



Minute of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council  
Wednesday 16 February 2022  
Online Meeting via Zoom

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:** Ian Cameron, Katherine Christie, John Picken (Chair), Jay Spankie, Bruce Thomson

**Ex Officio members present:** Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Linda Holt, Cllr Bill Porteous

**1. Apologies**

Gordon Ball, Stephen Lohoar, Innes Wright, Community Police Team representative

**2. Community Police Team: Update**

The written update from the Community Police Team (**Attachment 1**) for January 2022 was tabled and noted.

**3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings**

With an amendment at item 4a, the minutes of the meeting of 19 January 2022 were approved as an accurate record.

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

- a. CC elections 2023: CCC noted ongoing unhappiness that CC terms of office had been extended without meaningful consultation and agreed to continue to raise queries about this with other CCs and with FC.

**5. Planning Applications for CCC attention**

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

- 21/02819/EIA: Extension to tourist, commercial and leisure development including 131 lodge style static caravan pitches etc: Land at Northbank Farm, Cameron, Lathockar, St Andrews. Update: it was noted several new documents had been uploaded to FC planning portal for this application, including a letter from NatureScot expressing concern that the visitor management actions agreed for the 82-caravan site had not yet been fully implemented.

It was agreed Secretary to email CCC comment to councillors on the NE Fife Planning Committee ahead of this application being determined, to ensure that the committee had sight of the full text, and not just the planning officials' summary.

**Action: Secretary to email CCC comment NE Fife Planning Committee when this application due to be determined**

*For the record, it was noted that while Area Councillors could advise on administrative processes, they made no comment on this (or any other) planning application being considered by CCC.*

- *Note CCC member conflict of interest: CCC member was not present for discussion of this item.*

21/03731/FULL: Change of use of land to allow for the siting of residential lodge including associated infrastructure (Retrospective), Drumcarrow Craig, Denhead, St Andrews, AND 21/03729/FULL: Change of use of land to allow for the sitting of two lodges for holiday accommodation and seasonal worker accommodation, Drumcarrow Craig, Denhead, St Andrews. Secretary confirmed CCC had noted to FC that no objections had been received for these applications.

- b. 21/00931/PAN: Proposal of Application Notice for erection of golf course and associated development etc, Feddinch: Update: Chair confirmed he was still seeking responses to his requests for an update on this application.

- c. *Note CCC member conflict of interest: CCC member left the meeting for discussion of this item.*

05/04061/NMV: Non-material variation request to 05/04061/EFULL for amendment to lodge design, Clash Wood, Cameron. Secretary confirmed there was no mechanism for consultation or comment on an NMV request. However if FC determined this was a material variation it would require full planning consent and CCC would have the opportunity to comment at that time.

*CCC member returned to the meeting*

- d. Scotland National Planning Framework 4, Online workshops (**Attachments 3, 4**). Dates of these workshops had been circulated and CCC members invited to register. Chair confirmed he had previously contacted D Grant in FC re developing 'place plans' for the Cameron area but had received no response and would now contact him again.

**Action: Chair to contact D Grant at FC re Place Plans for Cameron**

*Cllr Holt left the meeting*

- e. Weekly Planning Lists: CCC recorded its unhappiness that FC will discontinue sending out weekly planning lists to CCs and instead expects CCs to find the information for themselves on its website using a variety of filters. CCC asked its Area Councillors to make representations to FC Planning for the weekly lists to be continued.

**Action: Area Councillors to ask for Weekly Lists to be continued**

## **6. Roads in CCC Area**

- a. *Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting*: None
- b. Temporary road closure of C4 in February/March was noted. Secretary confirmed 'single -track road with no passing place' warning signs had been requested for Q14 during this diversion.

## **7. Finance and Accounts**

- a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings*:
  - Community Resilience Planning Fund: BT confirmed a bid for £700 had been submitted in February 2022 to cover a 'Resilience Box' and information materials.
  - St A Community Trust: CCC bid successful, £400 being awarded. (**Attachment 5**)
  - St A University Local Community Fund: CCC bid unsuccessful. (**Attachment 6**).
- b. Website: Treasurer reported web administrator requested authority to change web host and CCC agreed to this additional upfront cost. It was further agreed that

Secretary would contact web administrator to seek back-up admin rights to the website for risk management.

**Action: Secretary to seek back-up admin rights for CCC website**

c. Accounts: Treasurer confirmed Mark Dobell would audit CCC's 2021/22 accounts.

#### **8. Craigtoun Park Update**

Secretary reported an update from the chair of Friends of Craigtoun, noting work on a new go-cart track and refurbishment of the crazy golf course ahead of the new season. New volunteers for the growing gardening club would be welcomed. CCC noted a recent National Lottery award to Silverburn Park and flax mill of £3.4m supported by £2m from Fife Council and compared this to the challenges at Craigtoun to get FC to fulfil even minimum obligations.

#### **9. Cameron Reservoir, update**

Chair and Cllr Porteous reported they awaited reps from NatureScot to respond with dates for next meeting. Chair to call Cllr Porteous to discuss further.

**Action: Chair to call Cllr Porteous re Cameron Reservoir meeting**

#### **10. Fife Councillors' Update**

Cllr Docherty: Reported FC had awarded £1.4m to NE Fife for roads work, especially the A917; and FC has a new number for general enquiries: 03451 55000 from 9am to 5pm (reduced hours from previous provision).

Cllr Porteous: reported FC wishes to change the structuring of management of the Waid cluster of schools but that there was strong local opposition to such a major change at this time after the educational disruption of the pandemic.

#### **11. AOCB**

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

- Post Office provision in St Andrews: Letter of 1 February 2022 from W Rennie MSP to Post Office HQ was tabled (**Attachment 7**). As there remained concern at the poor post office provision in St Andrews it was agreed CCC would also contact Post Office HQ.

**Action: Secretary to report ongoing concern about poor provision to PO HQ**

- b. Fife Transport Strategy: the public consultation in Feb/March 2022 was noted.
- c. Review of UK electoral boundaries (**Attachment 8**): the public consultation in Feb/March 2022 was noted.

**12. Date of next meeting:** 16 March 2022.

#### **End of Meeting**

Proposer:

Seconder:

Date: