

**APPROVED minutes of Cambusbarron Community Council Ordinary meeting
175 held Tuesday 17 February at 7pm at the Community Centre**

In attendance

Ann Finlayson, Chair, AF
Lynda Simpson, LS
Scott Farmer, elected rep, SF
Melissa Nelson, Treasurer - MN
Jennifer McLeod - JM

Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB

Officers not in attendance at this meeting.

Jennifer McLeod, Shaun Nesbitt, Richard Blore.

1 Introductions and welcome

- 1.1 The Chair, AF, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - 1.2 Apologies were received from
 - 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 The minutes of the January 2026 meetings were approved

Proposed, AF seconded MN. **ACTION HB** send to AF for Stirling Council.
2. Matters arising from previous agenda
- 2.1 Village Christmas Lights – applied for £5k from Cambusbarron Fund but now need £6k, use Christmas in Cambusbarron money? Obtained connections at SC and Lightways, and lights from Blachere. Need to enquire about lights extending from centre of village to include Home Farm Road. NB to enquire. **ACTION AF** to circulate lights to choose. We are going to apply for further funding. We are still awaiting a reply from Neil Benny regarding having lights extended past the park, and some at the entrance to Home Farm Road and Seven Sisters to make these communities feel included. The CC is aware that new lamp posts cannot be used.
 - 2.2 Fleming Trust bookcase - ongoing. It was agreed to try to find a local person who can make a display cabinet. **ACTION AF.**

- 2.3 Rovers Park bridge safety concerns and who owns the land around the entrance to football park – a quote has been received, Gary to discuss options with RB – ongoing. If the bridge is replaced with a wider one, the larger tractor can be used to cut the grass - this would be much quicker and cheaper. AF - the quote and plan has to be submitted in time for the community fund application deadline 6 March. (It can't wait until September.) **ACTION MN** advise RB and Gary.
- 2.4 Local Place Plan Review – HB has sent Carron Valley local place plan draft for review, MN to check with Foundation Scotland if funding is available to assist. QR code to Google Form was included in Autumn update leaflet but only had 8 responses. MN met with Pauline from Stirling Council. The action plan done in 2019 can be used as the basis for the new plan. Can apply for up to £800 for someone to put the document together. It's been suggested to utilise maps in local venues, e.g. library, nursery, school. It was suggested to get children to draw pictures of what they would like in their community.
- 2.5 Park lights – LS is waiting for a quote. Options seem expensive. It was agreed to take this item off the agenda until more funds are available. **ACTION JH**
- 2.6 Website – ongoing. **ACTION MN** to contact Derek Townsend for website log in details.
- 2.7 School extension – no update since September workshop, project brief to be confirmed by end March. We have still not had any update. SF said there was a Ward 5 review and the school was raised. It was made clear to the head of education that if there was any update it was imperative that the CC was informed and involved. There was also a constituent enquiry, SF shared an update from Tracey Mills with the CC. It refers to the September meeting. Initial feasibility, design and costings have not yet been shared with the school community as budgets etc. are still to be approved by the Council in the capital programme - that meeting is on 26 February. Officers will meet with stakeholders once the proposal/budget is approved.
- AF expressed concerns about the delay as there is money from Seven Sisters but the longer this takes the less far the money will go. SF usually Section 75 was linked to inflation, this one was not so the costs have increased.
- 2.8 MUGA – confirmed that the MUGA would be relocated if extension uses the area. Additional £900 is required, NB to put AF in touch with Tracey Mills to discuss funding. The CC has not had an update on this so £14K has been paid to the school. We need to keep in touch with the headteacher as a report will have to be completed for this funding. **ACTION MN** to email Carol to find out when work begins. This item can come off the agenda. **ACTION JH.**
- 2.9 Land adjacent to school – CC enquiry sent, some dangerous trees on SC land have been removed but more to be done. Some dead ash trees are by the wall where people walk, and at the entrance to the outdoor classroom. **ACTION AF** email SF pictures of trees.

- 2.10 Path between Gillies Hill and Wallace Place has not been maintained - used to be SC, it is now the responsibility of homeowner. AF received email from Jamie Stokoe saying the hedge will be cut back asap. This item can be removed from the agenda. **ACTION JH**
- 2.11 The Give Way lines at Murray Place/Gillies Hill/Underwood Cottages need to be repainted. This and the road resurfacing is to be discussed in the budget meeting on 26 February. JH pointed out that the drains on Gillies Hill need clearing of leaves. This item can be removed from the agenda.
ACTION JH
- 2.12 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 This has been done. This item can be removed from the agenda. **ACTION JH**
- 2.13 Underwood cottages to Seven Sisters hardcore path. It has been difficult to find out who would be responsible for doing this. SF had a meeting with Neil Benny and Jen Preston about the quarry, there should be a meeting with planning and shortly and this could be raised at that time. **ACTION AF** to email CC enquiries to get contact.
- 2.14 Quarry roadworks. The councillors have had a meeting, see 2.13. They are waiting for a reply from the planning department.
- 2.15 Why is the speed limit 40 mph on Polmaise Road? It should be 30mph like Kersebonny Road. **ACTION SF.**

3 Reports

- 3.1 Police Report. No police attended this meeting. Report attached as Appendix I There were concerns about references to a child offending and being diverted to Early and effective intervention.
- 3.2 School Report. No report received.
- 3.3 Planning Report - SN, Nothing for this area.
- 3.4 Treasurer's Report MN - Attached as Appendix II
- 3.4.1 3 payments from Christmas in Cambusbarron fund.
- 3.4.2 The Christmas lights are going to be deducted from the Christmas at Cambusbarron Fund and listed as a separate item.
- 3.4.3 Benches now have £2100 as the quarry/path moneys have been moved across.
- 3.4.4 £1793.58 available.
- 3.4.5 We need to find a new bank account as we are being charged by Bank of Scotland. **ACTION MN.**

3.5 Microgrants - MN
There is £443.01 in the account currently.

We will have the annual P7 expenditure later this year, so will need more funds. To be discussed at the panel.

3.6 Greener Cambusbarron - Derek MacAllister. Work is to start in the Spring. Some litter picking has been carried out.

3.7 CCDT - AF

3.7.1 The paths are being done, the Dark Wuids are being cleared.

3.7.2 14 and 15 March volunteer days.

4 Main agenda

4.1 Section 75 funding. AF would like to know to how it is planned to spend this money. She has raised a CC enquiry. The community has concerns about inappropriate road markings for crossings near Seven Sisters. Is there money available for this?

4.2 Polmaise Road works connected with quarry 16 conditions. Also see item 2.14 Andy says he's starting work on the access road at the end of February, but we thought the Polmaise Road had to be completed first.

5 AOCB

5.1 A copy of the approved minutes used to be displayed in the community centre, this could be reinstated. **ACTION AF** to speak to Laura about this.

6 Correspondence

AF was contacted on social media re yellow lines at the foresters for crossing. The resident who raised this did not attend the meeting. It was felt that this is now safer.

7 Date of next meeting

7.1 This was confirmed as Tuesday 17 March 2026 at 7pm at the Community Centre.

7.2 The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

8. Meeting dates 2025-26

17.03.26

21.04.26

19.05.26 (AGM)

16.06.26

9. ACTIONS

1.4 Approved January minutes and draft February minutes to AF HB

2.2 Fleming Trust bookcase AF

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| 2.3 | Rovers bridge - deadline 6 March advise RB and Gary | MN |
| 2.5 | Park lights - item can be removed from agenda | JH |
| 2.6 | MN to contact Derek Townsend re website log in details | MN |
| 2.8 | MUGA AF to email to find out when work is to begin. | AF |
| | Item can be removed from agenda | JH |
| 2.9 | AF to email SF photos of dangerous trees | AF |
| 2.10 | Path Gillies Hill and Wallace Place - remove from agenda | JH |
| 2.11 | Give Way lines at Murray Place - remove from agenda | JH |
| 2.12 | Pavement between village/SHS/Seven Sisters - remove from agenda | JH |
| 2.13 | Hardcore path | AF |
| 2.15 | Speed limit Polmaise Road | SF |
| 3.4.5 | New bank account | MN |
| 5.1 | Approved minutes for the community centre | AF |

Name of Community Council	Cambusbarron Community Council meeting 17/02/2026 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.
Crime reports	Crime Reports for Cambusbarron area between 18/01/2026 – 15/02/2026 Total Crime Reports: 7 Detected cases: 3 Assault – issued a child formal warning Fail to Provide details – child offending diverted to Early and Effective Intervention. Threatening and Abusive Behaviour - child offending diverted to Early and Effective Intervention. Un-detected cases: 4 Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Theft

Vandalism
Assault

All of which remain live with open lines of enquiry.

999/101 CALLS

There were 34 calls made to Police for the Cambusbarron area over the stated period. The calls relate to a several incidents including road traffic issues, fraud, concern for persons, planned shoots, domestic issues, disturbances, vandalism, assault, child protection, public nuisance and calls to assist members of the public.

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

ForthValleyPoliceStirling@scotland.police.uk

Your information/name will never be disclosed.

