



Minute of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council
Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 6.30 pm
Cameron Parish Hall

Community Councillors Present: Gordon Ball, Ian Cameron, Katherine Christie, Stephen Lohoar, John Picken (Chair)

Ex Officio members present: Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Linda Holt

1. Apologies

Jay Spankie, Bruce Thomson, Innes Wright, Cllr Bill Porteous, Community Police Team representative

2. Community Police Team: Update

The written update from the Community Police Team (**Attachment 1**) for August 2021 was tabled and noted. Recent instances of fly-tipping in the area were highlighted and it was reported landowners had been told it was their responsibility to clear the refuge, whereas CCC understood FC was responsible for clearing fly-tipped materials.

Action: Chair to provide details of these cases to the 3 Area Councillors

CCC noted its appreciation of councillors' efforts to end the appointments system at FC recycling centres.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 18 August 2021 were approved as an accurate record.

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

None

5. Planning Applications for CCC attention

a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting:*

- 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 selected demolitions, Feddinch:

CCC noted no further progress on this proposed planning application following the period of public consultation.

- 21/01521/PAN: Proposal of Application Notice for extension to tourist, commercial and leisure development to form 131 No. lodge style static holiday caravan pitches and associated infrastructure, Land at Northbank Farm, Cameron, Lathockar:

CCC noted no further progress on this proposed planning application following the period of public consultation. A planning application was still anticipated and CCC agreed to consider its response to the submitted application.

- b. 20/02716/FULL: Siting of 49 retirement caravans including landscaping and associated infrastructure (amendment to 15/00727/ARC), North Bank Farm, Lathockar, St Andrews:

CCC noted a recent change to this application that reduced the number of proposed retirement homes from 49 to 35.

6. Roads in CCC Area

- a. *Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting:*

- Denhead Road Safety, Signage. The Secretary reported no reply to CCC's emails had been received from L Craig on this issue since the last CCC meeting. It was agreed Secretary to pursue again with Lesley Craig at FC Roads.

Action: Secretary to re-send email to Lesley Craig, FC Roads, re Denhead signage

Action: Secretary to contact Police about deploying 'Pop Up Bob' at Denhead.

- B940, Higham Toll to Peat Inn: BT had reported to FC the poor condition of the road surface and requested the schedule for repair. In response (to Cllr Holt) FC Roads confirmed their intention to resurface the B940 from Higham Toll to Peat Inn later in this financial year. However, FC also confirmed their principal aim for 2021/22 will be to make sure all the Open Golf routes are in good condition in readiness for the 2022 tournament. CCC also noted the poor condition of the C41 from Johnny Paul's Corner to Lathockar, which FC also acknowledged they were monitoring following recent 'recycling' work on the surface.

- b. Road to Cameron Cemetery: CCC noted its concern at the state of the road to Cameron Cemetery which, although 'unadopted' should be maintained by FC as councils have a legal responsibility to maintain access to cemeteries and war graves. Cllr Holt agreed to take this up with FC.

Action: Cllr Holt to raise maintenance of cemetery road with FC

7. Finance and Accounts

- a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting:*

- Purchase of planters: Treasurer confirmed invoice for the two planters had been paid. Chair confirmed CCC plaques were still to be attached to planters. Budget for compost and plants tbc, and Chair confirmed he could supply soil. CCC confirmed one planter for Peat Inn and one for Cameron Hall.

Action: Chair to deliver one planter to Peat Inn

Action: Chair to circulate dimensions of planters to CCC and contact Caulders to calculate costs for compost and plants

- Community Resilience Planning Fund: BT noted he will shortly contact ENCEPT re emergency boxes, which could form the basis of an application to this Fund.

Action: BT to contact ENCEPT re content of emergency boxes

- b. Donation to St Andrews Menshed for Higham Toll work. CCC recorded their appreciation of the excellent work recently carried out by volunteers of the St Andrews Menshed in tidying up the Higham Toll area. It was agreed CCC should make a donation to the Menshed funds. Chair to discuss amount with Treasurer.

Action: Chair and Treasurer to discuss Menshed donation

CCC agreed adding wildflowers to the 'wilding' area at Higham Toll would be attractive.

Action: Chair to investigate wildflower seed supplies

8. Craigtoun Park Update

An Update Report was tabled on behalf of the Chair of the Friends of Craigtoun which noted that it had been a successful season in terms of visitor numbers and takings for the attractions. A review of café offering was to be undertaken. However, a new lease with FC had still not been signed and the Chair of the Friends had sought the assistance of Cllr Holt with expediting lease discussions. Cllr Holt reported she had contacted a Senior Manager in FC's leasing department and would follow up to ensure a response. Cllrs Holt and Docherty further noted there were funds available (eg from the UK govt, Gannochy Trust, Scottish Land Fund) for community and leisure projects but that it would be difficult for Craigtoun Friends to make applications whilst the lease issue was unresolved.

9. Cameron Reservoir, Chairman's update

Chair reported a meeting he had called in July 2021 with interested parties to discuss Cameron Reservoir. The outcome was a general agreement to raise awareness of the wider environmental capability of the reservoir and its surrounding area. Whilst the pink footed geese underlie the site's SSSI and RAMSAR designations, the group believed there was much wider wildlife activity which could encourage a designation as a Wildlife Reserve. Cllr Holt agreed to make enquiries about creating a wildlife reserve designation.

Action: Cllr Holt to enquire about wildlife reserve designation

There had been enthusiasm expressed for a 'Friends' group to raise awareness of importance of the site and to discourage overuse of the reservoir and surroundings by water sports and other activities. Chair agreed to contact the volunteers from the meeting to enquire whether there had been any progress on forming such a group.

Action: Chair to contact Cameron volunteers re Friends group

Generally, CCC noted concerns about balancing rights of access to the reservoir with responsible use and activity and noted Scottish Water's responsibility for signage re responsible use, safety and environmental protection.

10. Cemeteries Provision in Fife, by Fife Council (Cllr Porteous)

In Cllr Porteous' absence, this item deferred to next CCC meeting.

11. Fife Councillors' Update

Cllr Docherty reported FC was to discontinue the appointments system at its recycling centres. And reported proposed legislation to ban pavement parking from 2023.

12. AOCB

- a. Peat Inn phonebox: BT awaiting response from local group re use of the phonebox.
- b. East Neuk Community Councils Forum: Chair reported on the meeting held in April 2021, which had discussed the ambulance service, Digital Improvement Service (community-run broadband service) and the issue of seeking National Park status for the East Neuk.
- c. CC elections 2022: the Chair intimated this would be his last year on CCC.

13. Date of next meeting: 20 October 2021, Cameron Parish Hall

End of Meeting

Proposer:

Seconder:

Date: