



Minute of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council  
Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 6.30 pm  
in Cameron Parish Hall

Present: Gordon Ball (Chairman), Carol Drysdale (Secretary), Anne Brown (Treasurer), Ian Paul, Stephen Lohoar, Ian Cameron, Bruce Thomson

Attending: Jennifer Ball, Andrew Dempster, John Picken, + 2 members of the public

- 1. Welcome:** The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome to all present.
- 2. Apologies:** Charlie Gray, Cllr John Docherty, St Andrews Community Police Team (CPT), Cllr Linda Holt and Cllr Bill Porteous
- 3. St Andrews CPT** could not attend tonight's CC meeting. PS Poolman confirmed via email that Cameron CC correspondence should continue to be sent to the CPT in St Andrews.
- 4. Note and Approval of the minute from the CC meeting held on 18 July 2018:**
  - Proposed by Ian Paul, and seconded by Stephen Lohoar.
- 5. Matters Arising from the previous minute:**
  - a) **BT** reported that the East Neuk Community Action Plan is a work in progress. Cameron does not have as many risks as in other areas; however, the risks include snow, flooding and power outages. Cameron Parish Hall may be a possible hub yet there is the issue with parking. **BT** will create a list of names with the location of the defibrillators in the community. **(Action: BT)**  
 Ques: Does the Cameron plan dovetail with the East Neuk plan?  
 Ques: Can the parking area be used at the Kirk? Who owns the parking area? **(Action: BT)**
  - b) **BT** reported that the additional plan for traffic calming at Peat Inn, using lighting as a vertical measure, has yet to be completed by Traffic

Management. This was raised at the CC meetings in May and July 20181.

**(Action: Cllr LH)**

The unsightly wonky pole (outside **BT**'s house) in Peat Inn remains in situ and it has served no purpose for a long time. It should be removed.

**(Action: Cllr JD)**

- c) The poor state of the C4 road (Claremont crossroads and Peat Inn) is an ongoing concern. A few potholes have been filled but there are still large areas of broken patches on approaches to dangerous bends in the road.

**(Action: Cllr. BP)**

A discussion followed suggesting a ring fencing of funds for roads requiring repair. It may carry more weight if more folk would use the council's Report a Road Fault webpage:

<https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/lagan/roadfault/>

There is a Street Lighting Faults Form:

<https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/Lagan/reportit/index.cfm?objectid=1>

- d) The issue of speed restrictions at Radernie (B940 road) is in hand. **Cllr JD** is in contact with the residents. Speed strips are not installed as yet, but will happen. St Andrews CPT has not made contact.
- e) A discussion followed about speed restrictions throughout Cameron and the issue of unreported road traffic accidents (including near misses). There have been incidents of vehicles in ditches, but are these a police matter or an insurance company statistic?

- A recent car accident at Johnny Paul's Corner (T-junction C41 and A915) raised concerns for reduced speed signage from the Cameron Kirk/Reservoir/Farm road to North Bank Farm.

**(Action: Cllrs JD, LH, BP)**

A question was asked if speed restriction is evidence based as there are sections of the A915 (at Largoward) with speed strips. It would appear there is not enough speeding traffic when figuring in the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed. Similar concerns have been raised by Cameron CC previously with Fife Traffic Management at the Balone Steadings T-junction C65 with the Craigtoun Road.

- Yet another red flag was raised at the overgrown hedge (owned by Feddinch?) along the A915 at the C65 junction near Cairnsmill Caravan Park where visibility is reduced. **(Action: Cllrs JD, LH, BP)**

### **Matters Arising (cont.)**

- f)** The Chairman asked the members of the community to take on the ongoing maintenance of The Depot along the A915 opposite Clash Wood. In particular, the strimming of the grass area and the paintwork of the marker stone. **(Action: AB and IP)**

The Chairman explained how this community owned land was once a stone depot. The stone came from the Winthank Quarry.

A suggestion was made about a (brown) tourism sign for the spot. Who would fund it? **(Action: item for a future CC meeting)**

- g)** Cameron CC noticeboard remains locked. **(Action: IP)**

- h)** Cameron CC Inaugural Meeting confirmed for the Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 6.30 pm in Cameron Parish Hall. **Cllr JD** will attend.

### **6. AOCB:**

Items **a), b),** and **c)** of the agenda were discussed at length and it would be an individual's decision to respond.

**d)** Several issues were discussed regarding Royal Mail scam alert, Mobile Fraud, Cyber Security Advice and how to report such incidences. Posters and information have been forwarded or posted to the noticeboard inside the hall.

**e)** Internet coverage remains poor in rural areas. BT Openreach pledges to have 100% coverage by the end of 2019. At the moment it is 90%. Is that 90% of the population or land mass?

Alternative coverage can be via satellite (expensive) or mobile phone signal with 60Mbps.

Superfast Broadband allows 30 Mbps+, with possible upgrade to Hyper Broadband. The Scottish Government's R100 (Reaching 100%) rollout project, launched at the end of 2017, aims for superfast broadband (30Mbps+) ISP networks to be available to every single premise in Scotland by the end of 2021.

The B4RN (Broadband for the Rural North) is a community-led project based in Lancaster, England. Fibre optic broadband has been rolled out through farmers' fields. **(Action: JP)**

**f)** The Chairman asked who would distribute the Weekly List of planning applications after the next meeting? It would depend on the scale of planning applications. **(Action: JP)**

## AOCB (cont.)

### g) Ref 18/02329/FULL Craigtoun Meadows Holiday park comments

received from residents:

- Craigtoun Meadows is recognised as a good holiday park
- Trees would be cleared and the holiday park would extend to an additional 44 static caravans
- It's big enough already
- Why clear trees?
- It's busy enough at the turning
- There are approved extensions to other caravan parks in the area
- It's well hidden
- Neutral
- It's not an assumption to reverse the decision made by Traffic Management
- There appears to be demand for such development
- It will support business and employment
- What about GP Out of Hours provision?
- Community benefit perhaps in the form of trees planted nearby or the creation of foot/cycle paths for visitors and residents alike

Following a discussion it was decided that Cameron CC will not object providing certain conditions will be addressed. The deadline for the CC comment is 27 September. **(Action: CD)**

### h) The guardians of the Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Cameron are: Stephen Lohoar (Drumcarrow), Janice Tomlinson (Cameron Parish Hall), and the Receptionist at the Peat Inn.

Bruce Thomson will confirm the name of the receptionist at the Peat Inn.

#### **(Action: BT)**

The various AEDs are under the supervision of Operation Heart Start. These are all held on a Scottish Ambulance Service database.

<http://heartstart.org/defibrillators.html>

Heart Start is a registered charity which serves the population of St Andrews and the East Neuk of Fife. It is affiliated to Heartstart UK which is run under the auspices of the British Heart Foundation.

Heart Start CPR Training on Thursday 27 September at 7pm in St Andrews (St Andrews Bowling Club). All welcome.

### **AOCB (cont.)**

i) No community action has been taken to mark the Centenary of Armistice 1918. The Remembrance Sunday service at the Kirk marks the event at the Commonwealth War Graves.

j) No one appears to want to take on the responsibility of the resurfacing of the “unadopted” Cameron Kirk (and cemetery) road off the A915 leading to the reservoir and farm.

Repairs at the T-junction of this farm track have been carried out mostly by the St Andrews Angling Club.

The Anstruther Sea Box Society owns the farm (Cameron) and the farm track. There is a right of way through the farm. To date the response to correspondence sent by CCC to this charity has been minimal.

There is a Fife Council directive which states it is the council’s responsibility towards the upkeep of a road to a cemetery.

Cameron CC asked again for assistance from Transportation & Roads with the maintenance of this unadopted road at the beginning of summer 2018. There appeared to have been some funds available.

**(Action: Cllr LH)**

k) Cameron CC will need to ask **Cllr Holt** at the next meeting if there are funds available for the upkeep of the picnic tables at Higham Toll (A915 and B940 layby). **(Action: JP and Cllr LH)**

l) The Chairman will continue forwarding emails regarding Neighbourhood Watch. The Crime Prevention Officer, PC Fraser Laird, usually sends emails to CC secretaries on a regular basis in order to raise awareness of thieving in different parts of Fife, especially rural areas. This will need to be taken on board at the Inaugural meeting. **(Action: JP)**

m) The Chairman happily informed the group that the community website, set up years ago by Robert Eadie, is now being managed by a local resident. He would appreciate input from the Cameron community: Guild, Hall events, Hall committee, local businesses, etc. **(Action: AB)** Personal contact details will be removed due to Data protection laws. There will be a link to the Cameron CC website email address. The Chairman asks if the CC will want a list of the names of the members.

### **AOCB (cont.)**

Further discussion results in other suggestions:

- A map of where the AEDs (defibrillators) are located
  - What format is best? How do you want to view the website? (Laptop, mobile phone, and/or PC)
  - Who manages the website in terms of legal responsibility?
  - Would Cameron CC want it linked to social media?
  - There should be no public comments on the website or any social media links. Any request can be made to the CC email address.
  - The CCC website can be linked to other CC webpages.
  - How best to present Agendas and Minutes of the CCC meetings.
- n) A new editor is required for the Cameron CC profile on the fifedirect website. Contact the previous Secretary for more information if the newly inaugurated Cameron CC wishes to close the page. **(Action: JP)**
- o) Treasurer's Report: Anne Brown presented the accounts of Cameron CC up to the end of March 2018. This will be attached to the minute of the meeting. **(Action: CD)**
- p) **BT** offered his thanks to the Chairman for all the years in post.
- q) **IP** informed the group of the news that Craigtoun House is to be redeveloped before the start of the football pitches.

**And on that note, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm with thanks from the Chairman.**

**7. Next Meeting: Inaugural CC Meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 6.30 pm in Cameron Parish Hall**