



Minutes of Cameron Community Council Meeting

Cameron Parish Hall

Wednesday 17 May 2017 at 6.30 pm

Present: Gordon Ball (Chairman), Anne Brown (Treasurer), Carol Drysdale (Secretary), David Scott, Ian Paul

Attending: Cllr. John, Docherty, Cllr. Bill Porteous, Cllr. Linda Holt, Charlie Gray, Bruce Thomson, Jennifer Ball, Martin Tomlinson

1. Welcome to all by the Chairman with an introduction of the new East Neuk & Landward Councillors William (Bill) Porteous and Linda Holt (who arrived later).
2. Apologies received from Ian Cameron, Stephen Lohoar, PC Cath Welch, and colleague PC Matthew Spencer (who sent his apology afterwards due to police business).
3. Proposal and approval of the minutes of the CC meeting on 15 March 2017:
Proposed by: David Scott
Seconded by: Anne Brown
4. Matters Arising:
 - a) There was no Community Ward Officer Report due to PC Spencer being called away.
 - b) Peat Inn road B941:
 - Good news reported of fewer cars parked on pavements.
 - T junction with B940 road remains a health & safety risk.
 - Scottish Water will complete resurfacing with FC Transportation.
 - Lowered kerb/disabled access must be clear. (H line markings)
 - Cameron CC corresponding with both Colin Stirling and Kevin Smith (two separate FC teams).
 - What is the time scale? Hopefully within this financial year.
 - Traffic Calming measures (Lighting & Islands): ongoing (3 years) wait for repair. Third traffic calming island was struck two years ago. Island is not damaged but what remains is a grey post and nothing else. Barriers are placed in front which get blown over.
Action: Cllr JD to ask for a Solar Sign
Action: BT to send photos to Kevin Smith-Tr
 - c) Comments on the Green Party proposal for a bill to replace 30mph default speed on restricted roads with a 20mph limit:
 - “restricted” meaning any road in a built up area with street lights; for example, Largoward or St Andrews.
 - It would need to be seen that the local population are in favour of reducing the speed limit.
 - Questions about enforcement and resources. Traffic calming.
 - Speed limits are devolved to Scottish Government.
 - Denhead reduced speed limit for single lane traffic.
 - Great if it saves lives.

- Is there evidence that folk will use bicycles more? There is conflicting information.
 - Majority of fatal accidents occur on rural roads.
 - There are more children in urban areas.
 - How does this “slow down” effect economy or productivity?
 - “Near Misses” are not recorded. Accident history can be gained from local communities.
 - Local Authorities should listen to Community Councils.
- d) DPEA file PPA-250-2278 Kenly Electricity Cable: a potted history of this appeal application was presented by several people. The Reporter will soon make a decision.
- How does this affect the community and the plans of Cameron?
 - Cameron CC is concerned that there is no authority to go to who would monitor certain developers.
 - Cameron CC is concerned about the interpretation of the law. When is illegal not illegal?
 - Cllr JD mentioned the Communities Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
 - Cllr LH explained that rules in Planning are guidelines; such as enforcement rules when conditions are breached. There is legislation but it isn’t criminal. The local authority has to make a judgement but it has no power to take clear action. There are different levels in the Scottish criminal justice system: Scottish Court Service, Scottish Procurator Fiscal, etc.
 - See agenda “What about community benefit?” CD meant it to imply how the community would benefit from such a development, not monetarily, but in some form such as the improvement of digital infrastructure (fibre optic cable). Especially as it is a private development in the countryside.
 - Agenda item “AOCB (d): Cameron Solar Farm” was brought forward. A similar request was submitted to the planning application (by Cameron CC to FC Planning and to the agent of the developer) of the Solar Farm for improved digital infrastructure to benefit the community. Permission was given for the developer to have its own fibre optic cable trench.
- e) The Doocot, Mt Melville 17/01218/FULL: the deadline for comment is 24 May 2017.
- DS raised two issues of concern:
 - 1) Change of Use with visiting guests. A procedure should be put in place for the bins to be put out correctly and brought in timeously. The bins have been knocked over in the past, creating a mess.
 - 2) Japanese Knotweed had been found previously in the rockery area.
 - Does Japanese Knotweed need to be reported? Yes and acted upon. The concern is for neighbours, the Duke’s golf course, and Craigtoun Park nearby.
 - Cameron CC decided to support this application but with conditions.
- Action: CD**

- Continuing with matters related to Mt Melville, it was agreed by those present that Cameron CC would send an email to Mr Stephen Carter, MD of The Old Course Hotel St Andrews, in regard to the refurbishment of Craigtoun House. **Action: CD**
- f) The Crematorium: planning permission given in March 2016 for three years (2019).
- Where is it? It is NOT at Brewsterwells but at 100 Acre Wood!
 - GB raised the issue of a curb on organisations buying plots of land and then doing nothing with it for many years.
 - There was further discussion about a Scottish consultation on “land banking”, and funding.
- g) Potholes on the unadopted road to Cameron Kirk (off the A915): an update on matters related to:
- The road was once looked after by the County Council.
 - CCC believes the onus is on FC to maintain the road to its cemetery and the Commonwealth War Graves.
 - Yet the road is owned by a charity called the Anstruther Easter Sea Box Society to which CD has sent correspondence.
 - The kirk road is a right of way.
 - **Action: CD to send correspondence to Cllr JD**
- h) Many of the road ditches along the C41 have been cleared except for the ditch at the bellmouth entrance (west) to Kinaldy Meadows which has been reported in March and April 2017 by CCC. It is still covered over with overgrowth.
Action: Cllr BP to follow up
- i) Trees at Niven’s development at Hillwood: the marked trees are to be saved. MT reported that the developers tried to stick to the Tree plan but the shallow roots lead to some trees falling over. However, new trees will be planted in their place. (Also the stone wall will be rebuilt.) The developers are happy to attend CC meetings if required.
- j) The Red Gable at Denhead planning application was refused as it was not appropriate for a residential area to have an industrial sized shed.
- k) Flytipping can be reported online by anyone: need to raise awareness
https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/formFinder/index.cfm?fuseaction=form.Question&Form_id=7E9E568D-8C71-4C79-B5BFF41800CAC9BB

5. AOCB

- a) Cameron Parish Hall Summer Lunch 28 May 2017 12.30 for 1 pm. Contact: AB
- b) Update on walkabout at Cameron Reservoir with Cllr JD and Scottish Water (SW). A date is set for a designated person with SW to attend. **Action: GB to respond to SW.**
- c) Correspondence: buses survey. Go-Flexi is used often in rural area.
- d) Correspondence: Scottish Community Resuscitation Conference 30 September 2017.
Action: CD to attend
- e) Correspondence from East Neuk First Responders regarding (PADs) Public Access Defibrillators and equipment (gel pads) drying out: PAD outside Cameron Parish Hall is checked by neighbour Janice Tomlinson. **Action: MT**

f) A question was raised about reporting roadkill. It should be reported to Environmental Health 03451-555-555.

6. Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 19 July 2017 at 6.30 pm at Cameron Parish Hall
The Chairman thanked all and the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.