

**APPROVED minutes of Cambusbarron Community Council Ordinary meeting
160 held Tuesday 19 March 2024 at 7pm at the Community Centre**

In attendance

Ann Finlayson, Chair, AF
Shaun Nesbitt, Planning, SN
Richard Blore, RB
Sarah Jane Dunbar, STA
Luke Scrivens, TPO Council
Drew Hill, Transport Scotland, DH
Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB

Melissa Nelson, Treasurer, MN
Lynda Simpson, LS
Jen Macleod, JM
Scott Farmer, elected rep, SF
Anna Johnstone, STA
Gordon Boyd, BEAR Scotland, GB

Officers not in attendance at this meeting

Jennifer Haggerty, Secretary, JH
Dawn Marie Todd - Events Group, DMT

1 Introductions and welcome

- 1.1 The Chair, AF, welcomed everyone to the meeting especially the guests from Transport Scotland/BEAR and Stirling Tenants' Association.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Jennifer Haggerty and Headteacher Mark Hill.
- 1.3 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
- 1.4 The minutes of the February 2024 meeting were approved with no amendments. Proposed MN, seconded AF. **ACTION HB** send to AF for Stirling Council.

2. Matters arising

- 2.1 Funding for website Community Pride application - MB
Web designer Derek Townsend, MN and LS will have a meeting shortly.
- 2.2 Burnside Orchard - RB. Ongoing. Clear-up to take place prior to planting.
- 2.3 Benches Touch Road - RB. Ongoing.
- 2.4 Playpark improvements - AF
The climbing frame has been ordered. Gym equipment is to be installed before Easter.

- 2.5 Fleming Trust bookcase - AF
AF is to make an appointment to finalise details. Marion MacAllister will provide a portrait of Mr Fleming to go besides it.
- 2.6 Who owns the land around the entrance to football park? An email from Jen Preston advised to put up a notice saying work is to happen, if no one comes forward then to go ahead. Insurance will still be required - will Foundation Scotland provide funding if we can't prove ownership? This was possible for the steps.
Decision: Agreed unanimously: This to now go into planning on agenda. LS to produce poster. Technical wording necessary - maybe in email from Jen Preston.
- LS pointed out the Seven Year Boundary Rule - this may apply in this area.
ACTION LS to look further into this.
- 2.7 Rovers park bridge safety concerns – MN see 2.6
- 2.8 Garages in Thomson Place – ongoing.
- 2.9 Forum 5 - SF
There will be a discussion group of CC Chairs to discuss the Forum 5 replacement.
- 2.10 Cambusbarron Goodwill Fund - MN
MN spoke to Marion MacAllister - ongoing.
- 2.11 Removal of School Crossing Patrol.
There was very poor communication regarding road closure, signs went up but it was unclear which section of road was to be closed. The crossing patrol is to be replaced by an electronic crossing, the crossing patrol will be there until this is up and operating.
- 2.16 Local Place Plan Review DR
Unfortunately DR has had to step back for the time being. Ideally we would like to find more local people to take this forward.
Information can go on Facebook and the new website when up and running. SF, it is important to put something in to put a marker down. **ACTION AF** to check on dates from SC website.

3 Reports

- 3.1 Police Report attached as Appendix I
- 3.2 School Report – none received this month.
- 3.3 Planning Report - SN
Murray's Wood - Touch Reservoir Road - Ogilvie tree felling permission for vehicle access.

- 3.4 Treasurer's Report - attached as Appendix II
Payments made in February
Hall hire for January
Hall hire outstanding from August
Hall hire in November
Hall hire for Christmas in Cambusbarron cinema night.
Payment to SCH supplies for the electric water bowsers (unfortunately I misread the invoice hence that's why 2 payments were made.)
Amberol Ltd, for Greener Cambusbarron
Award to P7 parents for their leavers party
A payment Helen Bang for a minute taking.

This leaves Cambusbarron community council with available sum of £2,277.76

With regards to the hall hire, we do put in our administration/minute taking in March for the new financial year, as we claim this back.

- 3.5 Greener Cambusbarron - Derek MacAllister.
- 3.6 CCDT - AF is awaiting insurance so they can have volunteers. Over 1000 trees have been planted. Some seedlings were saved from the quarry. Unfortunately, there had been some vandalism on the route to the castle.
- 3.7 Microgrants - MN
£732 - in communication with Foundation Scotland regarding applying for further funding. It was suggested that it would be good to have Christmas lights for the village.

4 Main agenda

- 4.1 BEAR M9 Sound Barrier. St Thomas' Well. GB and DH attended and made a presentation regarding developments.
Sabre website has historic maps of the area and how it was developed.
BEAR has a contract to repair potholes, bridges etc. on motorways and trunk roads. There are nine directorates at Transport Scotland handling different areas e.g. road, rail, transport strategy, major projects, low carbon economy.
With regard to roads there are various operating companies including BEAR.

Transportation Noise Action Plan - this is a requirement of the EU Environmental Noise Directive. The objective is to ensure noise management is incorporated into all transport-related activities. It costs £600-700 per metre for basic noise management, more complex barriers cost more.

Noise pollution is unwanted or excessive sound that can have deleterious effects on human health, wildlife and environmental quality. It is commonly generated in industrial facilities, road, railway and airplane traffic and outdoor construction activities.

House of Lords report on the *Neglected pollutants; the effects of artificial light and noise on human health* was published in July 2023.

Candidate Noise Management Areas (CNMA) locations - St Thomas' Well and Stewart Street. Surveys were conducted to find average noise levels. Information is available on the website 'Scotland's Noise' - from postcode can find details from this survey.

Monitoring took place at three locations to assess the current impact of road traffic at properties closest to the M9. They were between 67 and 75dB. Proposal is a 3m high 280m long noise barrier along the existing pathway of the post and rail boundary fence line which should provide -13 to - 15db noise attenuation.

2024-2028 - going forward Transport Scotland are looking at the mapping of all road and rail in Scotland. They are looking at options such as: 20 minute neighbourhoods, 20mph zones, active travel, 20% car km reduction, blue green infrastructure, just transition, net zero, low emission zones. natural capital and remote sensing.

They are also looking at the position of the barrier, e.g. it might be better at the bottom of the slope. A crash barrier might also be required if the barrier is very close to the boundary.

Some residents have raised concerns about the loss of views.

Stewart Street - Transport Scotland have not yet contacted residents in this area as it is still in the early planning stages.

It was pointed out that the new housing development at Home Farm had a barrier erected as part of the construction process.

Final decision: Transport Scotland are still in listening mode currently.

Only one resident impacted by St Thomas' Well had been in touch following a CC Facebook post, but residents in other areas got in touch - their properties would be under the Stewart Street barrier if it were to go ahead.

St Thomas Well Community Liaison details to be provided to Transport Scotland by Luke Scrivens.

4.2 Stirling tenants' forum SJD, LS, WD

The group is looking to contact more council tenants. They would be grateful if such residents could get in touch with the organisation. Previously there were over 50 such associations but there is now only one. Following lockdown they are trying to create a new approach and get in touch with new people.

They recognise that attending meetings is not for everyone, but there are opportunities to get involved online, looking at tenant-led inspections, and questions such as why are rents set at certain levels? why are some properties left empty for months at a time? the housing advisory group take forward recommendations - e.g. changes wanted by the residents to improve things. Training and support is provided.

When a tenant is signing a new lease, information about the tenants' forum is included, in the handbook etc.

Achievements

LS and WD attended a group who do the allocation policy over at least six months. Some of the information was irrelevant and could be replaced. The new, improved version of the application form has been well-received.

Unsatisfactory repairs - in such cases the forum can take action on behalf of a tenant.

Anti-social behaviour - the forum can refer a case to the correct department.

When a tenant has their six months' visit, this is a good time to advise them about the forum. A leaflet was provided and will be put on the Facebook page. **ACTION AF.** www.stirlingtenantsassembly.co.uk

4.3 Seven Sisters Community Fund

This was earmarked for transport, community and school - can this money be accessed or is it controlled by Stirling Council? SF this would be SC money. Can residents contact David Wilson Homes? No, it was a section 75 and once this in place it cannot be altered.

4.4 Safer route to school path from Seven Sisters to Underwood Cottages - AF

Hopefully we can get the woodland path as discussed at the February meeting. **ACTION AF** to contact Neil Benny.

4.5 Cambusbarron Community Fund update - AF

Money from Foundation Scotland from windfarms, some from Earlsburn, some from Kingsburn. Shelloch and Drumarnock - community payback from these projects is still uncertain. **ACTION AF** to email Rachel at Foundation Scotland.

5 Correspondence

5.1 DF Promotions, the organisers of Stirling Summer Sessions, hosting Safety Advisory Group meeting with elected members and community councils 25/03/24. Resident sessions earmarked for 17/04/24 and 13/05/24.

5.2 Bus service complaint. The driver seemed not to know the route.

5.3 Notice of postponement of road closure and suspension of parking at Mill Hill / Northend / The Brae until later in the year.

5.4 Notice of Main Street closure road closing on 18/3 notification only going to Observer on Wednesday 20/3/24. Poor communication caused great confusion and concern to residents. See item on school crossing patrol 2.11.

5.5 Burnside lighting and vegetation requiring cutback - e-mail from Alan Finlayson. Access Officer - Mairi McIntosh. **ACTION MN.**

- 5.6 School update. The Education authorities are unable to visit until the May CC meeting.
- 5.7 Local licensing Board, anyone interested in joining? Ongoing.
- 5.8 Shelloch windfarm update change of ownership SN in contact with Kate Turner also happy to attend a meeting (not the same as Keith Geddes). Education are attending in May so this would not be a good date. June might be better.
- 5.9 Earlsburn update - Keith Geddes emailed SN advised hoped to attend April meeting but not sure if he will have enough information by then. **ACTION SN.**
- 5.10 FS EQ investment fund anyone interested?
This is money put aside for the future.

6. **AOCB**

- 6.1 Green space - the council used to sell small pockets of land to residents but now this is being refused. It is a small area of land the resident wishes to fence to provide a play area. Has there been a policy change? The resident appealed a decision but has not heard back.
- 6.2 Handrail between Bruce Terrace and Underwood Cottages.
This has sheared off and is dangerous. Possibly something for the development plan. See item 2.16.
- 6.3 MN had a meeting with Shelby from Land Services – they are sowing pollinating plants on Murray Place. Owing to cutbacks some areas in the park will not have bedding plants. MN suggested approaching Greener Cambusbarron initially. **ACTION MN.**

7. **Date of next meeting**

- 7.1 This was confirmed as Tuesday 16 April at 7pm at the Community Centre.
- 7.2 The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

8. **Meeting dates**

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

9 **ACTIONS**

- 1.4 Approved February and draft March minutes to AF HB
- 2.6 Land around football park – notices LS
- 2.16 Local place plan AF
- 4.2 Stirling Tenants' Association information AF
- 4.4 Safer route to school AF
- 4.5 Windfarms – Foundation Scotland AF

5.5	Burnside vegetation – access officer	MN
5.8	Keith Geddes invitation	SN
6.3	Bedding plants for park	MN

Appendix I Police Report

<p>Name of Community Council</p>	<p>Cambusbarron Community Council meeting 19/03/2024</p> <p>Our priorities in the Cambusbarron area continue to be Anti-Social Behaviour, Drug Misuse/Drug Dealing, Road Safety and Community Engagement and Reassurance.</p> <p>Our activity over the crime report period has been focussed towards these priorities.</p>
<p>Crime reports</p>	<p>Crime Reports for Cambusbarron area between 21/02/2024 – 18/03/2024.</p> <p>Detected cases: 2</p> <p>For crimes of threatening and abusive behaviour and possession of a controlled substance. Both have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.</p> <p>Undetected: 5</p> <p>For crimes of Thefts, Road Traffic Offences and Fraud.</p> <p>From the 5 undetected noted above all of them remain open with live lines of enquiry.</p>

	<p>Total Crime Reports: 4</p> <p>There were 36 calls made to Police for the Cambusbarron area over the stated period. The calls relate to a number of incidents including suspect persons, police generated activity, road traffic matters, theft, planned shoots, concern for person calls, communication offences and calls to assist members of the public.</p>
<p>Other Incidents of note/relevant Community Council information</p>	<p>DRUGS</p> <p>Efforts are always being made to obtain intelligence in relation to substance misuse and drug dealing in the Cambusbarron area.</p> <p>Any information regarding substance misuse and drug dealing is welcomed, and can be reported to Police Scotland via Tel: 101, to Crime stoppers, or directly to the Community Officers via:</p> <p>StirlingWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>Your information/name will never be disclosed.</p>
<p>Feedback from meeting</p>	<p>Please e-mail any feedback/questions to PCs Spike and Goldie:</p> <p>StirlingWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk</p>

