School Report - attached as Appendix II

There was a discussion about the new plans now it has been decided not to build an extension - NB believes the CC would be informed before the end of the financial year.

The £5 million was assessed three years ago - it will purchase less now. The Council doesn't have the money, and the housing developer doesn't have to provide it until the development is complete - if this is slowed down or delayed SC will be on the hook for the money.

Concerns were expressed about the state of repair of the school. The Council has a separate budget for repairs, so these should be done.

The CC is disappointed that the school is not engaging with the community. The report, see Appendix II, says they are looking for volunteers, but they have not done this in the village. The Gala organisers have not been made welcome as apparently some children were upset at not being chosen for events.

The community has done a great deal for the school, so the current lack of communication is very disappointing.

### 3.3 Planning Report - SN

#### 3.3.1 Sign on Dumbarton Road - application has been withdrawn.

Houses at the Mill are in a different development scheme.

#### 3.3.2 SN has received information on the housing and business development at Forthside. Levelling up funding from the old MoD site.

#### 3.3.3 Residents feel there should be more fairly-priced facilities for children in the Stirling area - for example Falkirk has more soft play places and a trampoline centre.

### 3.4 Treasurer's Report - attached as Appendix III

£769.50 is available for Christmas at Cambusbarron

Greener Cambusbarron have been awarded their new funds for the bowser and tubs.

£ 2442.80 available.

### 3.5 Greener Cambusbarron - Derek MacAllister

Preparatory work has begun for this season;

- the replacement Bowser has been ordered, it should be delivered in time for the new season
- The replacement tubs for the Birkhill Road sign have been ordered from Amberol

They have also been in touch with SDC, and they have agreed to provide resources to remove the old tubs and place the new ones in position, they anticipate this work will be carried out in 4-8 weeks.

### 3.6 CCDT - AF

Attached as Appendix IV

There was an Information day at the centre. We are replanting larch felled areas and working on the drainage behind the residential boundary. We have been in touch with the Scottish Redwood Society who will provide us with Sequoia and Redwoods to plant as near as possible to the original Sequoia Grove if this is damaged. Because of the storms we have had to close the Dark Wids and several other paths. We have brought in contractors to clear as many paths and dangerous trees as possible.

Volunteering is on hold owing to an insurance problem.

Query on retaining wall structure - information to be forwarded. **ACTION JH**

### 3.7 Microgrants

Foundation Scotland Micro Grants		
Sep 2023	2024 June	
Date	Opening Balance	e £2,226.75
09/10/2023	Trash Trail	-£494.22
27/12/2023	Wee Rovers	-£500.00
19/02/2024	P7Leavers	-£500.00
		<b>£732.53</b>

## 4 Main agenda

4.1 Cambusbarron Primary School Extension/New Build Update  
See item 3.2

4.2 Safer route to school path from Seven Sisters to Underwood Cottages  
NB had received a response from the responsible officer - Stephen Spiers. He will pass on planning correspondence.

A natural, solid path is required, that can take bikes and prams and will not be muddy in the winter. **ACTION NB**

4.3 The Easter treasure hunt is going ahead.

## **5 Correspondence**

- 5.1 AC Consultation Roads - Noise barrier between St Thomas' well. Work is starting in March. They wish to erect a fence 3 metres high.  
**ACTION AF** to put on Facebook.
- 5.1 FS EQ Investment Fund Zoom webinar
- 5.2 Asset insurance – held over.
- 5.3 Park safety – held over.
- 5.4 Local licensing Board – held over
- 5.5 Unsocial neighbours – see police report item 3.5
- 5.6 Park update - thanks to James Aikman
- 5.7 Shelloch windfarm change of ownership, it is now owned by Vantage RE.  
**ACTION SN** to contact re community benefit.
- 5.8 Thanks were received from Wee Rovers for microgrant.
- 5.9 Earlsburn extension - SN got an email from Keith Geddes. They have reduced the number of turbines, seem to have Scottish Heritage on side now.
- 5.10 Burnside lighting and vegetation needing cut back email from Alan Finlayson

## **6. AOCB**

- 6.1 Christmas in Cambusbarron 2023 – held over.
- 6.2 Green space council not willing to sell – held over.
- 6.3 Polmaise Road Kings Park hospital parking – held over.
- 6.4 Handrail between Bruce Terrace and Underwood Cottages - held over.
- 6.5 Drugs - see Police report item 3.4

## **7. Date of next meeting**

- 7.1 This was confirmed as Tuesday 19 March at 7pm at the Community Centre.
- 7.2 The meeting closed at 9:10pm

**8. Meeting dates**

20/02/24	21/05/24	15/10/24
19/03/24	18/06/24	19/11/24
16/04/24	17/09/24	AGM?

**9 ACTIONS**

1.3	Approved January and draft February minutes	HB
2.1	Additional quote for website for application	AF/MN
2.3	WWI Memorial Bench	MN
2.10	Garages Thomson Place. Ask Jen Preston for update	MN
2.11	Forum 5 date of next meeting	AF
2.13	Cambusbarron Goodwill Fund	MN
2.14	School crossing patrol	NB/MN
3.6	Information on environmentally-friendly retaining walls	JH
4.2	Safer route to school path	NB
5.1	AC Consultation Roads	AF
5.7	Contact Vantage RE (Shelloch windfarm)	SN

Appendix I

<b>Name of Community Council</b>	<b>Cambusbarron Community Council meeting 20/02/2024</b>  Our priorities in the Cambusbarron area continue to be Anti-Social Behaviour, Drug Misuse/Drug Dealing, Road Safety and Community Engagement and Reassurance.  Our activity over the crime report period has been focussed towards these priorities.
<b>Crime reports</b>	<b>Crime Reports for Cambusbarron area between 16/01/2024 – 20/02/2024.</b>  <b>Detected cases: 0</b>  <b>Undetected: 4</b>

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**For crimes of Theft, Fraud, Possession of Controlled Drugs and Threatening and Abusive Behaviour.**

**From the 4 undetected noted above, the enquiries have been concluded for 1 with the report completed. The other 3 remain open with live lines of enquiry.**

**Total Crime Reports: 4**

There were 37 calls made to Police for the Cambusbarron area over the stated period. The calls relate to a number of incidents including fraud, domestic incidents, assaults, theft, neighbour disputes, public nuisance, planned shoots, concern for person calls and calls to assist members of the public.

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**Other Incidents of note/relevant Community Council information**

**DRUGS**

Efforts are always being made to obtain intelligence in relation to substance misuse and drug dealing in the Cambusbarron area.

Any information regarding substance misuse and drug dealing is welcomed, and can be reported to

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Police Scotland via Tel: 101, to Crime stoppers, or directly to the Community Officers via:

[StirlingWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:StirlingWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

**Your information/name will never be disclosed.**

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**Feedback from meeting**

Please e-mail any feedback/questions to PCs Spike and Goldie:

[StirlingWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:StirlingWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

## **Appendix II School Report**

### **1. - School Building – repairs update / Feedback from meeting notes requested**

Following on from the stormy weather we have had several sections of the roof repaired to ensure rooms are watertight. The P6 classroom was temporarily closed and children relocated to the Support for Learning Classroom downstairs. During this time repairs were carried out and a new carpet installed as the previous one was water damaged. We are awaiting repairs to the roof glazing in the top corridor which is allowing water ingress at this time.

### **2. - Attendance Policy refresh shared for feedback**

All the primary school that feed into Stirling High have been working with colleagues in Education Scotland to review and consider how we record and promote attendance at school. Over the last few years, following on from Covid 19, there has been a general decline in attendance across Scotland. Myself and colleagues from schools in Stirling and working to better understand these trends and work to proactively support families to attend school. As part of this process we conducted an Attendance Audit which highlighted a number of areas which formed an attendance action plan. Some of the points we are working on over the coming months, as highlighted by this process are;

- Reviewing how we track attendance and late coming to provide appropriate early intervention and support as required
- Reviewing how we communicate attendance / late coming in a supportive way
- Raising the profile of attendance and punctuality with all stakeholders in a positive way.

The first action point I have led on was to create a streamlined attendance protocol/ guide to share with families and have available online, and as part of our School Handbook. I was hoping to share this with the PC after the meeting and invite feedback from yourselves if possible. Once reviewed this would then be shared with the wider school community.

### **3. - Parent / Carer volunteers**

Recently we have communicated our desire, through our newsletters, for parent / carer volunteers to support the school in a number of ways. Regrettably, The response has been fairly minimal at this time but we will continue to encourage families who may have an hour or so to spare to join us. I have also reached out to

### **4. - Wider Achievement – gathering information**

Our school is keen to promote the wider achievements of our young people from outwith the school. Recognising achievement increases self-esteem, improves motivation and keeps pupils engaged in learning. We want the children to understand that all achievement in and out of school matters!

As such we are developing an approach to capture and celebrate wider achievement. This could be in many areas such as

#### **The Retired and Senior Volunteering**

Programme (**RSVP**) in Forth Valley and I am hopeful we may make some headway there. If you can think of any other ideas to further raise the profile of finding volunteers then I would be interested to hear. Even promoting this through the class Whatsapp groups would be very much appreciated.

Caring for others, making a difference in the community, Enterprise and entrepreneurship, Attending clubs or events, Activities or sports success out with school, Gaining work or volunteering skills or overcoming a personal challenge  
The challenge is how we best gather this in a way that is sustainable for families and staff.

Ideas to discuss:

- Google form promoted regularly through school comms.
- Linked to Homework for all classes as an optional activity?



5. We are investigating the formation of an accessible path through the woodland consultation has been done application made for funding.
6. CVN now looking to build nursery building outside the east wall.
7. Volunteering is on hold at the moment pending insurance renewal.
8. Because of the storms we have had to close the Dark Wids and several other paths we have had to bring in contractors with their own insurance to clear as many paths and dangerous trees as possible. The Dark Wids remains closed but most of the other paths are now open.
9. We have had a lot of problems with motorbikes accessing the woods from Patersons land coming down through the woods to Whinneyknowe removing safety signs as they go making these dangerous for walkers and mountain bikers.
10. Walled Garden has recently been awarded funding for a new polytunnel unfortunately because of volunteering being on hold there is little we can do at present. We will start planting seeds at home to avoid losing the timing for planting.