

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

In attendance - officers

Ann Finlayson, Chair, AF
Melissa Nelson, Treasurer - MN

Shaun Nesbitt, Planning, SN
Jennifer McLeod - JML

Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB

Members of the public

Frances Corry, FC

Officers not in attendance at this meeting.

Richard Blore, RB
Lynda Simpson, LS

1 Introductions and welcome

- 1.1 The Chair, AF, welcomed everyone to the meeting. LS and JH joined the meeting later.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Richard Blore, Lynda Simpson, police.
- 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 February 2026 meetings was approved

Proposed AF, seconded MN. **ACTION HB** send to AF for Stirling Council.
- 2.1 Village Christmas Lights – applied for £5k from Cambusbarron Fund but now need £6k, should we use Christmas in Cambusbarron money?. Obtained connections at SC and Lightways, and lights from Blachere. Awaiting response from NB about extending lights from centre of village to include Home Farm Road. AF to circulate lights to choose - coloured lights seem more popular - we will order a mixture of warm and coloured lights.. 6 May is the panel meeting. **ACTION MN** to confirm date of meeting. **ACTION AF** chase NB again.
- 2.2 Fleming Trust bookcase – ongoing, looking for local person who can build a display cabinet. **ACTION JML** may know someone - contact from nursery.
- 2.3. Rovers Park bridge safety concerns and who owns the land around the entrance to football park. There has been some progress on this - a quote has been submitted for a £9540 grant from the windfarm. It will be insured under CC insurance. **ACTION MN** to check with Gary.

- 2.4 Local Place Plan Review – we have had 21 comments. These are in Google forms. We have applied for £800 and should get the decision in April. We are going to get in touch with Lesley Campbell once funding is known. **ACTION MN**
- 2.5 Website – MN has contacted Derek Townsend regarding the website.
- 2.6 School extension - a meeting was held last week. No representatives of the CC were invited. This is very disappointing, as is the lack of communication from the school generally - no report was received again this month. **ACTION JML** to invite members of the Parent Council to attend the CC meetings.

It seems that the MUGA has been resurfaced but the CC has not been updated on this, despite having provided 90% of the funds.

ACTION MN CC enquiry to Stephen Bly requesting the school keep the CC updated on developments.

Minutes of Parent Council meeting held 19 February to be attached (Jennifer sent 11 March) Their next meeting is on 14 May.

- 2.7 Land adjacent to school – CC enquiries sent, photos sent to Scott Farmer, elected rep. Some dangerous trees have been removed. **ACTION AF** to chase Scott Farmer.
- 2.8 Underwood cottages to Seven Sisters hardcore path. Ongoing. **ACTION AF** CC enquiries.
- 2.9 Quarry roadworks - recommendation is to have a meeting. Paterson's want to amend the application. There is land (ex-kennels) between the CCDT land and Paterson's land which is not part of their lease. There is still not a date for quarrying to commence.
- 2.10 Speed limit on Polmaise Road, should be 30mph instead of 40mph. However, it is 40mph and then national speed limit.

SF sent Angela's response on 11 March - the speed limit can be 30mph where there are streetlights. This section of the Polmaise Road does not meet these criteria. The CC wants to know why it is different from Kersebonny. SF recommended inviting Angela to attend a site visit to explain the issues. **ACTION MN** email Stephen Bly to invite Angela.

- 2.11 Section 75 funding and how it is being spent. Can it be used for road crossings at Seven Sisters? AF has raised a CC enquiry. The Council doesn't know about the funds we are supposed to get for the community. AF has written to David Wilson Homes. **ACTION AF** to send a reminder.

3 Reports

- 3.1 Police - attached as Appendix I
No police were available to attend this meeting. There was sadly a suicide - concerns were expressed about the footbridge. See AOB.
- 3.2 School - no report was received by the time of the meeting.
Latest Parent Council meeting minutes from attached as Appendix II
- 3.3 Planning (SN)
Spittal Street Gardens - sculpture for Artlink
North Third Reservoir Water Pump House - to be converted to Residential Outdoor Education Centre.
Cairnoch Hill windfarm - public consultation meetings to be held in Fintry 31 March and Carron Valley on 1 April.

JH joined the meeting at this point.

- 3.4 Treasurer's Report (MN) attached as Appendix III
Payments made this month were:
1. Our monthly service charge of £4.25
2. The two other payments were taken out of our availability as both Admin.
With the payment out of the account was, the awarded money held in sums under the MUGA. This full balance was paid to the school.
Leaving CC with available balance of £1,708.93

At the end of March we will draw up the CC list of assets, insurance will be paid.

- 3.5 Microgrants (MN)
There is only £443 in the fund at present. We have an application for £475 from Scott McClane for his running group - to train people to be leaders, a sports aid course and a sports aid kit.

It was agreed to approve Scott McClane's application and to inform Foundation Scotland that additional funds are required. The extra £30 can come from the Covid 19 fund.

P7 and toddler applications are expected shortly.

The CC agreed that the microgrant now needs £3K - £3.5K a year rather than £2K. **ACTION MN** to email Foundation Scotland.

- 3.6 Greener Cambusbarron
Work on planters to begin shortly.
- 3.7 CCDT (AF)
The wood has been removed from the Auld Wuids. Planting trees is to take place on 21 and 28 March.

Volunteer day 9:30am to 1pm Saturday 21 March.

4 AOCB

- 4.1 **ACTION AF** Contact Stirling Council regarding who is responsible for the pedestrian bridge
- 4.2 Dog fouling is an issue in the woods, complaints have been received from nursery parents. **ACTION MN** to email dog warden.
- 4.3 Road up to garages - car has broken windows. **ACTION JML** to get registration. for MN.
- 4.4 Unoccupied house - unsure if it's a council property.
- 4.5 The Primary school had requested money for school fair but received money for the pantomime. They now want money to pay for the community centre hire for the Christmas Fair which was a fundraiser and raised £1700. This bill for the hall hire has still not been paid. The organisers need to know upfront that they can cover costs for their events.

5 Correspondence

- 5.1 No relevant correspondence was received.

6 Date of next meeting

- 6.1 This was confirmed as Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 7pm.
- 6.2 The meeting closed at 9pm.

7. Meeting dates 2025-26

21.04.26
19.05.26 (AGM)
16.06.25

8 ACTIONS

- 2.1 Christmas lights. Chase NB AF
- 2.1 Christmas lights - panel meeting date tbc MN
- 2.2 Fleming book case JML
- 2.3 Rovers bridge repair - contact Gary regarding insurance MN
- 2.4 Local place plan - contact Lesley Campbell MN
- 2.6 Invite members of the Parent Council to attend the CC meetings JML
- 2.7 Dangerous trees - contact Scott Farmer AF
- 2.8 Hardcore path - email Stephen Bly / CC enquiries AF
- 2.10 Invite Angela Gibbons to a site visit MN
- 2.11 Section 75 money - contact David Wilson Homes AF
- 3.5 Microgrants - more money required MN
- 4.1 Contact Stirling Council regarding responsibility for pedestrian bridge AF
- 4.2 Dog fouling in woods email dog warden MN
- 4.3 Car registration JML

Appendix I Police Report

Name of Community Council	Cambusbarron Community Council meeting 17/03/2026 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 16/02/2026 – 16/03/2026 Total Crime Reports: 5 Detected cases: 1 Domestic Abuse – reported to the Procurator Fiscal Un-detected cases: 4 Assault to Injury Which remains live with open lines of enquiry. Computer Misuse Attempted Fraud Fraud

All of which have been closed as no further lines of enquiry.

999/101 CALLS

There were 23 calls made to Police for the Cambusbarron area over the stated period. The calls relate to a several incidents including road traffic issues, concern for persons, planned shoots, domestic issues, assault, suspect persons, sudden deaths, neighbour issues 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.

Feedback from meeting

Please e-mail any feedback/questions to PC Goldie and PC Hunter:

ForthValleyPoliceStirling@scotland.police.uk

Appendix II Parent Council minutes

Cambusbarron Primary Parent Council Minutes

Thursday 19th February 2026 – Online

In Attendance: Farrah Bett (FB), Keiran Meiklejohn (KM), Alayne Finlay (AF), Lisa Nicol (LN), Mark

Hill (MH), Danielle Smith (DS), Claire Templeman (CT), Toni Swain (TS), Claire Squires (CS),

Nicky Campbell (NC), Jennifer Fraser (JF), Carl Scheffler (CS), Sharon, Unknown

In addition, for Agenda Item 1, Tracey Mills and Penny Crawford from Stirling Council were both

in attendance to give an update on the school build project.

Apologies: Laura Robertson, Emma Lategan, Emma Archibald

1. Tracey Mills introduced Penny Crawford who will be the point of contact for the school/parent council for the build project and gave an update on how the project is progressing:

- The workshop in September with school/PC/wider community was very positive and gave a good focus of what the community want from the project. Further workshops have also been held with services who can help deliver some of the wider community aspirations.
- The estimated costs of the project are around £12.3M which far exceeds the £5M from the Seven Sisters development so the additional funding is to be agreed at Council next Thursday – indicated that the funding was very likely to be committed.
- By end March 2026 the technical brief will be completed – this includes aspirations from workshops plus condition/suitability assessments.
- From April 2026 the Concept Design will be progressed following Detailed Design by March 2027. The current expectation is that this will be a remodelling, refurbishment and extension to the existing school.
- Aiming to be on site in July 2027. Length of project not known until final design complete but expected around 18 months with worst case of 2 years.
- As the final design has not yet been determined there are a number of uncertainties but it's expected that the project cannot be delivered on a live site, so options are being investigated as to how to deliver this. Preferred option

being investigated currently is for a facility to be established to accommodate full school on temporary site. This will be a good quality facility as following Cambusbarron project, Allan's PS will also be undergoing works and so expect to use this facility for ~4 years. Preferred site in 3rd party ownership so location cannot be provided at this point but should know this relatively soon.

- The nursery is not formally within the scope due to the position of the S75 agreement. However, if the build proposals impact on the nursery site then this will allow the nursery to fall within the scope of the project.

- Once work starts on site it is expected there will be regular updates/newsletters from contractors to the community. Prior to that, over the next 12-14 months there will be updates from Stirling Council at key points when there is information to be shared but initially discussion has to take place with the school team. At points the contractor will want to come to the community for consultation events.

2. Minutes/Actions from last meeting (FB)• No actions from previous meeting outstanding and no comments on the minutes.

3. FREG Update (LN)

- Fundraiser proposed for before the Easter Holidays as alternative to Cambus Bar event. This year all children will be given a tube of smarties (work going to secure these from a number of suppliers so no cost to PC) to take home and enjoy. Then if they wish they can return the tubes to school full/partially full of coins and those doing so will be entered into a draw where they can win prizes for their class e.g. extra playtime, movie afternoon etc.

- Summer Fayre earlier this year to accommodate Gala Day and on 9th May.

4. Treasurers Report (KM)

- Report appended below

- In summary, around £10k in the bank although £2-3k is grant funding for the mural project leaving £7k of funds for the school. Main request from school for funding is for IT provision for the younger year groups. KM putting through a community fund grant application to try and support this and PC will also fund some of the tablets.

5. Parent Rep Feedback (MH)

Q. A query was raised regarding issues with changing for PE and the condition of the toilets for this.

A. For certain age groups the changing for PE is carried out so boys are girls are separate and one group in the toilets and one in the class. Acknowledged this is not ideal as toilets are not always very clean but limited with other options currently. Staff have been working with children to remind them of their responsibilities for keeping the toilets clean and also encouraging them to raise any problems so they can be dealt with quickly by janitor, cleaners or staff. MH is going to speak to teachers of impacted classes so they can have further discussions with children and also to the janitor to ensure checks are made.

Q. A query was raised over the selection of spelling words and whether these could be more commonly used words.

A. This query is being passed back to the teacher to provide more information.

Q. A query was raised regarding communication from teachers and why there appears to be less as children go up through the school.

A. MH outlined that Seesaw is the general platform for communication and there is a protocol for its use with minimum requirements for communication which is

monitored. The protocol sets the minimum requirement as once per week. Going up the school children are encouraged to share things themselves which could be through Google. Parents can reach out to teachers if they feel they require more communication. MH is going to circulate the Seesaw protocol through the Newsletter.5. Q. A query regarding the protocol for child absence and what responsibility was on the school in the event a child did not turn up for school but a parent had forgotten to report the absence.

A. Parents/carers are asked to contact the school asap to notify of any absences (there are a number of ways to do this, incl. phone, email, new parent portal). Attendance check is done in the morning and after lunch. In the morning, the register is sent to Mrs Brewster around 9:20am and this is matched up with any reports of absent children. Any children not at school and not reported as absent by parent/carer will be recorded and Mrs Brewster will then start to contact parents for these children. For absences covering more than one day, parents/carers are asked to call in although those who have already indicated they will be absent for multiple days will be noted as such, or where the child is physically sick and requires to be off for 48hrs they will be noted as absent the following day also. If there are any instances where it is felt that the above is not followed then parents should inform the school.

Q. It was highlighted that there was disappointment from some P7 children who were expecting to be taking part in the Stirling Schools XC and then there was no communication over when this was and they missed the chance to take part.

A. MH outlined that a decision was made that the school could not support taking the children to the XC for a number of reasons (largely related to the new PVG requirements). However, he apologised to the children and parents/carers as he should have made this decision known and given the opportunity to parents to take their own children to the event.

School Update (MH)

PVG

- MH attended an online Parent Connect session recently which was led by Disclosure Scotland to provide information on the recent changes to the PVG requirements. This was recorded and it was requested that someone from the PC watched this and also that there was an individual to take the lead to work with the school on this.

- The school is still waiting for guidance from Stirling Council but the understanding is that there are significant impacts for the school and the PC for the changes. For any class trips these would need to be supported fully by school staff (which would be very difficult to resource) or the school would need to obtain PVG for any parent helpers attending. For schools there would be a cost to getting PVG's.

- For PC events there would also be an impact. Public events such as school fayres would be ok to proceed but any vendor who would directly be in contact with children e.g. face painter, potentially bouncy castle operators, would require to have PVG's and PC would need to check and ensure this. Events such as Halloween Disco would require all parent helpers to be PVG checked. The PC would be able to obtain PVG's for free.

- Current timescales for PVG is 2 weeks.

Mural Project• Molly from Molly Sketches is going to be doing some artwork on the school

sheds (grant funded).

- W/c 20th April she will be doing some workshops with children to work on design ideas, which will link in school values.
- Hoping to do the work just before the summer or during the summer holidays (weather dependent).
- Looking to get children who are interested involved in the mural itself and Molly looking at ways this could work alongside the school.

MUGA

- Work begins on 9th March (weather dependent) and should take 4-5 days.

Other Works

- It was shared that work will be undertaken to increase the bike parking and install scooter parking in the lower playground. This is being carried out with funding from Cycle Scotland. An update re this – the completion date (late Feb) has been delayed, and we are awaiting further information.

Celebrating Achievements

- Reading Schools Award – the school achieved the Silver award and is making good progress towards Gold. This is by putting reading as a strong focus at school and is being led by Miss Pollock.
- Sport Scotland Award – school secured Silver award and looking to secure Gold by the end of the year. This is through additional clubs during and after school times across all year groups and is being led by Mrs Morrison who is working closely with Active Stirling.
- Communication Champions – during the recent in-service days there was training from speech and language colleagues in helping ensure all children are catered for in the school. Miss Paterson has been working with Speech and Language and at the audit last week the school was awarded Silver Communication Champions. Mention was given to the nursery for their help as they have been progressing this also and are further down the road than the school.

Class Photos

- Wyler Photography have been booked for 28th April to take class photos. Date has been added to the school calendar.

6. Nursery Update (CT)

Staffing

- Karen, who has been with the nursery for 17 years, is retiring and leaving at the end of March. A new member of staff (Susan) has been recruited and it is hoped she will start in time to allow for a short overlap before Karen leaves.
- Nicole is returning from maternity leave at the end of March.

Other information

- A new fence has been erected which is higher and more secure than the previous.
- An exciting opportunity has come up for the nursery where they are going to be the inspiration for a book promoting gender equality. This has been led by one of the parents who has secured funding and working with Superpower to create an early years book to address gender equality. The book will be written by Stirling High pupils who will come to the nursery to interact with the children and take inspiration from them. Aim is that book will be ready for June when there will be a launch and the nursery is going to work with parents/carers to decide best how to involve the children in the launch.

7. AOB

- None noted
8. Dates of Next Meeting
- Thursday 14th May

Appendix III Treasurer's Report

Cambusbarron Community Council Main Account				Of this the sum	held in trust are
Date	Opening Balance		£31,091.96	Newsletter	£57.00
02/02/2026	Primary School	MUGA (Funded)	-£13,865.00	WWW1 Exhib	£315.00
09/02/2026	Community Centre Hire (Admin)		-£30.40	Touch K/BSeats	£60.00
09/02/2026	Minute Taker Helen (Admin)		-£50.00	Micro Grants	£443.01
16/02/2026	Service Charge	Admin	-£4.25	Covid-19 W/F	£70.64
				King GV P/Bencl	£2,211.97
				Trolleys	£19.02
				Christmas in	
				Cambusbarron	£3,497.39
				Christmas Lights	£5,000.00
				Website	£220.00
				Trash Trail	£2,117.25
				Greener	
				Cambusbarron	£1,105.31
				Elephant I T Sky	£316.79
			£17,142.31		£15,433.38
			£1,708.93		
Available Balance to CCC			£1,708.93		

Treasurer's Report