



**Minutes of Cameron Community Council Meeting held in Cameron Hall on 21<sup>st</sup>  
September 2011 at 6:30pm**

- Chairman:** Gordon Ball
- Present:** Gordon Ball, Peter Jerome, David Scott
- Attending:** Cllr. D Macgregor, Cllr M Scott Hayward, J Ball, N McGilchrist
- Apologies:** J Wylie, Cllr. E Riches, D Brown, L Cameron, D Bond, R Sprot
- Minutes:** Acceptance of the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011 meeting was proposed by Peter Jerome, seconded by David Scott, approved and signed by the Chairman.  
**Note:** There was no minute for 17<sup>th</sup> August as the evening was given over to a presentation by Mr John Mayhew, Director of the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland (APRS).
- Matters Arising:** Craigtoun Park was reviewed. Cllr Macgregor confirmed that visitor numbers had increased as no admission charge is being made and that £50k of capital expenditure was set aside to repair some of the buildings in the Park. No member of Cameron CC was available to attend the advisory group meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September. It was noted that a 'Friends of Craigtoun Group' is being organised by members of St Andrews CC who are eventually planning to take over the maintenance and development of the Park as per a recent article in the St Andrews Citizen. Fife Council have still not committed to support the Park in the long term, despite the key to its survival lying in an unambiguous commitment from Fife Council to operate the Park, in partnership with the private sector/charitable trust to secure its long term future. A long term commitment would be a requirement of any successful Heritage Lottery bid to provide the necessary capital investment.  
10/00237/FULL - it was noted that the application for the change of use and demolition of the equestrian centre and erection of 5 houses at Kinaldy was unanimously refused by NEFA Planning Committee.  
Mr John Mayhew of APRS provided a balanced view of wind Turbine installations in Scotland and the proposal for Lingo in particular on 17<sup>th</sup> August, which was well attended and proved to

be a very informative and successful evening. An exit poll was taken and details are shown on the CCC website.

Following a series of e-mail requests the screening and scoping opinions for Pittarhie have now been received from the Planning department.

The broken cast iron cover on Lumbo Farm Road has now been repaired.

The overhanging bushes on Lumbo Farm road have now been cut back.

The fly tipped mattress near Lathockar has been removed.

The road subsidence between Peat Inn and Denhead has been repaired.

**Correspondence:** A letter from the Royal Horticultural Society regarding the 'In Bloom' campaign was passed to the chairman.  
The Fife Council Hubs and Spaces audit is to be passed over to D Brown for the inclusion of Cameron Village Hall in the audit.  
A letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> September from Kennedy Renewables inviting CC members to an information day at little Raith Wind Farm on the 19<sup>th</sup> September was circulated by e-mail to members.

**Local Plan Hearing:** Ms Karen Heywood a reporter appointed by the Scottish Government is to chair a hearing on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in St Andrews Town Hall to examine the Local Plan. CCC is one of the attendees and a 2000 word statement has been submitted as required by the attendees and this is shown on the CCC website. A second submission, commenting on the other attendees' statements may also be made.

**Planning Matters:** The proposed West Coast Energy (WCE) wind farm development at Lingo was discussed following the company's meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August concerning the setting up of a Community Liaison Forum (CLF) leading to a Community Development Trust (CDT), if the project is granted a planning permission. It was agreed to write to WCE explaining that the setting up of a CLF is premature due to the extended timelines involved in the project and accordingly CCC would not wish to be involved at this time. D Scott to draft a letter for approval.

The University, wind turbine application at Kenly (11/02799/EIA), for 6 No 100m high turbines was discussed, as it will have a visual impact on much of NE Fife. Before CCC consider lodging an objection, it was agreed that an advert be placed in the Citizen advising residents in Cameron that they should refer regularly to the CCC website [www.cameroncc.org.uk](http://www.cameroncc.org.uk) and advise the CC members of their views on this and other applications for turbines (or any other application for that matter) to ensure that the CCC members act in accordance with the majority view across the district. P Jerome to draft an advert for approval.

Application 06/02854/EOPP for Northbank Farm for an extension of time was reviewed.

Application 11/04510/FULL for Northbank Lodge Caravan site for 8 Lodges was reviewed.

Application 10/04483/PPP for planning permission in principle for 15 dwelling houses at Lathockar was approved by the NEFA Planning Committee today, but despite this it has been referred to the central planning committee. Subject to certain provisos that were agreed by the applicant at a previous meeting, CCC supported this application. As there is general puzzlement over this seemingly perverse decision, it was agreed that CCC should write an e-mail of support to the central planning committee in Glenrothes who will make the final decision.

**Statutory Role  
of Community  
Councils:**

Following a request from CCC and a resultant plethora of e-mails from Fife Council officers and legal department, it is clear that CC's are a statutory consultee for Planning applications if they respond within a 7 day period to an application stating that they do so as a statutory consultee. Less clear, however is the interpretation of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2009 that cites an automatic statutory role for the CC where the application may have an impact on the amenity of the area. It appears that it is unclear who makes the decision on amenity and what type of application would be classed as having an impact on the amenity of the area.

**Feddinch Golf  
Course:**

This has been a highly controversial project to date and there are major historic outstanding questions remaining about this application. From the recent NEFA planning committee, the following has been established:

1. That the applicant has a valid planning consent for the golf course and that before any work commences a bond for circa £1m must be in place.
2. A new planning application must be made for the clubhouse and if permission is granted it will be subject to a bond of circa £6m.
3. Any future decisions on this project will be determined by the Planning Committee and not by the officer's using delegated powers.

Information regarding the advance works on the culvert at Rainbow cottage, access routes and floodlights that CCC expected to be part of the suspensive conditions were passed over to Cllr Scott-Hayward for investigation.

**Mount Melville:**

Speed bumps have been fitted to the Craigtoun Farm Access Road and the Kohler Company have an agreement in place with Fife Council regarding road maintenance and salting in winter.

**Rights of Way:** A visit by an officer from Fife Council responsible for access in the countryside has taken place at South Kinaldy farm as access to the countryside may have been unfairly restricted.

**Health & Safety Issues:** There has been a complaint received concerning the unsafe practices being adopted on the house building site at Lumbo Farm Road and at Denhead where contractors broke underground pipes to a septic tank. The proper authorities have been informed.

**AOCB:** Mr McGilchrist advised that the CCC website showed a starting time for the meetings of 7:30 and not 6:30pm. This is to be investigated and corrected if required.

There being no other competent business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

**The date of the Next Meeting will be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011at 6:30pm**

Proposed.....

Seconded.....

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