



Minute of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council
Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 6.30 pm
Cameron Parish Hall

Community Councillors Present: Ian Cameron, Katherine Christie, Stephen Lohoar, John Picken (Chair), Jay Spankie

Ex Officio members present: Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Linda Holt, Cllr Bill Porteous

1 Apologies

Gordon Ball, Bruce Thomson, Innes Wright, Community Police Team representative

2 Community Police Team: Update

The Secretary reported on the written update from the Community Police Team. During the month of December 2019 there were 252 calls to the police from the St Andrews area, but none were specific to the Cameron area. Additionally, there had local initiatives in relation to anti-social behaviour, speed checks, cycle safety and counterfeit currency.

3 Approval of minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of the previous CCC, on 20 November 2019, were approved as an accurate record.

4 Matters arising minutes of previous meeting, not otherwise on this agenda

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5 Planning Applications for CCC attention

a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting:*

- Item 5b (19/02597/SCR, EIA Screening Opinion and 19/03071/SCR, Screening Opinion for proposed tourist development (99 lodges and associated works etc) at North Bank Farm Lathockar): Cllr Porteous reported he had not yet sought a response from Head of Planning.
- Item 5c (17/03095/EIA, Tourist development etc at North Bank Farm Lathokar): Secretary reported no examples of actual planning breaches had been sent to CCC for forwarding to Fife Council's enforcement officer. Chair confirmed he had contacted SEPA which confirmed it had received the required data from the developer to process application for the CAR licence. Regarding residents' queries re effect on animals of effluent and water treatment, Chair reported Environmental Health agencies would act if animals became ill but not before. Chair reported he had invited Mr Stewart of North Bank Farm to the next meeting of CCC to discuss plans for North Bank Farm.

b. Pending Applications: 18/02329/FULL, formation of 42 static caravan pitches at Craigtoun Meadows Holiday Park: Fife Councillors reported this had received approval, with conditions, at NE Planning Committee, 15 January 2020.

c. New Applications: 19/03283/FULL, Change of use agricultural buildings to retail unit, Langraw Farm: CCC's consultee statement was circulated for info (**Attachment 1**).

- d. Changes to publications of comments to planning applications: Secretary reported that notice from Fife Council had been received on 17 December 2019 of changes to the timings of publications of comments to planning applications, and that other community councils were sharing their concerns that these changes would inhibit transparency of planning processes. Cameron CC echoed the concerns of other community councils. Secretary to pass on these concerns to FC Economy, Planning and Employability Services.

Action: Secretary to forward CCC concerns to FC

6 Roads in CCC Area

a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting:*

- Item 6a (Denhead/Road Safety): Actioned. Secretary had emailed Fife Council on 6 December 2019 confirming residents, CCC's and Area Councillors' support for the proposed changes to signage and engineer's assessment for further improvements, whilst also requesting reconsideration of refusal to lower speed limit to 20mph (**Attachment 2**). No response received to date, CCC requested Secretary to seek assistance from FC Senior Manager Roads & Transportation.

Action: Secretary to request responses to CCC from FC Senior Manager Roads

Secretary further reported that on 31 January 2020 Fife Coast and Countryside Trust had confirmed support for speed reduction to 20mph through Denhead, for safety of walkers on Fife Pilgrim Way.

- Item 6b (Mirror at Cameron Kirk junction): Actioned. Secretary had emailed FC on 25 November 2019. No response received to date, CCC requested Secretary to seek assistance from FC Senior Manager Roads & Transportation.

Action: Secretary to request responses to CCC from FC Senior Manager Roads

- b. 2020/21 Area Roads Programme: Secretary reported a request had been received from FC Roads & Transportation for community council suggestions for road safety schemes for consideration within the 2020/21 capital budget (revenue items to be forwarded to FC in the usual way). After discussion, it was agreed to propose a) a new roundabout at the A915/C41 junction to reduce hazards of navigating the tight bend/junction and of stationary turning traffic, and b) Peat Inn issues (*see 6c, below*).

Action: Secretary to forward capital roads proposals to FC

- c. Peat Inn traffic calming: A report from BT was circulated (**Attachment 5**) summarising Peat Inn residents' views of traffic calming measures through the village. After discussion, CCC agreed to support the request to extend the 30mph speed limit area at the north and south approaches to Peat Inn to include the residential properties and for updating/cleaning of signage and line painting. CCC also recorded its concern that a recent FoI request to FC in relation to previous correspondence about Peat Inn traffic calming has reported no response from CCC after June 2017, when CCC did send a response in September 2017.
- d. Peat Inn, Solar lights: Cllr Docherty agreed to follow up these fault reports again.
- Action: Cllr Docherty to follow up Peat Inn solar light fault reports**
- e. C41, Gritting: Concerns were raised in CCC about the lack of gritting on C41, where four accidents had occurred between Christmas 2019 and 13 January 2020.

Action: Secretary to contact FC gritting dept to request review of C41 gritting

7. Finance and Accounts

a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting:*

- Item 7a (Higham Toll, Community Planning Grant): Chair confirmed this was in progress. After discussion it was agreed a mesh and gravel surface would be more economical and environmentally sustainable in place of paving.

Action: CCC Chair to continue to seek quotes for Higham Toll works

Chair confirmed St Andrews Manshed could still supply refurbished tops for existing picnic benches using seasoned oak provided by Chair.

Action: Chair to supply oak to Manshed for picnic benches

- Item 7b (CCC Bank Account): Actioned.

- ### b. CCC annual grant from FC: There was general discussion about uses for any remaining balances of CCC funds before the end of the financial year (suggestions included one picnic bench for Higham Toll, planters for Cameron villages, cut-out speedcheck police officer for deployment around Cameron). Other suggestions to be forwarded to Chair before next CCC meeting.

Action: CCC to forward suggestions to Chair for use of remaining balances

8 Community Emergency Plan

a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting:*

- Item 8 (CCC Plan): BT reported (by email) that comments had been received from FC on the CCC draft emergency plan which would be incorporated into the draft and presented to the next CCC meeting.

Action: Secretary to add Emergency Plan to CCC Feb agenda

10 Fife Councillors' Update

- Cllr Porteous reported that Fife Coast and Countryside Trust had prepared an options paper on motorhome use in Fife. This included concerns that Ruby Bay carpark, Elie, had become a seasonal campsite and recommended introduction of parking charges.

10 AOCB

- Community Council Scheme Review (Boundaries): Secretary reported receipt on 7 January 2020 of notice from FC that the first stage of the scheduled review of the Community Council Scheme was a review of boundaries (**Attachment 4**). After discussion CCC agreed it did not wish to alter its existing boundaries. CCC agreed it might consider a Placemaking exercise, supported by FC personnel, to outline Cameron residents' wishes for appropriate development within the area.

11 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 19 February 2020, 6.30pm, Cameron Parish Hall.

End of meeting

Proposer:

Seconder:

Date: