



**Minutes of Cameron Community Council Meeting held in Cameron Hall on 16th
November 2011 at 6:30pm**

- Chairman:** Gordon Ball
- Present:** Gordon Ball, Dick Bond, Linda Cameron, Jennifer Wylie; David Brown, David Scott
- Attending:** Cllr. D Macgregor, Cllr M Scott-Hayward, J Ball,
- Apologies:** Cllr. E Riches, Peter Jerome, Bruce Thomson
- Minutes:** Acceptance of the minutes of the 19th October 2011 meeting was proposed by J Wylie, seconded by G Ball, approved and signed by the Chairman.
- Matters Arising:** Speeding at Peat Inn – The Chairman advised the meeting that he had had a positive response to the CCC letter of 30th October 2011, jointly sent to the Director of Transportation for Fife Council and the Chief Constable. PC Tony Doriano has advised that the matter is on the ‘To Do’ list for 2012/2013 and that following consultation, the final outcome will be a traffic calming measure in the form of a chicane, speed bumps or similar. In the meantime the police plan to increase the frequency of unadvertised radar visits using a police radar van.
- Correspondence:** A letter received from Sybil Scott concerning the close proximity of the proposed Lingo wind turbines to the historic SNH listed Pittartheie Castle was presented and reviewed at the meeting. The Chairman is to advise Ms Scott that she should also write directly to Fife Council and SNH expressing her views and concerns.
- Planning Matters:** A discussion was held following the receipt of a letter dated 2nd November 2011 from West Coast Energy (WCE) regarding their proposals for a wind farm development at Lingo and their offer of a community benefits package of a 10% share of the profits. Previously, CCC sent a letter to WCE declining any involvement in a Community Liaison Forum at present, as the project has not yet the benefit of a valid planning consent, the site works have not commenced, no electricity is being generated and the time lines in bringing the project to a successful delivery were likely to be fairly protracted. It was considered by CCC that it was premature, certainly at the present time, to join a forum to discuss the management and disbursement of funds and the establishment of a

Communities Development Trust. Due to the highly controversial nature of the proposal it was also the considered view of CCC that any involvement at this embryonic time might be interpreted by some as an expression of tacit approval for the project, which would directly conflict with the spirit and intention of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.

Following receipt of an e-mail on 15th November from PC Tony Doriano, it was agreed that details of the timings and location for Community Engagement Meetings should be posted on the CCC website.

An e-mail of 27th October regarding a Guide to emergency Planning for Community Groups was received – no action taken.

An e-mail of 7th November regarding a Cultural Connections Fife, was received - no action taken.

A letter dated 31st October regarding Fife Local development Plan Exchange was received – no action taken.

An e-mail of 14th November regarding solar Hotspots & CCF funding was received - no action taken.

Planning Matters: A detailed discussion was held concerning the wind turbine proposals for Lingo and the University planning application for wind turbines at Kenly. It was noted that Fife Council had refused the Kenly application due to the height of the turbines not complying with PAN guidelines for wind turbines. It was also noted that SNH seem to have considerably changed their position and response to planning applications regarding their acceptability criteria for turbine height and cumulative impacts as per their publication release dated 7.11.11. In an unprecedented move SNH objected to five separate planning applications for turbines in the area pending further investigations. Their intervention seems to have been welcomed by many local residents and conservationists. The proposed turbines lie within 20km of three Special Protection areas (SPA's) at the Firth of Forth, Cameron reservoir and the Firth of Tay/Eden Estuary. Their objection centres on the 5000 wintering pink footed geese that migrate every autumn from Iceland to Scotland's east coast. They feed within a square kilometre of the proposed turbines and SNH state that the proposed turbines 'could raise natural heritage issues of national interest'. The full transcript of the SNH release can be seen on the CCC website www.cameroncc.org.uk.

CCC Website Developments: Gordon Ball explained that Robert Eadie, the CCC website designer and provider was updating and refreshing the design of the site. Any updating or redesign must also take account of the need for minimum editorial input from CCC members and those present passed on their thanks to Robert Eadie for his outstanding professional input into the current site, which is admired by many.

CCC Office Bearers: David Scott has indicated his intention to step down as CCC Secretary in the New Year and the position will become vacant. A full discussion was held regarding office bearers on the Community Council and the need for new members. It was agreed that an advert

would be placed in the local newspaper asking for expressions of interest from local residents.

AOCB: It was agreed to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by planting a second tree in the depot on the A915 and D Brown agreed to weed it and provide a membrane to reduce future maintenance.
The hedges at Rainbow cottage on the A915 require cutting and the local authority to be notified.

There being no other competent business, the meeting closed at 8:15pm.

The date of the Next Meeting will be Wednesday 16th January 2012at 6:30pm

Proposed.....

Seconded.....

Signed.....Dated.....