

Approved minutes of Cambusbarron Community Council Ordinary meeting 166 held Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 7pm at the Community Centre

In attendance

Ann Finlayson, Chair, AF
Lynda Simpson, LS
Jen Preston, elected rep, JP

Kevin Lawlor, Eurowind, KL

Shaun Nesbitt, Planning, SN
Dawn Marie Todd - Events Group, DMT
David McCaughie, Cairnoch Hill
Windfarm/Eurowind Energy DMcC
Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB

Officers not in attendance at this meeting.

Melissa Nelson, Treasurer - MN
Jennifer McLeod - JM
Jennifer Haggerty, Secretary, JH
Richard Blore, RB

1 Introductions and welcome

- 1.1 The Chair, AF, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
It was noted with sadness that community councillor David Ross had passed away.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Melissa Nelson, Jennifer Haggerty, Richard Blore, and Jennifer MacLeod.
- 1.3 Conflicts of interest were declared:
Ann Finlayson– CCDT Board, Walled Garden and Management Group,
Melissa Nelson– CCDT Walled Garden, Events Group
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
- 1.4 The minutes of the November 2024 meeting were approved. Proposed SN, seconded AF **ACTION HB** send to AF for Stirling Council.

ACTIONS from November

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| 1.4 | October minutes send to AF for Stirling Council | closed |
| 2.2 | Handrail between Bruce Terrace and Underwood Cottages
Still sheared off. | New ACTION JP |
| 2.3 | Ask Derek if the new website is on the Wordpress platform | closed |
| 2.5 | Playpark improvements - contact James re swing and the hole | ongoing |
| 2.5 | Rovers park bridge safety concerns - meeting to be organised | ongoing |

- 2.9 Pedestrian crossing at Foresters
Received an email - some parking is being taken away. New **ACTION AF.**
- 2.10 Local Place Plan Review - send template to AF closed
- 2.11 Safer routes to school - query progress on crossing see above 2.9
- 2.12 Park lights - general enquiries
AF now has a contact. LS also has a contact, may get a discount **ACTION LS**
- 3.1 Police Report PC Goldie happy to share contact details. closed
- 3.2 Michael Grasham to be contacted re Community Payback. ongoing
- 3.5 Microgrants - list on Facebook to encourage more applications ongoing
- 6.2 Carron Valley windfarm invite spokesperson to January meeting closed

2. Matters arising

- 2.1. Handrail between Bruce Terrace and Underwood Cottages has sheared off – **ACTION JP** to chase again.
- 2.2. Funding for website Community Pride application, MN/LS had a meeting with web designer Derek Townsend. A link to the website was circulated prior to the meeting.
- 2.3. Playpark improvements – hole in toddler area/ missing swing. If there is any rain the hole fills with water. **ACTION JP**
- 2.4. Fleming Trust bookcase - ongoing
- 2.5. Rovers Park bridge safety concerns and who owns the land around the entrance to football park – notice to be put up and tenders sought, arrange meeting with Gary from Rovers, decision to be made by March 2025
- 2.6. Cambusbarron Goodwill Fund – to speak with Marion McAllister for information for the leaflet - carry forward.
- 2.7. Pedestrian crossing at Foresters – need advice on what signage will make it safer. **ACTION AF** to contact Roads for further information.
- 2.8. Local Place Plan Review – consider putting together a wish list, this approach may receive better engagement - approach other community councils/funding to cover cost of external to carry out survey.
- 2.9. Safer route to school path is in place, need to query progress on crossing. Some parking may have to be removed. Ongoing.
- 2.10. Park lights – ongoing

3 Reports

- 3.1 Police Report
No report was received prior to the meeting.

3.2 School Report

No report was received prior to the meeting

- 3.2.1 The MUGA needs resurfacing at a cost of £14K this was agreed with the Cambusbarron Fund. Week commencing 10 February,
- 3.2.2 Dangerous trees are going to be removed. After 10 February.

3.3 Planning Report - SN

- 3.3.1 Nothing affecting the area directly. Some items of interest:
- 3.3.2 90 metre meteorological mast at Earlsburn.
- 3.3.3 New vet surgery to open 58 Glasgow Road St Ninians.
- 3.3.4 Tourist cabins - nr Craigend House, Auchenbowie
- 3.3.5 Plean and Bannockburn Exchange - proposal for several hundred homes.

3.4 Treasurer's Report MN

- 3.4.1 Attached as Appendix I
- 3.4.2 We paid for our minute taker and hall hire.
- 3.4.3 Our Admin Grant was awarded at £632.49
- 3.4.4 Foundation Scotland made Christmas in Cambusbarron & Greener Cambusbarron awards
From Batteries for our winter baskets to gifts for the goody bags the children receive at the Santa lunch have been made out of CinC
- 3.4.5 We have a new sum held in Trust for Trash Trail who was awarded £2,286.00 for outdoor first aid and DIRTT training.

So a total of £1,982.83 is available to CCC

- 3.4.6 Foundation Scotland Fund Awarded £5,710
Christmas in Cambusbarron

Heading.	Amount requested	Spent	Remains
CVN	£1,015.00.	£906.49	£108.51
Events	£2,795.00.	£2,481.21.	£313.79
Decorations	£300.00	Nil	
Lights	£600.00.	Nil	
Baskets	£300.00.	£270.31.	£29.69
Leaflets	£300.00.	£194.00.	£ 106.00
Santa lunch	£400.00.	£448.70.	Over by £48.70

3.5 Greener Cambusbarron - Derek MacAllister.

No report this month. Work will start again in February.

3.6 CCDT - AF

- 3.6.1 Defibrillator - we have received money for the defibrillator in Rovers Park. Installation will be complete soon.
- 3.6.2 Lilly Pond volunteers Saturday mornings, looking very good.
- 3.6.3 Orchard fully planted with fruit trees

- 3.6.4 Failed to get funding for the SPHN replanting area so this will be reduced this year. JP asked if has links with tree link people.
- 3.6.5 Still problems with fly tipping and motorised vehicles.
- 3.6.6 Mine shaft has been fenced off
- 3.6.7 Plans now started to fell the Dark Wids - work not until September.
- 3.7 Microgrants - MN
 - 3.7.1 We paid out a Micro Grant to toddlers for their Christmas event that included a party and a trip to the Macroberts.
 - 3.7.2 A report is to be done. **ACTION DMT**
 - 3.7.3 Earlsburn Fund successes. **ACTION AF**

4 Main agenda

- 4.1 Cairnoch Hill Windfarm (DMcC)

A public consultation was held on 26-27 November last year. This is a further opportunity to find out more about community benefit.

DMcC is a development manager for Eurowind and has worked in renewables for several years. Kevin Lawlor (KL) has been with the company for a year and has a background in geography. Most employees are in Denmark and Poland, but there are now 12 in Scotland. Their main project is on the Isle of Lewis.
- 4.2 Site - north of Carron Valley reservoir. Forestry and Land Scotland own the land. There are currently planned to be four turbines in the area. Up to 200 metres high - trend is for fewer but larger turbines. (see <https://www.carronvalleywindfarm.com/> for map of theoretical visibility.)
- 4.3 Planning application to be submitted by the end of this year. If the site is consented looking at construction 2028-29. Operational for 40 years.
- 4.4 Community engagement and support. Community benefit fund of up to £150,000 per year, index-linked to the operational lifetime of the scheme. We don't yet have a defined area or division of pots, we are currently getting ideas, finding out how things have run in the past, what would be the best way forward. Carron Valley & District CC, Fintry CC, Cambusbarron CC, and Denny CC are interested parties. Money off electricity bills is a common benefit in some areas. Eurowind would welcome ideas from communities.
- 4.5 Community investment - offering 20% equity in the scheme in return for investment. This might be a joint project between different community councils.
- 4.6 Supply chain opportunities - there will be open days nearer the time to see how local companies could get involved with the project.
- 4.7 Under 50 megawatts so the planning decision will be decided by Stirling Council. There are potential scenarios where the Scottish Government gets involved. Statutory bodies are involved, e.g. Historic Scotland, which is why it can take a long time.
- 4.8 A grid connection has been secured for 2029-31.

4.9 DMcC will forward a pdf of the presentation. **ACTION DMcC**

5 Correspondence

5.1 No relevant correspondence.

6. AOCB

6.1 Posters for KSB spring clean March 21– April 21. Carry over.

6.2 Path between village and Seven Sisters. There had been discussion about protected trees. Scott now says we can't have any sort of path. We need a path that prams, bikes and children can use. (Ideally with lighting.) Active Travel Team may be best placed to move this forward. **ACTION JP**

7. Date of next meeting

7.1 This was confirmed as Tuesday 18 February at 7pm at the Community Centre.

7.2 The meeting closed at 9pm.

8. Meeting dates 2025

18.02.25

18.03.25

15.04.25

20.05.25 AGM

17.06.25

16.09.25

21.10.25

18.11.25

9. ACTIONS update

9.1 Carried over from November/updated action

2.12 Park lights - LS has a contact, may get a discount LS

9.2 Actions from January meeting

2.1 Handrail between Bruce Terrace and Underwood Cottages JP

2.3. Playpark improvements – hole in toddler area AF

2.7. Pedestrian crossing at Foresters - Roads AF

3.7.2 Microgrant report DMT

3.7.3 Microgrant Earlsburn successes AF

4.9 Carron Valley Windfarm pdf of presentation DMcC

6.2 Path village – Seven Sisters Active Travel Team JP

Appendix II

Cambusbarron Community Council Main Account

Date	Opening balance	£8,845.01
07/11/24	Toddlers Christmas M/Grant	-£500
07/11/24	C/Centre Hall hire	-£30.40
11/11/24	Helen Bang AGM fee	-£10
12/11/24	Stirling Council Admin Grant	£632.49
15/11/24	D&M Wreath Donation 4/11	-£25.00
18/11/24	D&M MacAllister Winter plant G/C	-£34.20
25/11/24	Ann F Batteries CinC	-£31.89
25/11/24	Monument Press Leaflets CinC	-£194.00
26/11/24	Foundation Scotland Cinc & Trash	£7,996.00
02/12/24	Helen Bang Minute taker	-£50.00
02/12/24	Ann F Batteries CinC	-£73.92
02/12/24	Ann F Batteries CinC	-£64.50
03/12/24	Foundation Scotland Greener/Carr	£1,500
09/12/24	Ann F Gifts inside bags pub lunch	-£239.65
09/12/24	C/Centrev Hall hire	-£30.40
19/12/24	CVN project for CinC	-£906.49
19/12/24	Melissa N gift for Fiona CinC	-£50.00
19/12/24	Melissa N gift for Santa CinC	-£27.00
19/12/24	White Vines Gift CinC	-£50.00
19/12/24	Ann F Items for gifts Pub lunch Cir	-£132.70

£16,523.35

Available Funds to CCC

£1,982.83

Of this the sum held in trust are

Newsletter	£265.00
WWW1 Exhib	£315.00
Quarry/Fpaths	£442.61
Greener Cambs	£3,005.76
Elephant I T Sky	£280.00
Touch K/BSeats	£60.00
Micro Grants	£928.53
Covid-19 S/C	£289.36
Covid-19 W/F	£80.96
King GV P/Bencf	£1,480.00
Trolleys	£19.02
Christmas in Cambusbarron	£4,418.28
Website	£670.00
Trash Trail	£2,286.00

£14,540.52