



Minute of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council
Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 6.30 pm
Online Meeting via Zoom (due to Covid-19 restrictions)

Note: As members of the public had been notified (in *The Citizen* and on the CCC website) that they could join this Zoom meeting, it was a formally constituted meeting of Cameron Community Council

Community Councillors Present: Gordon Ball, Ian Cameron, Katherine Christie, Stephen Lohoar, John Picken (Chair), Jay Spankie, Bruce Thomson, Innes Wright

Ex Officio members present: Cllr Linda Holt

1 Presentation: Doug Stephen, Chair of Friends of Craigtoun

The Chair welcomed Doug Stephen to the meeting and thanked him for providing a briefing note on the history of Craigtoun Park, and the establishment of the Friends of Craigtoun in 2012. DS confirmed that under current leasing arrangements, Fife Council is responsible for the listed buildings and the maintenance of the park and gardens at Craigtoun, and the Friends (with the assistance of many volunteers) run the paid-for amenities and café and reinvest all proceeds into the park. The listed Dutch Village and other structures are in urgent need of significant investment. Recently however, the experience of the Friends has been that FC is unwilling to invest in the park's infrastructure, listed buildings or parks and gardens upkeep, and no gardeners are based at the park now. In recent discussions for a lease renewal, the Friends infer that FC wishes to divest itself of all responsibilities for the park and to hand over all of the financial burden to the Friends.

Cllr Holt confirmed she was happy to take up these issues with individual senior officers in FC. It was agreed that Cllr Holt would meet virtually with DS and the previous chair of the Friends to discuss these issues and to assist with dealing with FC's leasing department – in the latter case it was agreed that the support of all Cameron and St Andrews Councillors would be helpful, as would maintaining public awareness of these issues.

Cameron CC reiterated its support for the future success of Craigtoun Park and the work of the Friends.

2 Presentation: 21/00931/PAN, Proposal of Application Notice for erection of golf course and associated development including club house, hotel and related lodge accommodation, food and drink, spa, access, parking, landscaping and ancillary development and works, with related demolitions, Feddinch: Fraser Littlejohn, Alan Fitzpatrick (Montagu Evans), Steve Thomson (GI Architects), Alex Orr (Orbit Communications)

The Chair welcomed the visitors to the meeting and thanked them for providing background information on the proposals. The visitors confirmed that the new proposals

for clubhouse and related developments were very similar to the previously approved planning applications (although not all of the farm buildings would now be demolished), and that work on the links-style golf course had already commenced. Proposed was a clubhouse with 39 guest rooms/apartments, the listed farmhouse as a separate lettable unit and a members-only restaurant. During questions and answers, the following points were confirmed:

- The developer was fully aware of conditions attached to the previous (now lapsed) permissions and expects the same conditions to apply to any new planning permissions. This would include: no construction or operational traffic to use the Lumbo Road, no high-level lighting or floodlighting on site, on-site service tracks to ancillary buildings (with a new access being sought, off the A915 for service traffic).
- The facility would be a private members club, and not open to the public.
- The requirements of the Section 75 notice applied to the previous permissions were likely still to be in place for any new permissions granted (eg, repair of culverts, liability for road reinstatement and maintenance).

The visitors confirmed there would be a digital consultation event on 20 May 2021, at <https://feddinchgolfresort.com> and invited any other feedback from the community to be sent to them directly or through the links on the development website. When asked, the visitors confirmed the developer might be interested in supporting the community through an involvement in local projects, such as Craigtoun Park.

The Chair thanked the visitors for their presentation, and they left the meeting. CCC agreed it would be useful to confirm to FC that it would be necessary to apply the Section 75 conditions to any new planning permissions at Feddinch. BT agreed to draft a comment for circulation to CCC's agreement and then to forward to FC.

Action: BT to draft response to FC re Section 75 conditions

3 Apologies

Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Bill Porteous, Community Police Team representative

4 Community Police Team: Update

The written update from the Community Police Team (**Attachment 1**) for March 2021 was tabled and noted.

5 Approval of minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of the previous formal CCC, on 17 March 2021, were approved as an accurate record.

6 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting, not otherwise on this agenda

None

7 Planning Applications for CCC attention

a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting:* Carried forward to May meeting

8 Roads in CCC Area

a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting:* Carried forward to May meeting

9 Finance and Accounts

a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting:* Carried forward to May meeting

- b. The Treasurer presented the draft accounts for 2020/21 (**Attachments 3a and 3b**). These were approved by Cameron CC and the Chair thanked the Treasurer for preparing them.

10 Fife Community Councils, Revised Scheme of Establishment 2021.

The Secretary tabled a copy of the FC Revised Scheme of Establishment for community councils (**Attachment 2**) which had been adopted by FC in March 2021 For the minute, Cameron CC confirmed this revised Scheme now defined the conditions under which it operated.

11. Craigtoun Park Update See item 1 above.

12. Fife Councillors' Update

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- a. Cameron Reservoir: It was noted that local concerns continued to be expressed in a variety of ways about the potential for overuse of Cameron Reservoir (either through access from large adjacent commercial developments or from the introduction of water sports) to have a detrimental impact on the protected species and wildlife generally in the area. A local petition had recently attracted nearly 500 signatures. While it was acknowledged that there is a 'right of access' to public open spaces, it was also noted that this has to be balanced by 'responsible use' and care of the environment. The Chair agreed that a broader discussion of Cameron Reservoir would be added to the agenda of the next CCC, and to invite a representative of the Angling Club to that meeting.

Action: Chair to invite a representative of the Angling Club to next CCC meeting

14 Date of next meeting: 19 May 2021

End of Meeting

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