



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

**Community Councillors Present:** Ian Cameron, Gordon Ball, Katherine Christie (Acting Chair), Jay Spankie, Innes Wright

**Ex Officio members present:** -

**Visitor: Ms Janice Laird, Community Manager, NE Fife**

The Acting Chair welcomed Ms Laird to the meeting and invited her to outline her role and the ways in which she could support the work of CCC. Ms Laird highlighted her coordinating role between various council services in NE Fife and for the Area Committee, responsibility for bringing together the local community plan and acting as point of contact and support for local groups including community councils. After discussion, including an outline of the challenges experienced by CCC when trying to engage support of key council services, Ms Laird encouraged CCC to seek her support as she has key contacts and a local services team.

**1 Apologies**

John Picken, Stephen Lohar, Bruce Thomson, Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Linda Holt, Cllr Bill Porteous, Community Police Team representative

**2 Community Police Team: Update**

The Secretary reported that the written update from the Community Police Team had not yet arrived and would be forwarded to members when received.

**3 Approval of minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of the previous CCC, on 16 October 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 5a (Development planning): Actioned.

b. New: 19/02597/SCR, EIA Screening Opinion and 19/03071/SCR, Screening Opinion for proposed tourist development (comprising 99 lodges and associated works) at North Bank Farm Lathockar St Andrews Fife: Acting Chair confirmed CCC could not be a Statutory Consultee at this stage in the planning process, but nevertheless had submitted comments on perceived negative environmental impact to the Planning Officer (**Attachment 1**). It was noted that Fife Council had since confirmed a full Environmental Impact Assessment was to be required of this proposed development.

CCC recorded its strong concerns about the scale of this proposed development and the cumulative negative impact on the rural environment in Cameron of this and the current development at North Bank Farm. Further concern was expressed that the proposed development would lie outwith the Fife Development Plan area. Acting Chair reported Cllr Porteous had indicated his intention to take the community's concerns to FC Head of Planning. CCC asked that a written response be requested.

**Action: Acting Chair to ask Cllr Porteous for written response from Head of Planning**

- c. North Bank Farm, Current Development: Ongoing community concerns were reported that planning conditions had not been met, and/or that works had been undertaken that did not conform to approved plans. Acting Chair agreed to bring specific instances to the attention of FC Planning Enforcement Officer and asked CCC members to provide her with instances of key confirmed planning breaches.

**Action: CCC members to provide examples of key planning breaches to Acting Chair**

**Action: Acting Chair to forward this information to Planning Enforcement Officer**

## 6 Roads in CCC Area

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

- Item 6a (Denhead/Road Safety): Actioned. Denhead residents' comments had been forwarded to FC on 21 October 2019 (**Attachment 2**) and a FC response was received on 19 November, tabled to CCC as **Attachment 3** after the agenda had been circulated. This confirmed FC did not agree to reduce the speed limit through Denhead to 20mph but that consideration would be given to additional signage on single-track road/no passing places/pedestrians in road/unsuitable for HGVs, plus an assessment could be undertaken to see if passing places could be created. CCC agreed this response should be put back to Denhead residents for comment. CCC confirmed it would support the additional signage whilst continuing to seek options for pursuing the speed limit reduction if Denhead residents wished this.

**Action: Acting Chair to circulate FC response to Denhead residents for feedback, and reply to FC**

- Item 10b (C41): Actioned. N Hampton at FC had responded that C41 had been assessed as a potential road surfacing scheme for the 2020/21 area roads programme, pending committee approval and allocation of funding.
- b. CCC Website enquiry: Resident request for mirror at Cameron Kirk junction. After discussion, CCC agreed to contact FC to request a mirror or, if that could not be provided, that FC consider other measures to increase safety of traffic exiting the road junction from Cameron Kirk.

**Action: Acting Chair to contact FC to request mirror or alternative safety measures**

## 7. Finance and Accounts

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

- Item 7a (Higham Toll, Community Planning Grant): Actioned. Acting Chair confirmed grant application had been successful, with an award of £3000 for paving and a new community noticeboard at Higham Toll. CCC Chair to seek quotes for this work.

**Action: CCC Chair to seek quotes for Higham Toll works.**

- b. CCC Bank Account: Treasurer reported it was not possible to have a bank card to pay for CCC goods and services but that bank transfer payments could be set up through the branch which had appropriate security measures. GB confirmed the annual fees for

CCC website will be £37.90+VAT for the web hosting fee and £6.00 for the domain fee.  
Treasurer to liaise with GB about reimbursing web administrator for these outlays.

**Action: Treasurer to liaise with GB re payment of annual web fees**

## **8 Community Emergency Plan**

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

- Item 8 (CCC Plan): BT reported (by email) that the draft CCC emergency plan had been submitted to FC Emergency Planning for comments and when a response had been received, progress with applying for funding for emergency kit would be possible.

**Action: BT to update next CCC on status of Emergency Plan**

## **9 Rural Broadband (GB)**

GB provided an update on the public meeting organised by Willie Rennie MSP to outline options for improving broadband provision in rural areas. The opportunity for households which did not currently achieve speeds of 30mbps to apply for a £1500 voucher towards to cost of providing necessary fibre infrastructure, and of groups of households working collectively, were particularly highlighted.

## **10 Fife Councillors' Update**

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

- Item 9 (EU settlement scheme): Actioned

## **10 AOCB**

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## **11 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 15 January 2020, 6.30pm, Cameron Parish Hall.

## **End of meeting**

Proposer:

Seconder:

Date: