



Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting of Cameron Community Council Wednesday 27 April 2016 at Cameron Parish Hall

Present: Gordon Ball (Chairman), Carol Drysdale (Secretary), David Brown (Treasurer), Anne Brown, Douglas Brown, Marion Lang, Graham Lang, Janice Tomlinson (Resident), Martin Tomlinson (Resident), Jennifer Wylie, Jennifer Ball (Resident), Roger Pegden (Resident), David Scott, Linda Holt, Carole Cameron

Apologies: Ian Paul, Cllr. Elizabeth Riches, Cllr. Donald MacGregor, Cllr. John Docherty

Welcome & Introduction: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the EGM and gave a brief introduction.

The EGM was called regarding the concern over the proposed electricity cables from Kenly. The purpose of this meeting was to gather community comments and views from people affected by this Planning application:

16/00873/EIA :Installation of underground electricity cable (15.4km), erection of a substation building, transformer and a 2m high fence (associated with Kenly Wind Farm 11/02799/EIA) - Underground Grid Connection Midpoint Lathockar St Andrews Fife

A discussion followed over different aspects of this proposal:

- trees
- species (bats, badgers, red squirrels)
- interference with normal domestic routine, and
- the impact on other services (for example, Water).

The Chairman asked if there was anyone who wished the CC to send or assist on their behalf a comment to Fife Council.

Further points of reference or concerns were raised or discussed:

1. The verges are very narrow with hardly any space for the cables to be sunk along the A915 road at Cameron village, the C41 road with the beech hedges on either side of the road, and, the Q16 road with the canopy of trees.
2. The cutting of the roots of old established (100+ years) trees
3. The beech hedges are mentioned in the 1847 New Statistical Account.

Cameron CC feels strongly it is not acceptable to destroy or kill natural landscape or heritage.

The National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) sets guidelines for the members providing underground services and utilities.

Yet, who will monitor the contractor?

Who will assure a good standard of work is carried out?

4. Notification to Neighbours: not everyone was sent a notice by FC
5. Question: Have all the farms/landowners/businesses been informed?
6. Concern by farmers over the closure of roads/ issue with access and Health & Safety
7. A 15.4 km route is ridiculous. Why not connect to Kingsbarns or go overhead at Kenly?
8. Why do they need a St Andrews University substation?
9. For 3 months, one or two of the access roads (C41, Q16, Q17) to the A915 and the B9131 roads will be closed.
10. There are water cables already on both sides of the A915 road.
11. Magnetic radiation concern
12. It is not possible to separate cables by 450 mm, especially where there is no verge.
13. What about BT cables? Any developer should approach BT's OPENREACH.
14. Way-Leave: permission to run cables under the fields
15. Two cables need separated by 300 mm.
16. There is concern regarding high voltage.
17. Link between High voltage and Leukaemia
18. Question: Are there many of the high voltage cables in the area already?
Answer: Yes, across nearby fields, but not along roads or near houses.
19. Question: Who will place the cables?
Answer: Scottish Power's contractor.

Other issues were raised:

- The Largo Road grid (next to Slotline House): routing of the cables back and up from new substation and transformer.
- The A915 road was newly resurfaced (Summer 2015).
- The road narrows at Priorletham.
- The safety concerns over the separation distances between the cables.
- Who will enforce these safety matters?

All members of households, not only residents, may submit a comment to this application.

The Chairman thanked everyone again for their assistance.

Meeting closed: 7.35 pm