



**Minutes of Cameron Community Council Meeting held in Cameron Hall on 20<sup>th</sup>  
July 2011 at 6:30pm**

- Chairman:** Gordon Ball
- Present:** Gordon Ball, Dick Bond; Peter Jerome, David Brown, David Scott
- Attending:** Cllr. D Macgregor, J Ball
- Apologies:** J Wylie, Cllr. E Riches, Cllr M Scott-Hayward, R Sprot
- Minutes:** Acceptance of the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 meeting was proposed by Peter Jerome, seconded by Dick Bond, approved and signed by the Chairman.
- Matters Arising:** The current status of Craigtoun Park was reviewed. It was likely that the footfall through the Park had increased year to date as no admission charge is now being made. Footfall is a key determinant for the future of the Park and it is disappointing that an electronic counter has not yet been fitted at the entrance. The privately run train has been away for repair which has also been a disappointment for visiting children. The maintenance of the Park and surrounds are in excellent condition and the staff should be congratulated. A CCC member will attend the next Craigtoun Advisory Group meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September to offer suggested improvements, now that more realistic operating and capital costs have been produced. However, the key to Craigtoun Park's future requires an unambiguous commitment from Fife Council to operate the Park, in partnership with the private sector/charitable trust to secure its long term future and the requisite capital investment.
- Correspondence:** It was agreed that CCC would renew their membership of the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland (APRS) and a renewal form was passed over to the Treasurer for payment. E-mail correspondence was received from St Andrews Community Trust and the Secretary will write to the Chair, Mr. Henry Paul, cc the chair of St Andrews Community Council proposing that awards of funding could be made for refurbishment and other works at Craigtoun Park.

The Fife Health and Social Care Partnership delivery Plan for 2012-15 (draft for consultation) was received, dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

The Fife Development Plan Scheme, January 2011 (Third Edition) was received.

**Planning Matters:**

The proposed West Coast Energy (WCE) wind farm development at Lingo was discussed following the company's recent 'launch' and briefing meetings.

CCC members will contact local residents across the area to determine whether they are in favour or against the development to enable the CCC members to adopt a fully representative position on the matter.

Peter Jerome has agreed to issue a copy of his proposed letter for residents in his area, which the Secretary will circulate to the other members.

Mr John Mayhew, of APRS, an expert on wind farms has been booked for the next CCC meeting to be held in Cameron Hall at 6:30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

It was agreed that the Chairman would notify the Courier and the Citizen of the event and encourage attendance from as wide a section of the locality as possible. He would also advise adjoining Community Councils of the speaker to encourage their members' attendance as this project will have a visual impact on their areas. Photo montages have been produced by residents showing the visual impact on various properties in the area.

CCC has requested information from Fife Council Planning Dept. on whether a screening and scoping opinion for Lingo had been requested by WCE, but despite 2 e-mails no reply has been forthcoming at the time of writing.

It was noted that recent surveys by the local communities in the Boarhills and Dunnino areas found that there is circa 70% objection to the St Andrews University proposal (11/02799/EIA) for 6 No 100m high turbines at Upper Kenly. Concern was expressed about the cumulative impact of this and the other turbine proposals in North East Fife.

A screening opinion (11/03458/SCR) for a wind turbine development for 3 No 48m high turbines at North Lambieytham has also been submitted.

**Feddinch Golf Course:**

A Press Information Release by the St Andrews International Golf Club was reviewed and discussed. The issue and intent of this statement seems to be premature as many of the planning conditions attached to the golf course have not yet been purified and there is no planning approval for the 'clubhouse' - a hotel by any other name. This has been a highly controversial project to date and there are major historic outstanding questions remaining about this application.

It was also noted from the May meeting of the North East Fife Planning Committee that any future decisions on this application

will be determined the Planning Committee and not by the officer's delegated powers.

**Rights of Way:** A visit by an officer from Fife Council responsible for access in the countryside confirmed that the proximity of rights of way to developments would not usually be a material factor in prohibiting the development as they could be re-routed etc.

**RAF Leuchars:** CCC expressed concern and disappointment that the decision to remove the RAF from Leuchars by 2013 had been approved by central government and that the army would move in troops thereafter.  
The Chairman is to clarify the implication on the extant radar facility at Leuchars, as this may be remaining as part of a nationwide radar network.

**AOCB:** Despite repeated contact with Fife Council, the broken Cast Iron cover on Lumbo Farm Road near the turn off for Mount Melville, no remedial action has been taken.  
The bushes near the old railway bridge on Lumbo Farm Road are a danger to motorists and require to be cut back.  
Fly tipping of a mattress near Lathockar has not been removed despite repeated requests.  
Cllr Macgregor has agreed to intercede on the above matters.

There being no other competent business, the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30pm, with a speaker Mr John Mayhew of APRS.

Proposed.....

Seconded.....

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