



Minutes of Cameron Community Council Meeting
 Cameron Parish Hall
 Wednesday 19 July 2017 at 6.30 pm

Present: Gordon Ball (Chairman), Carol Drysdale (Secretary), Anne Brown (Treasurer), Stephen Lohoar, David Scott, Ian Paul, Bruce Thomson

Attending: Cllr Linda Holt, Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Bill Porteous, PC Susie Martin, Charlie Gray, Stuart Niven, Martin Tomlinson

Apologies: Ian Cameron, PC Joanna Peddie, Stephen Carter

Cllr Porteous explained to the Chairman that he would have to leave before the end of the meeting due to other commitments.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Bruce Thomson as a newly co-opted member of Cameron CC, and PC Susie Martin as the representative for the St Andrews Community Police Team in lieu of PC Peddie who is on annual leave.

Matters Arising:

- a) PC Martin reported there were no main issues.

The parking on the B941 road at Peat Inn continues to be monitored. Vehicles are parked opposite the T junction with B940 road. White H bar road markings have been painted beside the dropped kerbs.

The potholes at the entrance to Larennie Farm track have been filled. An extended white H bar and KEEP CLEAR road marking is required at the bellmouth. **Action: CD to write to Colin Stirling**

The damage to the Kirk window appears to have been caused by a stray pellet. Police Scotland revisited the area and found no repeat of such action.

A Summer Fun Day event was held last week at Leuchars. Also attending were Clued Up, a youth support and information service (<https://servicesfife.org/342-clued-up-project>). Another event is planned for 9th August 10 am – 4 pm at the St Andrews University Sports Grounds, and later in the year at Wade Academy in an effort to encourage more interaction with youth. See social media, press, and schools for more information.

A question was asked regarding gas powered poppers or bangers being banned in fields. There used to be a code of practice. PC Martin will make enquiries. **Action: PC Martin**

There have been no reports of farm thefts in the area. However, PC Fraser Laird provides a Rural Watch email report which the CCC secretary forwards.

The Chairman thanked PC Martin for her contribution to the meeting.

- b) Following on from an email received from the FC Property Gazetteer to Cameron CC regarding the name for the new development of houses at Hillwood, and a discussion tonight with a family member of the developer, it was understood by Cameron CC that an honest mistake was made in the address of an email sent to the Gazetteer by the developer. Cameron CC unanimously agreed to the developer's suggestion of the name Lathockar Fields for the new development as it befits the rural setting. This agreement along with the preferred name suggestion will be forwarded to the Gazetteer before Friday 21 July 2017 along with the minute of tonight's meeting. **Action: CD**
- c) The feedback from residents of Peat Inn concerning traffic calming measures will be sent to Colin Stirling at FC Transportation. Horizontal measures are not suitable. Vertical measures in the form of speed cushions are preferred instead of full width speed bumps, but not in front of any properties. The main problem areas appear to be at either end of the village. Vehicles parked at the Peat Inn roadside do slow down traffic, but vertical traffic calming measures are still required. Previous electronic speed signs (now broken) saying "SLOW DOWN" only cause annoyance. Peat Inn residents want the same electronic speed signs, which show the actual speed, as provided at nearby Strathkinness.
- Cllr BP asked about the possibility of full width speed bumps being placed at either end of the village, but out with any houses. BT replied it would extend the area of the speed limit.
- Cllr JD reported that Kevin Smith was unaware of problems with the build outs. MT reported that the SLOW DOWN signs were paid for by the developer of the houses on The Green and not by FC.
- BT asked to take photos of further road damage at Peat Inn and send them to Colin Stirling and Kevin Smith.
- Action: CD and BT**
- d) Not much is happening at the moment with the appeal case PPA-250-2278; however deadlines are coming up soon.
- e) Cameron CC received a cordial reply from Stephen Carter (GM of The Old Course Hotel, Golf Resort & Spa) thanking CCC yet declining the invitation to attend tonight's meeting. The refurbishment and preservation of Craigtoun House remains a top priority for Kohler, and CCC should hear back in the not too distant future. Cameron CC is aware of concerns raised by the public about the heating of the listed building causing more damage than good. Cllr JD raised concerns about Craigtoun House and mentioned how many locals were actually born there when it was a maternity unit.

Two rental properties at Mt Melville have received planning permission approval recently. One especially with conditions attached regarding a Japanese Knotweed management plan.

- f) Cameron CC submitted by email a further comment to the Winthank Farm planning application ref.16/04205/FULL on 13 July, before the online approval date of 14 July 2017. This was a request for the reduction of the speed limit from 60 mph to 30 mph along the Craigtoun Road (C65) to be made on the developer's Traffic Management Plan. The CC email has not been acknowledged or uploaded to the case file to date. Cameron CC agreed to push this request with Development Central for a reduced speed limit along the C65 from St Andrews to beyond the entrance to Craigtoun Park Caravan site. It is good practice to note not only the fatalities recorded long this stretch of road but also the near misses. Visibility is reduced for drivers entering and exiting the Lumbo Road at Balone due to the blind summit at the 60 mph speed limit C65 junction. The same applies further long at the Craigtoun Park Caravan site junction where vehicles towing caravans have to manoeuvre slowly on a road with a 60 mph speed limit.

Cameron CC has requested a lowered speed limit here in the past (2010). How is it that Hepburn Gardens in St Andrews can have a 20 mph speed limit, yet not extend it to 30 mph at Craigtoun Road? **Action: CD and Cllr JD**

- g) Cameron CC members GB and CD attended a fact finding meeting at Cameron Reservoir on 30 May 2017 with representatives from both Scottish Water and St Andrews Angling Club. An invitation was made also to FC Bereavement Services and Fife Coast & Countryside Trust but both could not attend. A discussion was had about land for sale in the area. Scottish Water's (SW) reservoir has changed status to Grade A. (It also holds SSSI title and is a Ramsar site.) SW will take responsibility for the sluice gate and improve the tracks around the reservoir. SW owns the track from the Cameron Farm track (ie. the unadopted road also leading to Cameron Kirk *et al*) to the reservoir, and the St Andrews Angling Club maintains it.

Cllr JD reported that Kevin Smith (Transportation) will look at the unadopted road to Cameron Kirk and the FC Cemetery and the Commonwealth War Graves.

There has been still no reply from the Anstruther Easter Sea Box Society, who owns the "track" to Cameron Farm. It appears the tenant farmer has levelled off the potholes with gravel at the A915 junction. **Action: Cllr JD**

- h) Cameron CC discussed the recent PAN ref.17/02132/PAN at North Bank Farm but as it is at the PAN stage cannot comment. Cllr BP reminded CCC that once a FULL application is submitted there are only 7 days to request statutory consultee status. A public consultation is to be held at Cameron Parish Hall on Thursday 17 August 2017 from 11 am – 7 pm.

AOCB:

- a) Cllr BP reported that the clearing of the ditches along the C41 road is a work in progress.

- b) OpenReach roadworks started on 18 July at Johnnie Paul's Corner and should last for no more than 5 days. There are no roadworks planned for the A915 from Priorletham or for the C41 to the Q16, as previously posted online. SN confirmed that OpenReach are laying cabling to the corner of the new development site at Hillwood.
- c) CCC website is not being updated as there is no facility. Cllr Holt suggested the Fifiedirect facility for CCs of which CD is aware, but the secretary is hoping someone else will take on the responsibility of posting and moderating information on another media. **Action: CD to look again at Fifiedirect**
 A new noticeboard is required at Cameron Parish Hall and CCC has the funding to provide suchlike with the joint approval of the hall committee. **Action: AB and SN**
 A further discussion was had about noticeboards (and their use) elsewhere in Cameron. BT requested letter headed notepaper for Peat Inn's information noticeboard. GB to supply CCC logo and letter head via email to BT. **Action: GB**
- d) The picnic tables and bin at Higham Toll are in need of repair or replacement. The bin is always full, and rubbish is blown across the grass. The potholes are at either end of the lay-by, and in between. Cllr LH will enquire which FC department(s) is in charge of such repairs. CD will forward photos of both Higham Toll Picnic Area and Lay-by to Cllr LH. **Action: Cllr LH and CD**
- e) Cllr JD reported on information received from Darren Liddle of RBS. North Fife Community Bankers will host regular events across the community on all matters financial, especially in light of recent closures. For more information see social media.
 Lastly, food waste bags for the brown refuse recycling bins can be purchased (£1.20) at the East Sands Leisure Centre.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 20 September 2017 at 6.30 pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for their time and contribution to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm