



**Minutes of Cameron Community Council Meeting held on 17 June 2015
at 6:30pm in Cameron Parish Hall**

Present: Gordon Ball, Carol Drysdale, David Scott, Stephen Lohoar, Ian Paul, David Brown

Attending: Jennifer Ball, Ian Cameron, Charlie Gray, PC Joanna Peddie, PC David Johnstone, Cllr. Elizabeth Riches, Cllr. John Docherty, Cllr. Donald MacGregor

Apologies: Bruce Thomson

1. Welcome by GB to all
2. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 20 May 2015: proposed by Gordon Ball, seconded afterwards by David Brown
3. Matters Arising:
 - I. Letter of resignation received from Janice Tomlinson, Secretary of Cameron Community Council from 2012 – 2015.
 - Show of appreciation to Janice for her many years of hard work, commitment and friendship. **[Action: CD]**
 - The Way Forward: a discussion followed on the increase of bureaucracy cascaded down to community council level.
 - DS raised the point of the 1973 (Scottish Government Act) Planning Advice Note regarding the “21 and 7 days” issue over deadlines for statutory consultee status and comments during planning application, and the need for local government to abide by the spirit of the Act. **[Action: Cllrs. ER, JD, DM]**
 - The post of Secretary remains vacant. CD volunteered to record and produce minutes of tonight’s meeting. **[Action: CD]**

Police Update from PC David Johnstone and PC Joanna Peddie:

- Break ins (3 in total) at Craigtoun Park.
 - Friends of Craigtoun Park have some funding for CCTV. They may wish to contact The Settlement Trust for funding purposes. **[Action: CD]**
- Initiated pro-active patrols by runners/cyclists: nothing to report.
Large car park at western edge of park reported as being frequented by “boy racers”.

- Discussion on vandalism at Craigtoun House as reported in press. Linked to housebreakings in the St Andrews and Anstruther areas. An arrest was reported in the press.
 - PC Johnstone will look at Mount Melville and the old Craigtoun Hospital with the broken in door. **[Action: PC J]**
 - PC Johnstone will contact the owners of Craigtoun House (Kohler Company) by the end of the week. **[Action: PC J]**
 - Discussion on the historical, long running maintenance issues of Craigtoun Hospital. No reply to email sent 2 months ago to Kohler from DS. **[Action: DS]**
 - Fife Council yard/depot at the top of Mount Melville is thought to be a security weak point. DS will send note to Mount Melville neighbours to ask to please keep an eye on it. **[Action: DS]**
 - Traffic complaints during busy periods on the western approach road to Craigtoun Park. Suggestion of a Park & Ride.
 - Show of appreciation to both PCs.
- II. Solar Farm Cameron: letter from AAH stating a legal agreement with the landowner about a bond. If AAH should go bust, no bond has been put up, but the panels could be sold.
- Further discussion about Planning Dept procedures. DS asks Cllrs. ER, JD, and DM to invoke the Planning Advice Note mentioned earlier. Fife Council Planning would send an advance copy to community council if they would think it being of interest. **[Action: Cllrs. ER, JD, DM]**
 - Discussion on neighbourhood notification by letter through the post, and the rules & regulations regarding distances and/or occupancy.
- III. Right of way path Denhead to Cameron Loch:
- Fallen trees continue to need cut back. **[Action: DB]**
 - Cllr. JD reports on the matter of funding by FC to surface the path in order for disabled access. FC will send out someone to assess the path. **[Action: Cllr. JD]**
- IV. Craigtoun House refurbishment by Kohler Co.:
- Cllr. JD will contact Kohler and inform Cameron CC of the reply by Friday (19.06.2015) **[Action: Cllr. JD]**
- V. Feddinch Golf Course:
- DB has been in contact with Feddinch two weeks ago. The activity plan is: Spray/Prepare/Seed. The machinery is present. What happens next?
 - DS says there should be a “purification” of the condition for planning. This has been ongoing for 5 years. An entrance to Feddinch has been created without planning permission. Fife Council legal team has

negotiated for a bond of only £100K, but it now looks like Feddinch will never happen.

- Cllr. DM will get Fife Council Planning Dept to write a letter to Ewan MacKay at Feddinch. **[Action: Cllr. DM]**
- Question to FC: Why didn't FC legal team insist on a £1 million bond?

VI. ALISS (A Local Information System for Scotland):

- CD attended the Mapping Session at St Andrews Baptist Church with Gerry Goldie, the Local Area Co-ordinator of the Self Directed Support (SDS) Team from Fife Social Work Service. Other people present included representatives from several charities (Families 1st, Express Group, Pilgrim Care, and Enable). The Deacon of St Andrews Baptist Church is also a community councillor with neighbouring Kemback, Pitscottie and Blebo CC. The purpose of the session was to create a map of various services, groups, clubs, charities, institutions and people in St Andrews who can help provide support to people who may feel isolated in their home or community. ALISS "is a search and collaboration tool for Health and Wellbeing in Scotland." (www.aliss.org)

VII. Cameron CC website update: CCC website has a new provider.

- Thanks to Robert Eadie for finding a newer one in Glasgow. (It's also cheaper.) GB gave name on behalf of CCC. It belongs now to CCC. It is not hired. CD will be in contact with RE for tutorial on managing the website. **[Action: CD]**

VIII. Residential Caravan at Peat Inn: it is still there.

- Cllr. JD said right of appeal can take up to one month. But has FC served notice to evict?
- Cllr. JD to contact Lyle Smith at FC asking "Who is responsible for making sure that notice is served?" **[Action: Cllr. JD]**

IX. Cameron Kirk road end: access road is "un-adopted" by FC.

- The concerns of councillors and the request from the Minister have come to no avail. Present road surfacing of the A915 has allowed only 1m of the Kirk access road to be resurfaced as a favour by FC. The remaining 9m (approx.) remains pot holed.
Question: Who is responsible for the upkeep of the road to the cemetery, war graves, public car park, and Kirk?
Answers: Rod Cox? **[Action: Cllr. JD]**, or Liz Murphy (FC Bereavement Services)? **[Action: Cllr. ER]**
- Further enquiries within the last 24 hours between CCC and Ross Walker (FC Assets, Transportation & Environment), and A915 contractor, Ian Wallace have resulted in the road planings being

offered - free of charge - to CCC. These planings will be delivered to Priorletham Farm for CCC to make use of as it sees fit (DIY).

- Additional enquiries were made to Scottish Water concerning ownership of the Kirk access road off the A915 leading down to the reservoir, Cameron Loch. A phone call from Mark (?) Templeton at Scottish Water revealed the owner of the road to be a charity for industrial fishermen, the Anstruther Easter Sea Box Society. A local solicitors' firm will be contacted for information. [Action: Cllr. JD]
- X. Large pot hole at main drive to No.12 Mount Melville. Associated deterioration of road surface and gravel washing downhill into drains:
- Duke's own the road all the way to the car park. No plan to share costs with residents.
 - DS proposes to speak to Duke's to ask them to speak with FC. [Action: DS]
 - Another large pot hole at entrance to Balone. A resident has been complaining about it to FC for over 5 years. [Action: Cllr. JD]
 - New chief of Directorate Transportation & Environment, Ken Gourlay.
- XI. Cameron Kirk Cemetery Wall: progress made
- Stonemason will go out to the wall on Thursday (18.06.2015) to temporarily make it safe. Buttressing and repair work to the whole wall will take place once FC legal team have made enquiries on who pays for what.
- XII. St Andrews Angling Club request for Dog Waste bin at Cameron Loch car park: issue over who would empty it.
- Cllr. DM said Scottish Water had been informed. Someone would call out.
 - Question raised by JB: Couldn't the Angling Club use their (blue) landfill bin? Their bin is at the gate to the hut. A sticker could be placed on the bin, along the lines of "Place Dog Waste Here: Please bag it first." CD to contact Angling Club with information regarding sign on bin. [Action: CD]
4. Correspondence:
- a) TayPlan Community Drop in Events: ongoing.
 - b) FDP: nothing to concern CCC.
 - c) FCCFP: no knowledge of such.
5. Planning Matters: Application permitted **15/01213/FULL & 15/01214/LBC** Dairy Cottage Mount Melville Craigtoun St Andrews Fife KY16 8NT. Two storey extension to rear of dwelling house. No action required. However, a 6 - bedroom extension may result in more cars using the road eventually, bearing in mind the condition of the road.

6. AOCB:

- CD to send email to Cllr. JD with contact info for Health & SS link. [**Action: CD**]
- The Way Forward:
 - a) GB unhappy with FC.
 - b) FC introducing far too many things.
 - c) FC passing the buck.
 - d) What are we here for? To maintain standards to our area. If not to improve it, then to bring it to the attention of FC.
 - e) GB proposes that Cameron CC takes a break. Members are asked their opinion. A discussion follows and a decision is made to break for the summer months July & August.
 - f) Cllrs. ER, JD, and DM will consider Plan 47 Section 13.
 - g) Committee Administrator, Bill Welsh, need not be informed.
 - h) Other CCs meet less often during the year. Minimum 4 or 6 meetings per year.
 - i) Cameron CC has done well to encourage community involvement.
 - j) Show of appreciation to all who attended tonight's meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting **16th September 2015**

PLEASE NOTE: DATE ON AGENDA HAS BEEN CHANGED.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Signed Gordon Ball

Proposed David Scott

Seconded Stephen Lohoar