



**Minutes of Cameron Community Council Meeting held in Cameron Hall on 19th
October 2011 at 6:30pm**

- Chairman:** Gordon Ball
- Present:** Gordon Ball, Peter Jerome, Linda Cameron, Jennifer Wylie; David Scott
- Attending:** Cllr. D Macgregor, J Ball,
- Apologies:** Cllr. E Riches, Cllr M Scott Hayward; D Brown, D Bond, R Sprot
- Minutes:** Acceptance of the minutes of the 21st September 2011 meeting was proposed by Peter Jerome, seconded by David Scott, approved and signed by the Chairman.
- Matters Arising:** Cllr. Macgregor advised that the Craigtoun Park Advisory Group meeting planned for October was postponed until December.
Cllr. Macgregor is to make a statement on the outline planning application submitted by Mr A Niven for a housing development at Lathockar, before the central planning committee meeting in Glenrothes.
A letter of apology was sent to the Reporter for the St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan Hearing as CCC was unable to send a delegate for the 2 day hearing in support of a written statement submitted previously.
- Correspondence:** An e-mail requesting a call for evidence from the Commission on Rural Education was reviewed and it was agreed that any submissions made should be on an individual basis.
A limited number of 'Improving Fife's Roads' leaflets showing the major works planned for Fife between October 2011 and March 2012 were circulated. Further copies can be obtained from the Marketing & Promotions Officer, Jennifer McEwan on 08451 55 55 55 ext 44 43 55 or e-mail Jennifer.mcewan@fife.gov.uk.
An e-mail concerning proposals for Pressured Area Status and suspension of the Right to Buy was reviewed, with no follow up action to be taken by CCC.
An e-mail regarding the New Round of Climate Challenge Funding until 31st March 2015 was discussed in some detail. The allocation of the last round of funding proved to be very disappointing for Cameron as an application for insulation improvements at Cameron Village Hall failed to attract funding. The Chairman agreed to respond to the e-mail.

A letter dated 13th October received by the Secretary, regarding the Sixth Review of UK Parliamentary Constituencies was discussed, as it will change part of the parliamentary constituencies in Fife.

Planning Matters:

A discussion was held following the receipt of minutes of the meeting held on 31st August 2011 from West Coast Energy (WCE) regarding their proposals for a wind farm development at Lingo.

A statement from the chairman of the Devon Wood Wind Farm Community Liaison Forum was also reviewed and discussed. CCC has 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. Accordingly the Community Council considered 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.

Application 11/04543/Full for a single 51m high wind turbine at Lathones was reviewed in light of the letter of objection from the MOD. The MOD said it would cause 'desensitisation' of radar in the vicinity of the turbines.

**Statutory Role
of Community
Councils:**

It would appear that there is now a presumed requirement for Community Councils intending to make comment on a planning application, to do so within a 7 day period if they intend that their representation should be regarded as a statutory consultee, under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2009. In light of the frequency of CCC meetings this requirement will make it extremely difficult for CCC as a group to meet, review and discuss planning applications in future. This bizarre construct by Fife Council appears to be an unnecessary, bureaucratic interpretation of the Regulations that will undermine the statutory role of Community Councils. This seems to be totally at odds with the spirit and intention of the Regulations.

**Feddinch Golf
Course:**

It was noted that following a series of repeated requests, Councillor Mike Scott-Hayward was soon to be in receipt of the information that he had repeatedly requested on the planning conditions surrounding this controversial planning application. This should clarify the position on the advance works on the culvert at Rainbow cottage, access routes and floodlights that CCC expected to be part of the suspensive conditions.

The Secretary advised the meeting that he had received two telephone calls in the period from residents at Feddinch. Both Ms Jean Cook and Mr John Wilson are supportive of the project. They requested information on the position adopted by the CCC since the inception of the original application some 10 years ago. They were also advised that they would be made most welcome if they decided to attend any future meetings of CCC and that information was always available on the website www.cameroncc.org.uk .

Speeding at Peat Inn:

There has been a series of complaints from Peat Inn residents about vehicles speeding through Peat Inn and the resultant accidents that have occurred. This issue has been raised at the Council before and passed to the Fife Community Policing unit, but despite occasional police presence with radar equipment over recent years, there has been no reduction in speeding. Residents are concerned that unless effective preventative action (speed bumps, alteration to road alignment etc) is taken there will be a serious accident or fatality. A letter from CCC is to be sent to the Director of Transportation in Fife and copied to the Chief Constable requesting that effective and urgent action is taken to reduce speeding.

Neighbouring CC's The stance taken by the nearby CC's of Boarhills, Dunnino, Arncroach and Carnbee on the issues surrounding community liaison forums was discussed.

Drumcarrow Thefts:

Peter Jerome appraised the meeting over the recent theft of Copper from the Drumcarrow telephone mast and the associated opportunistic theft of a generator from the shed belonging to the motorcycle off-road enthusiasts.

CCC Website Developments:

Gordon Ball explained that Robert Eadie, the CCC website designer and provider was updating and refreshing the design of the site. The meeting passed a vote of thanks to Robert for the outstanding work that he has done with the website to date.

AOCB:

It was agreed to delay the issue of a statement, prepared by P Jerome, for the Citizen asking Cameron residents to look at the website and advise CCC members of their views on planning issues until a more appropriate time.

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

The date of the Next Meeting will be Wednesday 16th November 2011at 6:30pm

Proposed.....

Seconded.....

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