



Minutes of Cameron Community Council Inaugural Meeting held in Cameron Hall on 20th October 2010 at 6:30pm

Chairman: Councillor Donald Macgregor

Apologies: David Brown, Dick Bond

Present: Councillor Mike Scott-Hayward, Gordon Ball, Jennifer Wylie
Linda Cameron, Peter Jerome, David Scott

**Confirmation of
Newly elected CC**

Members: Councillor Macgregor chaired the start of the meeting and thanked past members for their time and contribution. He welcomed new members to the meeting and confirmed the new CC membership as follows: Jennifer Wylie, Linda Cameron, David Brown, Dick Bond, Peter Jerome, Gordon Ball & David Scott.

**Appointment of
Office Bearers:**

Minutes: Gordon Ball was elected as Chairman, proposed by D Scott and seconded by J Wylie. David Scott was elected as Secretary, proposed by G Ball and seconded by P Jerome. David Brown was elected as Treasurer, proposed by P Jerome and seconded by J Wylie. P Jerome was elected as Vice Chairman, proposed by G Ball and seconded by D Scott.

The Secretary to notify the Election Services Unit of the office bearers' appointment on the appropriate form.

Chairman's

Opening Remarks: Gordon Ball thanked Councillor's Macgregor and Scott-Hayward for their attendance, contribution and support at past meetings and proceeded to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

Minutes: Acceptance of the minutes of the 15th September 2010 meeting was proposed by P Jerome, seconded by J Wylie, approved and signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising: ENLEN are included on the business links section of the CCC website and prompted a discussion regarding the general

disappointment that those responsible for Cameron Community Hall had failed to apply for grant assistance to improve the insulation of the Hall, which is unacceptably cold in winter. CCC have made repeated requests for this improvement and regrettably with the onset of winter, serious consideration is now being given to finding a more suitable venue for future meetings.

The other matters arising were included later in the agenda.

Correspondence: Acknowledgement of CCC's letter of objection to planning application No 10/02616/FULL, for the erection of 2 x 100m wind turbines at Largoward was received from Fife Council.

A meeting convened by the local MSP is to be held in Glenrothes on 11th November concerning accidents on the A92 and CCC can send a representative.

The Association of Scottish Community Councils' annual National Conference is to be held on 20th November in Glasgow University and CCC can send a representative (application form on line).

A letter dated 15th October 2010 was received from Montgomery Forgan Associates regarding a public exhibition to be held on 11th November at Over Baldinnie concerning a proposal for a major development at the site and CCC members have been invited to attend.

A letter dated 24th September 2010 was received from Fife Council concerning Byelaws Prohibiting the Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Designated Public Places, inviting comment on the current operation of the byelaws.

A letter dated 22nd September 2010 was received by the Chairman from Mr Stewart at Langraw Farm, confirming his intention to withdraw his current planning application for a grain shed, in favour of a re-submission in a less visually sensitive area on his farm. The Community Council expressed their thanks to him for his detailed and sensitive response to the concerns of the community.

**Accident at
Craigtoun road/
Lumbo Road:**

The serious accident that occurred on 24th September at this junction was discussed in detail. Fife Council has agreed to upgrade the advance junction warning signs on yellow backing boards to match the recently installed direction sign at the junction. Although this upgraded signing is to be commended it was the consensus of the meeting, including the Fife Councillors present that due to the nature of the junction i.e. the brow of a hill on leaving St Andrews at 60mph and the blind approach on the bend at the caravan site on entry to St Andrews at 60mph, that further action would be necessary. The Mount Melville and Balone residents can testify to the number of near misses that have occurred over the years at this junction and

believe that unless the speed on the Craigtoun Road is reduced to 30mph then further serious accidents or a fatality are likely to occur. In these times of financial austerity, this could be inexpensively achieved by moving the existing 30mph sign to the west of the caravan site, to restrict the traffic speed at the junction. Accident prevention requires intervention before accidents occur, rather than what appears to be Fife Council's position of responding only after there is a high record of crashes! It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Director of Transportation to request that further action be taken.

**Fife Council
Greenspace
Strategy:**

The response from Peter Howden of Fife Council, explaining the apparent omission of Craigtoun Park from the Greenspace strategy (as it was classified as 'Functional Greenspace') was discussed and it was reassuring to learn that the gradual deterioration, of Craigtoun Park as an attraction in Fife, due to a lack of capital funding is a live issue in Fife Council. The Community Council hope that action can be taken to halt the decline and improve the facility. The meeting also wished to acknowledge the excellent work carried out by the Craigtoun Park operational gardening and maintenance team.

**Grit Bins at
Mount Melville:**

Following e-mailed correspondence with Fife Council it was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Director of Transportation requesting that the other 2 grit bins at Mount Melville should be filled with grit by the Council when they are filling the one on their list at Dairy Cottage.

Wind Turbines:

The often complex and detailed response from the Defence Estates, where they state that they are 'not in a position to take a prescriptive approach to mitigation' for wind turbine planning applications was reviewed. They are however, willing to consider any solutions offered by a developer that would enable them to withdraw their objection.

**Cameron District
Boundary:**

G Ball explained the confusion that exists over the historic CCC Boundary and following a recent meeting with Linda Purdie of Fife Council it was agreed to send a marked up drawing showing the boundary that the Cameron Community Council should represent.

Website Update:

Robert of Focus Communications has carried out further improvements and additions to the website and until finalised can be viewed on www.marketinginfocus.com/test1

W L Watson, Stonemasons now have a sponsored link alongside the Duke's and other companies in the area have also agreed to a sponsored link.

The business directory now includes:

The Peat Inn, The Inn at Lathones, Pet Care Services - St Andrews, Livingstone Builders, Lohoar Sports Horses – sale & livery, Archie Dewar's Body shop.

The website has a new feature called the 'Countryman' which is essentially a community newspaper featuring items of interest to Cameron residents.

Currently it features internationally renowned sculptor Tim Pomeroy, who is sculpting a baptismal font in Carrera marble at W L Watsons Stonemasons premises as part of a multi million pound refurbishment of the Glasgow St Andrews Cathedral and an article on the future of Cameron Reservoir.

Robert and his company Focus Communications are to be commended for their outstanding work on the web site.

AOCB: There being no other competent business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th November 2010 at 6:30pm.

Proposed.....

Seconded.....

Signed.....

Dated.....