



**Minutes of Cameron Community Council Meeting held in Cameron Hall on 17th
November 2010 at 6:30pm**

Chairman: Gordon Ball

Apologies: Jennifer Wylie, Dick Bond, Ralph Sprott, Bruce Thomson

Present: David Brown, Linda Cameron, Peter Jerome, David Scott
Gordon Ball

Attending: Ann Little, Dementia Advisor, Alzheimer Scotland - Guest
Speaker, John Paul, Brian Baker, Alison Scott, Jennifer Ball
Rob Steven, Cllr. Mike Scott-Hayward, Cllr. Donald
Macgregor

Presentation: Ann Little provided a very interesting discourse on the many complex issues surrounding dementia and its impact on both the patient, the carer and its affect on the wider community. It is a disease that is no respecter of rank or station in society as it can affect anyone, young or old, although it is more prevalent in older age groups above 65 years of age. Despite forecasts indicating a substantial rise in sufferers in Scotland it is sometimes regarded by society at large as a condition that is not talked about, despite the need for early recognition and medical intervention to improve the continuing quality of life of those affected. Typical symptoms include chronic forgetfulness, a loss of usual motor skills like buttoning a shirt or a blouse going to a shop and forgetting how to return home and so on. She explained that sufferers can be helped to lead an active, but often different life as activities sacrificed to the disease can often be replaced by other abilities, with help and support from her organisation.
Ann is always available to discuss dementia with those concerned and her contact details are:
Ann Little, Dementia Advisor, Fife Service, Alzheimer Scotland, 152 High Street, Kirkcaldy KY1 1NQ. Tel: 01592 204541. Email: alittle@alzscot.org

Her organisation is a charity; Alzheimer Scotland - Action on Dementia is a company limited by guarantee, registered in Scotland 149069. Registered Office: 22 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7RN. It is recognised as a charity by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, no. SC022315.

Minutes: Acceptance of the minutes of the inaugural meeting of 20th October 2010 was proposed by P Jerome, seconded by D Brown, approved and signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising: The Secretary confirmed that a notification form for the office bearers' appointment had been returned to the Election Services Unit.

A letter dated 25th October 2010 concerning the accident at Craigtoun Road on the 24th September and grit Bins at Mount Melville, sent to Dr R McLellan, Head of Transportation had not been responded to at the time of writing. It was agreed that the Secretary should write a follow up letter requesting a response.

Other matters arising will be discussed later in the agenda.

Correspondence: A letter dated 28th October 2010 from Fife Council, concerning a 'Survey on local development planning in Fife' was circulated and reviewed. Following the recent, as yet incomplete and unsatisfactory local and structure plan consultations, further consultations will add to the 'consultation fatigue' already evident in communities. This exercise appears to be futile and another example of bureaucratic over indulgence. It would appear that little has been learned from the unsatisfactory engagement with consultees during the last round of consultations.

The latest APRS bulletin was circulated.

A winter gritting booklet for Fife Council's winter gritting and snow clearance service 2010-2011 is available by telephoning

08451 55 00 99.

The winter bus timetable arrangements were circulated by e-mail on 9th November 2010.

Craigtoun Park: The CCC Secretary was invited to attend a meeting of the Craigtoun Park Advisory Group, usually consisting of Councillors and Officers of Fife Council on 29th October 2010.

Peter Howden, the Parks and Countryside Development manager advised the meeting of the parlous state of the current

operation of the Park. Its structures and visitor attractions are in decay and require considerable capital investment. Despite the lack of capital funding it is widely recognised that the operational parks staff maintain the park and its landscape and plantings in an outstanding condition, much to their credit. Various short and long term options were discussed, but is likely that in the short term i.e. next year, due to a lack of capital funding, that

the Park will be free to enter as some of the visitor attractions of the train and boats will be unsafe.

It may be possible to restructure the management of the Park as a Charitable Trust and accordingly a joint meeting Of Cameron Community Council and St Andrews Community Council was held on 15th November 2010, with Kate Hughes, Area Service Manager and Peter Howden present to further explain the issues involved and the concern for the future of the Park. The outcome of this meeting resulted in a joint working group being established to explore the issues involved in setting up and running a Trust to arrest and improve the deteriorating position of the Park.

**Planning
Application
10/00237/FULL**

Planning application 10/00237/Full refers to the proposal to build 5 houses at Kinaldy on the site of the existing equestrian centre. Over the period of the application, the applicant has changed the overall footprint of the development, by proposing a courtyard development, but substantially the issues that prompted CCC and others to object still apply vis

1. The development is contrary to Fife Council's policy on housing in the countryside. We refer to the St. Andrews and East Fife local plan which states the "presumption against building in the countryside unless it creates local jobs in sustainable locations, supports agricultural diversification, reduces the need to travel to work and improves access in particular to larger employment areas".
2. The applicant's drawings indicate at least a 2 storey high pitched roof development, contrary to the developer's statement.
3. The size and scale of the development would be visually intrusive and have a negative impact on the surrounding area.
4. The riding stable is not 'derelict'. The commercial viability of the equestrian centre (which may well be exacerbated by the current economic situation) is a not a planning matter and should not be considered as relevant in determining the application.
5. 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. Further green field development is therefore not required.
6. The nearby Niven development has 15 houses planned and was not permitted despite being previously identified as an area for development.
7. Land acquisition and ownership suggests the likelihood of a future ribbon development along the main road providing access to the extant Kinaldy development.

8. When does the erosion of farm and pastoral landscape in Fife stop?
9. Why do Fife Council planners continually ignore their agreed policies on countryside development?

**Cameron District
Boundary:**

G Ball explained the confusion that exists over the historic CCC Boundary and following a recent meeting with Linda Purdie of Fife Council a marked up drawing was presented by CCC which showed the boundary that the Cameron Community Council should represent. Linda Purdie is liaising with the other affected Community Councils affected by this as part of a review of all disputed CC boundaries.

Website Update:

Bert of Marketing in Focus has carried out further improvements and additions to the website which can now be viewed on www.cameroncc.org.uk

There are now 20 businesses included in the business directory and three who have sponsored links and others who plan to take up sponsored links in the near future. The inclusion in the business directory is free, but a sponsored link requires a modest donation to be made to the CC, to defray costs.

Robert Eadie and his company Marketing in Focus are to be commended for their outstanding work on the web site to date.

AOCB:

David Brown and John Paul raised their concerns over health and safety regarding the overgrown state of the hedges and shrubs at Lumbo farm road near the bridge and at Rainbow Cottage on the A915 and the Chairman agreed to contact Fife Council.

There being no other competent business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th January 2010 at 6:30pm.

Proposed.....

Seconded.....

Signed.....

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