

**APPROVED minutes of Cambusbarron Community Council Ordinary meeting  
173 held Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 7pm at the Community Centre**

**In attendance**

Ann Finlayson, Chair, AF  
Jennifer Haggerty, Secretary, JH  
Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB

Shaun Nesbitt, Planning, SN  
Neil Benny, elected rep, NB

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

Melissa Nelson, Treasurer - MN  
Richard Blore, RB  
Jennifer McLeod - JM  
Lynda Simpson, LS

**1 Introductions and welcome**

- 1.1 The Chair, AF, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Melissa Nelson and Lynda Simpson.
- 1.3 Conflicts of interest were declared:  
Ann Finlayson – CCDT Board, Walled Garden and Management Group,  
Melissa Nelson – Events Group  
Richard Blore – Karate  
Lynda Simpson– CVN director  
Jennifer Haggerty– CVN director  
Shaun Nesbitt– none.  
Jennifer Macleod – CVN employee
- 1.4 Minutes of the September 2025 and October 2025 meetings:  
September proposed AF and seconded JH  
October approved SN awaiting seconded??? MN.  
**ACTION HB** send to AF for Stirling Council.

**2. Matters arising from previous agenda**

- 2.1 Park benches - payment pending.
- 2.2 Village Christmas Lights – applied for £5k from Cambusbarron Fund. MN and AF met with Plean Development Trust and Community Council. They obtained all of the connections at the Council and at Lightways in Larbert and lights from Blachere. We had got approval for £5K but it turns out that we require £6K and additional work is required, so we are too late for this year.

Ian McNiven says we can only have lights in the centre of the village as they are paying for the electricity. This was raised with NB. Policy is to avoid a distraction on the road. The CC would like Home Farm Road to feel included as part of the village. **ACTION NB** to enquire.

We are waiting on Ian McNiven from Street Lighting to get back to us regarding the lights for lamp posts.

If the timing works out, MN's husband is prepared to collect the lights.

- 2.3 Fleming Trust bookcase - AF emailed the furniture maker but it was bounced back. Ongoing.
- 2.4 Rovers Park bridge safety concerns and who owns the land around the entrance to football park – quote received, this is for £30K, Gary to discuss options with RB - ongoing. RB has suggested a concrete slab like the one at the entrance to Gillies Hill. This is to be investigated - cost approx £900.  
**ACTION AF** to get back to Gary for an update.
- 2.5 Pedestrian crossing at Foresters – need advice on what signage will make it safer – SC Roads Dept/Angela McGibbon have applied for order re required changes – waiting for Traffic Road Order – chase up. We had been advised that we would lose parking, but no update has been received. It is not clear who has priority on the road. A sign advising 'new road layout' would be helpful.
- 2.6 Local Place Plan Review – in the latest Autumn update leaflet there is a QR code with two short questions for residents.
- 2.7 Pedestrian crossing. There was a discussion regarding a recent RTA where a child broke a leg. There are also concerns about the other crossing at Seven Sisters - there are no markings and it is not obviously a crossing.
- 2.8 Path Underwood cottages through wood to crossing Seven Sisters - see email reply to Scott Farmer. A path has been ruled out according to an email from Stephen Spiers.

There was a discussion regarding tree preservation orders on self-seeded birch, NB has been looking into this. Tree maintenance has not been carried out. The tree preservation orders were not brought to the CC.

There was a discussion about the road safety aspect of this, clear signage is necessary. **ACTION NB**

- 2.9 Park lights – LS has two enquiries out on this and will update at the January meeting.
- 2.10 Bruce terrace access – lift the no pavement ban as 2 fire engines had difficulty accessing and turning, no parking sign now installed this was requested almost a year ago but tonight at least one car parked how is this policed?  
**ACTION AF**
- 2.11 Can we access housing allocations re number from homeless list placed in Cambusbarron which seems excessive to our area - numbers have been received but further information is not available owing to confidentiality issues. NB advised that a sensitive lettings policy is now only put in place in certain areas e.g. sheltered housing or specially-adapted accommodation. Evictions

are not possible in most circumstances. There are concerns about anti-social behaviour in blocks with a large number of older residents, and which are on a school route.

- 2.12 Website – MN to provide HB with login details. **ACTION MN**
- 2.13 School extension - there has not been a recent update since the meeting in September. NB advised that the aim is to confirm the project brief - to confirm in financial year 2025-2026 (ends March.) **ACTION AF** CC enquiries.
- 2.14 MUGA. We had £13K from the Cambusbarron Fund, special circumstances as it is usually a maximum of £10K but had to be delayed because of the announcement of the school extension - if it had to be lifted would they replace it? No such commitment was received. By the time this was eventually confirmed, an additional £900 was required as it had been a further year since the quote was received, the CC does not have this. The headteacher is now trying to raise these additional funds. Tracy Milne and Bryony Monaghan are the contacts in Education at SC. **ACTION AF** to provide NB with exact figures. **ACTION NB** to look into this.
- 2.15 Land south of the school. An outdoor classroom was part of the original plan but when the extension was announced, the land was handed back, but it is now in a poor state. The larch needs removing, the trees have just been left. They were supposed to remove diseased ash. Concerns have been expressed regarding the safety of some paths because trees have not been cleared. **ACTION NB** to make enquiries.
- 2.16 Path between Gillies Hill and Wallace Place. This has not been maintained, it is now overgrown and inaccessible - the hedge used to be maintained but no longer is. It is now the responsibility of the homeholder. **ACTION AF** CC enquiries.
- 2.17 The give way lines at Murray Place, Gillies Hill, Underwood Cottages junction need to be renewed. It was not resurfaced at the same time as other roads in the area. **ACTION AF** CC enquiries.
- 2.18 The pavement between village SHS Seven Sisters needs to be cleared of leaves as it is a slip hazard for primary and secondary pupils walking to school. **ACTION AF** CC enquiries.

### **3 Reports**

- 3.1 Police Report - see Appendix I
- 3.2 School Report - see Appendix II
- 3.3 Planning Report - SN
  - 3.3.1 Approval with conditions for Allan Park South Church 22 Dumbarton Road to a restaurant.

3.3.2 Craighend House near Auchenbowie - Wellness sanctuary including chalets, yurts, parking.

3.3.3 SN attended Nadara Open Day in Inverness. **ACTION SN** forward report to HB. See Appendix IV

3.4 Treasurer's Report MN - see Appendix II  
Description of transactions.

1) Payment made to CVN to support staff to buy waterproof clothing from the M/Grant funding.

2) The bank monthly service charge fee out of the availability funds to the community council (admin)

3) The Administration and Minute Taker Grant Payment.

Available funds to the CC is £1,997.53

3.5 Microgrants - MN

3.5.1 This may go up to £3K next year.

3.6 Greener Cambusbarron - Derek MacAllister. Baskets are all stored away. Christmas baskets have been put up.

3.7 CCDT - AF

3.7.1 The Dark Wuids will be finished in the next three weeks.

#### **4 AOCB**

4.1 Has Council suspension of large item uplifts led to an increase in fly tipping? NB thought it was just whilst the new bins were rolled out. It has been suspended until January/February.

4.2 SN queried whilst paint not collected - it needs to be solid - e.g. add cat litter, sand to make it a solid.

#### **5 Correspondence**

5.1 Email from Janice Common, Barony Court, re safety of fireworks. **ACTION AF** to forward the events group.

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

7.1 This was confirmed as Tuesday 20 January 2026

7.2 The meeting closed at 9pm.

#### **8. Meeting dates 2025-26**

20.01.26

17.02.26

17.03.26

21.04.26

19.05.26 (AGM)

16.06.26

## 9. ACTIONS

1.4	Minutes of previous meetings to AF for Stirling Council	HB
2.2	Village Christmas lights	NB
2.4	Rovers Park bridge	AF
2.8	Path Underwood cottages	NB
2.10	Bruce terrace access	AF
2.12	Website login details to HB	MN
2.13	School extension CC enquiries	AF
2.14	MUGA	NB
2.15	Land south of the school	NB
2.17	The give way lines at Murray Place etc. CC enquiries	AF
2.18	The pavement between village SHS Seven Sisters CC enquiries	AF
3.3.3	Nadara Open Day report to HB	SN
5.1	Fireworks complaint refer Events	AF

### Appendix II School Report

School Report - Nov 25

#### **School Build**

No update since the last meeting on 18th Sept. I have contacted the team at Stirling Council

and asked for an update and a sense of a timeline that illustrates how the parent / wider

community can help to shape whatever comes next. I will keep you posted once I have more

information.

#### **MUGA**

As you will be aware I have been communicating with the initial company who was tasked

with refurbishing the surface of the MUGA. I am aware of the monies that the Community

Council have secured for this and want to be sure this is the best quote possible. Following a

discussion with Headteachers in our local Learning Community a recommendation for Sovereign Play was given. I met with Ben from Sovereign last week and I am expecting

a quote this week. Once I have this I will compare and finalise arrangements.

#### **Charitable Partnerships**

As a school and nursery we are delighted to have raised over £500 of Children in Need last

week. Children were encouraged to come to school wearing yellow in cosy clothing and

make a donations. Work was done to explore the purpose of Children in Need and we even

had a special visit from Pudsey himself.

We are grateful to our Children and families for raising £165.35 for the Scottish Poppy Appeal .Our P7's took the lead on this and did an excellent job in spreading the message,

collecting t monies and making a positive difference.

### **Scottish Book Week**

This week we will be celebrating Scottish Book Week with lots of activities in the school and

nursery. Children will have the opportunity to participate in a book themed treasure hunt,

book quizzes, join in snack and story sessions led by our P7's, participate in a 'Book Bestie

Bazaar'

- for a chance to find a new book bestie where the children can select a pre-loved book to take home and keep.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

Last week all classes participated in anti-bullying activities to highlight what powers each and

every one of us has when we choose to be kind. We explored what to do in you, or a friend,

is feeling they are being bullied and how the adults around you can support. Our Wellbeing

Warriors created and shared a new song that included our school values at the assembly

and our Digital Leaders talked about keeping yourself safe online too. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring this topic.

### Appendix Police Report

<b>Name of Community Council</b>	<b>Cambusbarron Community Council meeting 18/11/2025</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 on these priorities.
<b>Crime reports</b>	<b>Crime Reports for Cambusbarron area between 22/10/2025 – 17/11/2025</b>  <b>Total Crime Reports: 1</b>  <b>Un-detected cases: 1</b>  Theft x 1

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	<p>Case has since been closed with no further lines of enquiry.</p> <p><b>999/101 CALLS</b></p> <p>There were 12 calls made to Police for the Cambusbarron area over the stated period. The calls relate to a several incidents including road traffic issues, theft, concern for persons, planned shoots, domestic issues, disturbances and calls to assist members of the public.</p>
<p><b>Other Incidents of note/relevant Community Council information</b></p>	<p><b>DRUGS</b></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><a href="mailto:ForthValleyPoliceStirling@scotland.police.uk">ForthValleyPoliceStirling@scotland.police.uk</a></p> <p><b>Your information/name will never be disclosed.</b></p>
<p><b>Feedback from meeting</b></p>	<p>Please e-mail any feedback/questions to PC Goldie and PC Hunter:</p> <p><a href="mailto:ForthValleyPoliceStirling@scotland.police.uk">ForthValleyPoliceStirling@scotland.police.uk</a></p>



years old, and generate 17MW of power with 9 new turbines generating 54 MW. Such is the advance in technology!

After lunch we saw two organisations in Alness which both operate in the recycling and renewable sector.

ILM Highland is a charitable organisation which specialises in collecting and refurbishing waste electrical equipment. They offer a particular service to the elderly and disabled. Remarkably they are the only organisation of its kind in the UK.

Gael Energy specialises in refurbishing wind turbine mechanisms to extend their working lives. They presently operate in the UK market but are considering extending their operations into Europe.

In the evening we were shown a video of Nadara's various community involvement projects. The community owned village shop in Gargunnock featured prominently in this.