



Minute of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council  
Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 6.30 pm  
Cameron Parish Hall

**Community Councillors Present:** Gordon Ball, Katherine Christie, John Picken (Chair), Jay Spankie

**Ex Officio members present:** Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Bill Porteous

**1 Apologies**

Ian Cameron, Stephen Lohoar, Bruce Thomson, Innes Wright, Cllr Linda Holt, Community Police Team representative

**2 Community Police Team: Update**

The Secretary had received a written update covering the St Andrews area and presented it on behalf of the Community Police Team: during the last month, there were 314 calls to the police from the St Andrews area relating to reported crime, road traffic matters, concern for persons, anti-social behaviour, but none were specific to the Cameron area. Additionally, there had been community engagement activity with Madras pupils and St Andrews University students, and with Social Services and Housing in relation to vulnerable residents. The #DontTolerateHate campaign and patrols of anti-social hotspots were highlighted, along with a general warning about telephone scams. CCC agreed that the report covering the wider St Andrews area was useful and asked the Secretary to request this format for future meetings.

**Action: Secretary to confirm request for St Andrews reports to Community Police Team**  
CCC noted reports in the press that police would be undertaking more speed checks in the area in coming weeks. Cllr Docherty reported environmental concerns about fumes and noise arising from Crail Raceway activities. Cllr Porteous commented that all environmental categories for Crail Race Day were below maximum permitted limits.

**3 Approval of minutes of previous meetings**

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

**4 Matters arising from minutes of 20 February 2019, not otherwise on this agenda**

CCC agreed it had been worthwhile to hold the previous meeting (on Out-of-Hours urgent care provision) at Largoward Village Hall, where there was safer parking. It was noted c30 members of the public attended. Both Cllr Porteous and Cllr Holt (by email) reported a more positive mood at the most recent workshop on developing proposals for the future of OOH services in NE Fife and St Andrews, and Cllr Docherty reported the Scottish Secretary for Health was taking an interest in the issue and was sending a representative to the next IJB meeting in April at which a decision on the future service was anticipated.

CCC agreed that the Secretary should send copies of the approved minutes of the 20 February meeting to the FHSCP Urgent Care Redesign Team, Dr A Anderson and W Rennie MSP, so that there was a formal record of the feedback provided by CCC and the wider community on OOH provision.

**Action: Secretary to forward approved minutes**

CCC agreed to continue efforts to oppose the closure of, or reduction in OOH provision at St Andrews, noting it had already added its support to the combined group of local community councils and the Chair had forwarded his case to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman in relation to his previous complaint to FHSCP.

## **5 Matters arising from minutes of 16 January 2019, not otherwise on the agenda**

- Item 4 (Website)
  - *St Andrews Citizen*: Actioned
  - Information section: Actioned
- Item 8 (AOCB)
  - Resilience Plan: c/f to 17 April meeting, when ENCEPT reps would be attending
  - Winter emergencies: Actioned

## **6 Planning Applications for CCC attention**

- Matters arising from minutes of 16 January meeting, not otherwise on this agenda:
  - Item 5 (Planning Applications/North Bank Farm (17/03095/EIA, 2017)): Chair to contact planning officials for update, and report back to CCC: Actioned.

Cllr Holt reported (by email) that she continued to seek clarification from Council officials relating to pre-start conditions and CAR/SEPA requirements. The Chair agreed to send written confirmation to Fife Council's Enforcement Officer of CCC's ongoing concerns about work continuing on this development before pre-start conditions had been purified and before meeting CAR/SEPA requirements.

**Action: Chair to email FC Enforcement Officer with CCC concerns re this development**

## **7 Roads in CCC Area**

- Matters arising from minutes of 16 January meeting, not otherwise on this agenda:
  - Radernie: Actioned. Cllr Docherty reported speed strips are installed at Radernie and proposals based on results will be presented in April.
  - C4: Actioned. Cllr Docherty reported a Council official was to inspect the damage, and repair works would be invoiced to contractors.
  - Peat Inn: Chair to confirm to Cllr Docherty whether repairs had been completed.

**Action: Chair to confirm status of Peat Inn repairs to Cllr Docherty**

- C41: Actioned. It was noted some improved repairs had recently been undertaken.
- Private roads repairs: Actioned. It was noted that repairs to the Cameron Kirk/cemetery road had recently been undertaken, improving its general state.
- Denhead (Q14): Blocked road drain causing threat of flooding:

The Secretary raised this issue on behalf of a Denhead resident who reported a blocked road drain causing danger of water inundation to an adjacent property, and that when this had been reported to Fife Council, the complainant was advised to take the issue to the local Community Council. Resident's concerns included general maintenance of road drains and also potential damage to gullies and culverts caused by traffic mounting the verges on this single-track road.

CCC and Fife Councillors expressed support for the Denhead residents. The Secretary was advised to report the issue and seek action from first, Scottish Water, and second, Gully Cleaning Services in Fife Council, copying in the local Fife Councillors.

**Secretary to contact Scottish Water and Fife Council re Denhead drainage**

- Denhead (Q14): Concerns for road safety, including new Pilgrim Way walking route: The Secretary raised this issue on behalf of a Denhead resident who reported continued concerns for pedestrian safety arising from speeding and/or careless driving on this single-track road with neither passing places nor footpaths, and heightened concerns now that more walkers would be on this road which is now part of the newly designated Pilgrim Way walking route.

CCC and Fife Councillors expressed support for the Denhead residents. Cllr Porteous suggested the road would be suitable for 20mph limit, and if sufficient residents were in agreement, a case could be made to the Council (as in other similar locations in Fife) and would likely have the support of all three local Fife Councillors. The Secretary additionally suggested improved signage to alert drivers to the road's dangers.

**Action: Secretary to seek views of Denhead residents and report back to CCC**

- Signage: The generally poor state of road signage in the area was highlighted by CCC members, and Cllr Docherty confirmed faults should be reported to Fife Council (ideally with photographs) noting these as issues of 'health and safety'.
- Area Roads Programme: Cllrs Docherty and Porteous reported the 2019/20 area roads programme had been agreed but had been allocated less money than in previous years. They therefore encouraged CCC to continue to report roads issues.

**8. NE Fife Local Community Plan Discussion Meeting, Update (KC)**

The Secretary reported that she had attended a consultation workshop on the draft Community Plan on behalf of CCC, as agreed at the January CCC meeting. She reported feeding back CCC's general agreement with the aims expressed in the draft plan, and also emphasised local concerns re OOH provision, and Internet/broadband provision.

Cllr Docherty reported Fife Council had agreed to provide additional funds for areas still without decent levels of broadband. Details were still to be confirmed.

GB requested information on the funding provided for the previous broadband initiative that had not proceeded. Cllr Docherty agreed to make enquiries.

**Action: Cllr Docherty to seek information on the funding for the previous broadband initiative**

**9 AOCB**

- Accounts: The Treasurer reported the CCC accounts would be presented at the April meeting. It was noted that costs for website hosting should be reduced when current provider contract expires. GB to request proposed new costs from web developer.

**Action: G Ball to request proposed website costs in 2019/20**

The Treasurer noted it would shortly be time to make application for CCC's funding grant to Fife Council. The Chair asked all CCC members to consider legitimate items for expenditure in 2019/20 and bring suggestions to next meeting.

**Action: CCC members to consider possible items for grant funding**

- 'Permitted Use': A CCC member raised concerns about sheds in neighbouring field not being used for permitted purposes. The Chair agreed to forward these concerns to the Regulatory Licensing Committee.

**Action: Chair to contact Regulatory Licensing Committee re 'permitted use' concerns**

- #controlyourdog: The Chair highlighted an ongoing campaign by NFU Scotland on controlling dogs on farmlands.
- 'Dementia Friend': Cllr Docherty reported he had recently completed the Alzheimer's Society 'Dementia Friend' training and could be contacted for advice on support.
- Al-Anon: Cllr Docherty reported there was a free and confidential helpline to support those with relatives with drinking issues: 0207430888, from 10am to 10pm. CCC agreed to put this information on its website.  
**Action: Secretary to forward Al-Anon information to web developer for upload**
- Farm Workers: Cllr Porteous reported that W Rennie MSP and he had met with local farmers re the migrant workers scheme amidst concerns there would be insufficient workers to fulfil contracts for harvested produce this year unless worker quotas were increased.

### **10 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 17 April 2019, 6.30pm, Cameron Parish Hall.

### **End of meeting**

Proposer:

Seconder:

Date: