



Minute of the Inaugural Meeting of Cameron Community Council
Wednesday 10 October 2018 at 6.30 pm
Cameron Parish Hall

Community Councillors Present: Gordon Ball, Katherine Christie, John Picken, Jay Spankie, Bruce Thomson

Ex Officio members present: Councillor John Docherty (in the chair), Councillor Linda Holt

In attendance: Stephen Lohoar, Innes Wright, PC Joanna Peddie

1 Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Docherty, Chair, welcomed all to the inaugural meeting of Cameron Community Council 2018, and invited everyone to introduce themselves to the group.

2 Apologies

No apologies were presented.

3 Appointment of Office Bearers

The following were appointed as office bearers by Cameron Community Council, and each office bearer formally accepted the position:

Chair: John Picken (nominator G Ball, seconder B Thomson)

Vice-Chair: Bruce Thomson (nominator J Picken, seconder G Ball)

Secretary: Katherine Christie (nominator G Ball, seconder J Spankie)

Treasurer: Jay Spankie (nominator B Thomson, seconder J Picken)

Action: Secretary to confirm office bearers to Fife Council

At this point, the new Chair took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

4 Community Council Vacancies

New elected members: Cameron Community Council agreed to elect the following to the Community Council to fill the two remaining vacancies:

Stephen Lohoar and James Innes Wright

Both completed Declarations of Acceptance.

Action: Secretary to confirm new members, and forward Declarations of Acceptance, to Fife Council.

5 Community Police Team Update

PC Peddie presented an oral update on police activity in the local area since the last meeting of the Community Council. This included participating in community information sessions on ATM fraud and skimming, ongoing motoring speed checks in the area, joint patrols with community safety officers to address littering and anti-social behaviour etc,

preparing an annual action plan on cycling safety and liaising with the University on this topic also, involvement in local events.

PC Peddie reported police encouragement to individuals to report instances of poor driver behaviour, and that community speedwatch training was available again.

Councillor Docherty confirmed he was still pursuing Fife Council for speed survey work in Radernie, in support of that community's request for speed restriction to be imposed.

The Chair thanked PC Peddie for this update.

6 Any other competent business

The Chair invited notes of current issues from CCC members. The following were highlighted:

- Fly-tipping at Feddinch. It was generally agreed by CCC that Fife Council's policy of increased charges for disposal of commercial waste and reduced opening hours at council refuse centres may increase the likelihood of fly-tipping across the area, including areas such as Feddinch. Councillor Docherty noted that instances of fly-tipping should be reported to Fife Council.
- Repair and upkeep of private/unadopted roads (eg, Cameron Kirk Road): Councillor Holt reported that such roads are not the priority for Fife Council's roads budget, but that claims for damage to vehicles caused by poor road surfaces in Fife can be submitted to the Council. Councillor Holt confirmed she would continue to pursue the issue of potholes and road repairs with Fife Council. Councillor Docherty confirmed individuals should report potholes, with photographs, to Fife Council for action.
- Out-of-hours GP Service at St Andrews: Councillors Docherty and Holt reported on the high level of opposition across NE Fife from Fife councillors, community councils and the public to the proposed reduction in out-of-hours GP services in St Andrews, and encouraged CCC to write to Fife Health and Social Care Partnership expressing concerns about the proposed changes. CCC agreed the Chair would write on its behalf.

Action: Chair to write to Fife Health and Social Care Partnership

- University of St Andrews Development Plan: Councillor Holt reported the University had recently shared its development plan with Fife Council, and noted two items particularly to CCC: that the University's proposed windfarm at Kenly remains pending and has not been discontinued, and that the University, in seeking to reduce its carbon footprint, mooted plans to contact local farmers to construct solar farms.
- Support for community councils: Councillor Docherty reported that Fife Council would be offering training to community council members, and that the East Neuk Community Forum was available for reps of all local community councils to discuss issues of common interest. Councillor Docherty further encouraged members of CCC to read the terms of the Community Empowerment Act for details of proposed additional powers for community councils.
<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/community-empowerment-scotland-act-summary/>
- CCC website: CCC agreed that the primary priority of the updated website is to provide information to the community about the business of the Community Council. It was agreed that the Secretary would be the CCC point of contact with the website developer.

- Signatories to CCC bank account: It was agreed that the newly appointed Chair and Treasurer should be the new signatories.

Action: Treasurer to submit signatory transfer forms to the bank.

7 Dates of future meetings

CCC agreed to meet monthly (3rd Wednesday of the month) with the exception of December and July.

The next meeting will be held on 21 November 2018, 6.30pm, Cameron Parish Hall.

Dates of meetings for the next year:

16 January 2019

20 February 2019

20 March 2019

17 April 2019

15 May 2019

19 June 2019

21 August 2019

18 September 2019

End of meeting

Proposer:

Seconder:

Date: