

**Minutes of Cameron Community Council Meeting held in Cameron
Hall on 17th March 2010**

- Chairman:** Gordon Ball
- Apologies:** Maureen Bird, Cllr. Donald Macgregor, Cllr. Elizabeth Riches
- Present:** Gordon Ball, David Brown, David Scott, Peter Jerome, Cllr Mike Scott-Hayward, Dick Bond, David Millar,
- In attendance:** John Paul, Jennifer Ball, John Drysdale, Jennifer Wylie, Vera Baker, Brian Baker
- Minutes:** Acceptance of the minutes of the 17th March 2010 meeting was proposed by Peter Jerome, seconded by David Brown, approved and signed by the chairman.
- Matters Arising:** Following contact from CCC, Fife Council has agreed to replace the missing Mount Melville direction sign on Lumbo Farm Road. The CCC response to the ‘Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Fife’ was included in full on the agenda of the Community Council Support Working Group held on the 11th March.
- The Green Belt Forum:** A presentation was given by Sam Taylor, **chair of the Green Belt Forum** to clarify and explain their position taken on the **St Andrews Local and Structure Plan**. (Cameron Community Council had previously withdrawn from membership of the Forum, as it fundamentally disagreed with the position and strategy adopted by the GBF.) He explained the position on their objection to the Local Plan, the proposed housing, the “ambiguities” in the interpretation of the Structure Plan, the Craigtoun corridor, the impact of the Tayplan and the need to reduce “discordant voices”. It prompted a lively and full discussion, with both sides asked to reconsider their position.
- Planning Applications:** Planning application **09/02916/Full for a 15kw Wind Turbine at Peat Inn** was discussed. The application was withdrawn as it was too close to the nearest dwelling and the rotors would have overhung into a neighbour’s garden. On 16th March, Fife Council Planning Committee reviewed the Scottish Government position on Permitted Development Rights for Domestic Micro-Wind Turbines and Air-Source heat Pumps. PDR will only apply if the MWT is more than 100m from the nearest dwelling. Interestingly, there seems to be no authoritative definition on what constitutes a micro wind turbine and yet householders will be able to erect them without recourse to planning?

CARES: Gordon Ball and Dick Bond gave a report on the recent meeting they attended. Community Scotland Energy Renewable Projects has produced a pro-forma for the establishment of Community Trusts and are working with some community councils on developing renewable projects.

Funding for Insulation: External funding is available for **insulation and upgrading** of heating systems for Community Halls and contact information was passed onto David Brown.

CCC Website: The new web site was discussed and agreed by all to be of a very high standard in presentation and proposed content. Agenda and minutes from the start of 2010 have been forwarded for inclusion and meeting attendees were asked to forward other interesting information, photographs etc of the Cameron district for inclusion on the site.

Adopt a Kiosk: The proposition to adopt a redundant **BT telephone kiosk at Peat Inn** was discussed, as the adoption can only be made by a Council or a Community Council. Questions were raised regarding the capital costs for the installation of a solar panel, ongoing maintenance, liability insurance, responsibilities etc and Councillor Mike Scott-Hayward agreed to check on the current position with BT and the Council as there appeared to be some areas of doubt concerning BT's responsibilities.

Co-opted Member of CCC: **Mrs Jennifer Wylie** was welcomed as a co-opted member of the Community council to stand for election with the rest of the Council later this year.

Correspondence: A letter from Fife Council dated 25th February indicating further consultations in the spring on a variety of issues was received.

At 9:30pm Gordon Ball and Jennifer Ball retired from the meeting having previously made a declaration of interest in the next item.

Planning Application

10/00237/FULL: The application for **5 houses at Kinaldy** was discussed in detail and the following observations and comments were raised:

1. The development is contrary to Fife Council's policy on housing in the countryside.
2. The drainage in the area of the development is very poor.
3. SEPA's comments would be required.
4. The drawings indicate at least a 2 storey development contrary to the developers statement.
5. The riding stable is not 'derelict' but redundant.
6. There are over 100 housing type developments with recent planning approval in the surrounding area, the most recent

being Northbank Farm, with 20 holiday units and 15 dwelling houses.

7. The nearby Niven development has 15 houses planned.
8. Land acquisition and ownership suggests the likelihood of a future ribbon development along the main road providing access to the extant Kinaldy development.
9. When does the erosion of farm and pastoral landscape in Fife stop?
10. Why do Fife Council planners continually ignore their agreed policies on countryside development?

As an extension had been agreed with Fife Council to allow CCC to meet and review this application it was agreed that Peter Jerome would draft an objection to the application for **early submission**.

A.O.C.B:

Councillor Scott-Hayward explained his position on the current approach being adopted within Fife to wind energy as he was concerned with the actions of some unrepresentative Community Councils who were pushing forward with poorly thought out wind energy schemes, without proper mandates from their respective communities.

There being no other competent business, the meeting closed at 10:00pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st April 2010.

Proposed.....

Seconded.....

Signed.....

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