



Minutes of the Cameron Community Council Meeting
27 July 2016 at 6.30 pm at Cameron Parish Hall

Present: Gordon Ball (Chairman), Carol Drysdale (Secretary), David Brown (Treasurer), Cllr. John Docherty, Charlie Gray, Jennifer Ball, Ian Cameron, Martin Tomlinson, Peter Jerome, Cllr. Donald Macgregor, John Newman-Carter, Penny Newman-Carter, Hamish Lohoar, PC Daniel Crighton, PC Joanna Peddie.

Welcome and Introduction by the Chairman (GB).

Apologies: Rapleys, Cllr. Riches, Stephen Lohoar, David Scott, Ian Paul.

GB opened the meeting with the comment on the poor Broadband service in rural areas.

Action: GB asked Cllrs for their continued support to resolve this issue.

BT is having problems with OPENREACH. Emails marked as "sent" are not reaching "inbox". MT suggested using "delivery receipt" on OUTLOOK.

Action: CD

All this is happening when specialist planning applications are reaching deadlines.

Action: Cllr JD will request from FC Planning to extend possibly the time frame for responses.

Note of Previous CCC Meeting Minutes: for approval

- 16 March 2016: Proposed by David Brown. Seconded by Gordon Ball
- EGM 27 April 2016: Proposed by David Brown. Seconded by Martin Tomlinson
- 18 May 2016: Proposed by Ian Cameron. Seconded by David Brown

Matters Arising:

1. **Planning application 16/00873/EIA (electricity cable and substation for Kenly Wind Farm)** is open for discussion. CCC has objected to this application.

(MT) Why the change from routing the cable 4.5 km north of Kenly to what is now 15.4 km via Lathockar by the University?

The final route decision is made by FC Planning.

The cable route will be for one or two cables? Initially it was for 11 kv, but now it is 33000 volts cable(s).

Action: Cllr JD offered to liaise with the Case Officer.

GB raised the question of the Tree Preservation Order on the road Q16 Beeches. This avenue of trees was established in the pre-war period.

The road C41 hedge rows were documented in 1837. There has been no come back from Planning and residents feel ignored.

GB expressed his indignation to Cllrs present about the lack of information and consultation over lists of questions regarding flora and fauna. Many reports from different agencies suggest that any organisation placing HV cables should have an alternative route. There is also the potential for health risks by Magnetic Field/Resonance and the cherry-picking of information is a disgrace.

The LVIA report was the only report in the case file against the application yet was mainly about the substation.

Questions were raised regarding the installation of the cable by the University and/or Scottish Power (SP).

PJ: There is no information from SP. You would think it would be SP to install it?

MT: In the original application the university said it would install it but SP says it would only connect.

Concerns were raised over a private company taking shortcuts, and no plan of where to put the junction chambers.

Action: Cllr DM suggested contacting Kate Hughes, Area Services manager (NE Fife), and putting across various points of view.

PJ raised the issue of an insurance policy by Fife Council or the University to the Public for what is a private supply.

MT commented the University avoided way leaves by choosing the route they have. Fife Council can give statutory way leave to put the cable underground, but this is a private cable. With regards to the subsoil, how can FC give permission to dig further underground?

Action: CD. CCC need to present topics and concerns to FC:

- This planning application mustn't be a benchmark for applicant and FC to follow.
- Ask Kate Hughes (Area Manager) if CCC is permitted to give a presentation at NE Fife Planning Committee.
- Send concerns to each NE Fife councillor.
- Who will present the case?

Final comment by MT on increased CO2 emissions regarding amount of soil weight for excavations.

2. EIA Screening Opinion 16/02069/SCR Winthank farm at Denhead

The Agent (Rapleys) had asked to be present at tonight's CCC meeting, but sent an apology.

As this planning application is at the PAN and SCR stage, CCC cannot comment at this moment.

JNC commented that the Public Consultation by Rapleys at Cameron Parish Hall on 29 June 2016 was more like a fishing consultation on what Denhead residents thought:

- Not in favour of routing through the village.
- History of single track road: FC aware of a letter from residents.
- Rapleys did not know this road. It is a fast road with a steep hill. It would be dangerous to send coaches around this road.
- Agent told to review access proposals.

Why not go through Craigtoun?

JB commented that 9 double-decker school buses go through Craigtoun to park at the Dukes.

Lots of inconsistencies, no knowledge of the area

GB raised a point of concern: Kohler promised to reinstate the old hospital, and would do so after Hamilton Hall was completed.

Altruistic plans have been made but not completed, or have been unsuccessful.

PJ: Is there a strategy?

JNC: A strategy doesn't need to be declared.

GB: For "long term plans" read inconsistencies.

JB: What about the mine workings claimed by Rapleys?

Queried to previous owner/farmer, and reply was no mine workings but the nearest would be at the Lime works.

Action: CCC to ask FC.

Cllr JD commented on possible shale mine workings? Rapleys will make the investigation.

There was a question about a wall which an Enforcement Officer will investigate.

Action: Cllr JD will be the contact and relay information.

3. Police Report by PC Joanna Peddie and PC Daniel Crighton

No criminal activity to report in the Cameron area.

GB explained how CCC sees safety issues with different planning applications: for example, the likely increase in traffic with new housing (Lathockar Sawmill) especially when there is a lack of public transportation.

PC Peddie explained there is a department in the police force which deals with these safety issues.

Action: Cllr. JD would propose this safety issue to the Health Board.

GB explained the PPP (Planning Proposal in Principle) for 9 houses at Lathockar Sawmill on the C41 road which is half a mile from the bus stop at the A915 road.

MT commented on the (Niven's) 12 houses being closer to the A915.

IC commented on how school children may be taxied to the nearest bus top.

Continuing on the topic of safety: PJ told PCs Peddie and Crighton of an unusual occurrence at a half acre paddock on the western side of Denhead. Two pieces of broken pipe were found at the entrance to the field. Inside the paddock, a square of

turf had been cut out. On further inspection, 12 pieces of turf had been cut out. The Police Station had been closed but the next day (18 July 2016) PJ registered it for the record. (Metal detecting? Right to Roam?) Any feedback would be appreciated.

Action: PCs Peddie and Crighton.

National Day of Driving: Police Scotland raising awareness of Drink Driving and Speeding.

Phone 101 for non-emergencies

See: Rural Watch for current information. A stolen trailer had been recovered near Anstruther. CCTV led enquiry.

GB thanked both officers for their visit and report.

Final comments on the Winthank Farm application before other residents had to leave the meeting:

PJ: We need proof about claims made by applicant/agent.

JB: Floodlighting will be a certainty because football is a winter sport.

GB: Change of Use

CD: Greenbelt

4. **16/01943/PPP 9 houses at Lathockar Sawmill**

Is this area suitable for development according to the Local Plan 2012? (Hillwood area?)

A previous planning application for chalets at Kinaldy Meadows was turned down because of the no building in the countryside policy.

GB commented on adhoc building in the countryside as not being part of the FifePlan and Local Plan. There is development permitted at Northbank.

Is this another case to write to all the NE Fife Cllrs? The deadline for comment in objection by CCC is looming.

Action: CD

AOCB:

5. Road junction at Peat Inn (B940/B941) continues in a state of disrepair with loose stones and potholes. A cyclist has been injured.
Action: CD to cc Cllr JD on correspondence with Charlotte MacDonald.
6. Various posters/newsletters/emails over the summer to go up on the noticeboard: APRS, Small Sparks, On Your Doorstep Fife, Stagecoach Buses(X58 to continue along the A915 but with a reduced service).
7. Cameron Kirk cemetery wall:
Repair remains a question of funding. FC has extended areas of looking for funding.
Action: Cllr JD to contact FC.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 28 September 2016**

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm