

Minutes of Cameron Community Council Meeting held in Cameron Hall on 20th August at 6.30pm

Present: Gordon Ball (Chairman), Janice Tomlinson, David Scott, Jennifer Wylie, John Wils, Bruce

Thomson

Attending: Martin Tomlinson, Jennifer Ball, Nick Mifsud

Apologies: Stephen Lohoar, David Brown, Cllr Donald MacGregor, Cllr Elizabeth Riches, Cllr John

Docherty

Welcome: GB welcomed all

Minutes: Acceptance of minutes 18th June proposed by David Scott and seconded by Bruce Thomson

Matters Arising:

Co-opt new member to Cameron Community Council: Bruce Thomson has been co-opted onto CCC with no objections.

Community Broadband Update: GB JT and MT met with Community Broadband Scotland (CBS) on 7th August to determine the next steps of the process. CBS advised that they are investigating the possibility of having a North East Fife Community Broadband option, but recommended that we proceed with our project at this time. For CCC the next step is Stage 2 of their process which is the Technical Assessment. Community Broadband Scotland will appoint a Technical Consultant to assess our specific topology and the options available for us. The output from the Technical Assessment would be a report detailing the options suitable for us (Fibre, Wireless or a mixed solution, the Infrastructure required, the Capital cost, the Ongoing running cost. Company set up costs. Stage 2 is fully funded by CBS. To start Stage 2 we have to provide a scoping document, the first draft of this was circulated at the meeting.

Following this is Stage 3: CBS would work out a tender to be sent to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) who would build the solution and then run the operation. Stage 3 is 89% funded by CBS, our councillors have however indicated that Fife Council has grant funds that we could apply for to meet the remaining 11%.

Election of New Community Council: Current Community Councils are coming to the end of their tenure, the committee has a 4 year tenure. The election of new CC's would normally be held in October, but due to the Scottish Referendum this has been deferred to 13th November 2014. The official process is that the current Committee stands down, then if they wish to re-stand they can offer themselves as candidates. We must have at least 4 committee members and a maximum of 8. Fife are granted 105 CC's, there are actually 89, This number is set by Fife Council and relates the number of residents in the CC area. Fife council will be sending the official paperwork to elect the next committee shortly. JWylie and JWils advised that they would not be standing for the next term. JWils is leaving the area.

Peat Inn Traffic Calming: It was reported that the traffic speed in Peat Inn is increasing. **Action JT** contact Colin Stirling from FC and advise him of the speed increase, and ask what FC next steps are for the village.

Peat Inn Residential Caravan: The last information we had on this issue was that FC Enforcement Officer would take no action because a planning application was imminent, (this was 28th April 2014), as yet no planning application has been lodged. **Action JT:** Write to Chief Exec FC advising them that we consider them in breach of their duties, and we will go to the press on this matter, this caravan has been in place since June 2013.

Planning:

Balone Steading: Two planning applications in principle have been lodged with FC for two new bungalows at Balone Steading. Planning applications 14/02195 and 14/02196. 14/02196 proposal is to enter from the St Andrews to Pitscottie Road, residents at the steading are concerned about application 14/02195 which proposes entry from the Lumbo Road into the steading. The residents advised CCC that this road is privately owned by the current residents of the steading and they pay for the upkeep, and they have asked CCC to support an objection to this application. **Action GB:** Advise the residents that CCC suggestion is that this is a legal matter and they should contact the applicant and advise them of the legal position.

Feddinch Golf Course:

- -Course construction is coming on well and rough shaping is almost completed subject to any changes requested by the Tom Weiskopf the course designer
- -A government reporter is currently determining applications for the clubhouse and maintenance facility and his decision is awaited.
- JW advised that he will be leaving the area and moving South, so will be unable to continue to be the liaison point with the developers. His contact with the developers is Ewan McKay, Ewan has indicated that he is happy to answer any questions and concerns on the project, and JW supplied contact information.

Correspondence:

Craigton House any progress: GB has been approached by Stephen Younger asking about the status of the development at Craigton House. It was reported that the residents at Mount Melville are not concerned about the progress of the development, the house has been secured, they were advised by the owner that the work at Craigton was tied to his development of Hamilton Hall in St Andrews.

Community Grant Progress?: GB has been approached again by the Climate Challenge Fund advising that the funds are currently available which could be used to improve Cameron Hall, eg insulation, this grant availability is however drawing to a close. The Hall Committee have responsibility for the hall. A suggestion was made that as the Hall Committee's time is fully committed, the CCC could offer to take this over to progress the grant process. **Action GB**: write to Bob Brown, Hall Committee Chair.

Planning Process Time: Fife Council have advised that there is a change to the notification timescales; Comments on house applications will be 30 days all other applications will have 40 days. This will now be referred to as 'Neighbour consultation Expiry Date'.

AOCB:

Junction Q15 and Craigtoun Rd: A reply has been received from FC regarding the concerns on the speed of traffic and the state of the road. Re the speeding the reply says the crash statistics to not justify reducing the speed limit, re the road repairs, 2 holes were filled in with patches yesterday, 3rd hole was not repaired - the repairs are very poor quality. The road at the junction is completely broken up and would require full traffic management and a proper repair to rectify. The general feeling from CCC is complete disillusionment with the council's response, we have been trying to get this resolved for at least two years and feel that there is no further recourse.

Wind Turbine Denhead: This is a scoping application for 3 turbines of 46m (the previous application was for one 87m turbine. The 46m turbines will still be visible from Leuchars Radar.

Leuchars update: NM advised that Leuchars has confirmed runway will continue to be used as a diversionary runway for armed aircraft and will be manned 7am-5pm, but will be available to be used 24x7.

Peat Inn Ditches: The roadside verge has been dug up approximately every 40 yards, and whoever did this has blocked the ditches at these points. **Action JWylie:** check with council regarding the ditch clearing.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm Next Meeting Wednesday 17th September 2014

Signed Gordon Ball
Proposed Bruce Thomson
Seconded Jennifer Wylie
Dated 24 September 2014