

**Minutes of Cameron Community Council Meeting held in Cameron
Hall on 20th January 2010**

- Chairman:** Gordon Ball
- Apologies:** Ralph Sprot, Maureen Bird, Cllr. Elizabeth Riches, Cllr. Donald Macgregor
- Present:** Gordon Ball, David Brown, David Scott, Rob Steven, Dick Bond, David Millar, Peter Jerome, Cllr Mike Scott-Hayward
- In attendance:** John Paul, Jennifer Ball, Ewing Forrester, Barbara Forrester, Bruce Thomson, John Stewart, Janice Tomlinson, Martin Tomlinson, Alan Niven & Amy Palmer - Montgomery Forgan Architects, Peter Howden (Parks Development & Support Manager)
- Minutes:** Acceptance of the minutes of the 18th November 2009 meeting were proposed by David Millar, seconded by Rob Steven, approved and signed by the chairman. (There being no meeting in December).
- Matters Arising:** A letter of objection/comment on the Finalised St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan was mailed on 12th December 2009.
A letter of objection to Cairnsmill Caravan Park planning application 09/02389/Full was mailed on 22nd December 2009.
A letter dated 14/12/09 from the Old Course Hotel was received by residents in Mount Melville explaining the current status of the Duke's Residence and Hamilton Hall.
- Planning:** **Mr Alan Niven**, gave a presentation on his **outline planning application (09/02919/PPP)**, for the proposed development of 15 Houses at Lathockar. The houses will be stone built, 1.5 stories high, with 2, 3 & 4 bedrooms, in the area which is currently a plantation. Screening will be to the East. He plans to submit another planning application for his own house adjoining the site and therefore will have a vested interest in ensuring that the project is to a high standard. A detailed discussion was held and Mr Niven answered all questions raised at the meeting. He has various consultants engaged to report and produce proposals for foul and waste drainage proposals, water supply and water pressure and this will form part of the survey required for a later submission of the full application. Heating for the units is likely to be electric, although his architect is considering ground source heat pumps.

The detail of the 30% affordable housing required for the project has still to be worked out. He will consider including safe pick up and drop off points for school buses, footpaths and a play area for children. It is likely that the old POW camp area will require to be fenced off for safety reasons. Mr Niven offered to answer any questions that anyone has about the development at any time by contacting him personally. Gordon Ball thanked Alan and Amy for attending the meeting and for their open and frank approach with the Community Council.

Craigtoun Park: **Mr Peter Howden, Fife Council Services – Parks**, gave a presentation on the current status of Craigtoun Park and the dilemma facing the Council in determining its future. In addition to explaining the issues he was as much interested in listening to the views of the meeting. Visitor attendance at Craigtoun is in a general decline with only 29,000 last year. It is the only ‘pay to enter’ Park in Fife and needs substantial capital investment if it is to realise its potential. The Dutch Village needs circa £1m to upgrade it, wet weather areas for visitors are required, a new cafe, toilet block refurbishments and refurbishment of the model train. Craigtoun is registered as a National Collection Site for Irises and has a part to play in the Greenspace strategy for the St Andrews area. Greenspace in St Andrews area is low per capita but good in quality. An open discussion followed and included suggestions of a major restructuring of the management and control of the Park, to form a registered charity as it has demonstrable ‘Public benefit’, a requirement of the Scottish Charity Regulator. Also changing its corporate status to a company limited by guarantee, would allow prudential borrowing for strategic projects and to form contracts, to complete projects. Attractions were discussed from visits made by attendees to similar Parks in England and it was agreed that suggested improvements should be forwarded to Gordon Ball or David Scott who will pass them on to Peter Howden. A ‘Friends’ approach and the need for a non political working group were discussed and it was agreed that a long term strategy for the Park’s future was required. Cameron would wish to be represented in both groups. Gordon Ball thanked Peter for his attendance and informative presentation at the meeting.

S.T.A.C.K: Gordon Ball updated the meeting on the latest position concerning the **Stop Turbines at Cameron & Kinaldy** action group, chaired by Dr David King. The anemometer mast is erected, but at a considerably lower height than originally indicated, which may be a ruse designed to improve public opinion, but which appears to contradict the stated need for accurate wind speeds at the elevation planned for the turbines (102m). Councillor Scott-

Hayward advised that certain Community Councils are now developing their own proposals for Community Turbines – St Monans, Crail & Pittenweem, with Colinsburgh interested in water power and Largoward in biomass.

Flooding: Flooding of ditches at the junction of **Stravithie Road** and **Grange Road** is still a serious problem and remedial action by the Council has been affected by the weather.

Police CEM: Inspector Bruce Thomson explained the reasons for introducing Community Policing via a **Community Engagement Model**, Originally from Chicago, but recently piloted in the Leven area. It should provide an enhanced policing provision which is more responsive to local needs.

Correspondence: E-mails concerning the Community Council Support Working Group decisions will be reviewed at the next meeting.

A.O.C.B: There being no other competent business, the meeting closed at 9:45pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th February 2010.

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Seconded.....

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