

Minutes of Cameron Community Council held in Cameron Hall on 15th April at 6.30pm

Present: Gordon Ball, Janice Tomlinson, Carol Drysdale, David Brown, David Scott, Stephen Lohoar

Attending: PC David Johnstone, Martin Tomlinson, Cllr Donald Macgregor

Apologies: Bruce Thomson, Ian Paul, Cllr Elizabeth Riches, Cllr John Docherty

Minutes: Acceptance of Minutes 18th March, proposed by David Scott and seconded by

David Brown

Welcome: GB welcomed all.

1. Matters Arising:

- 1) Hedges on A915 near Rainbow Cottage & top of Lumbo Road: John Stewart has trimmed the hedges on left travelling south on A915 before Rainbow Cottage, council have trimmed at the Lumbo/A915 Junction. It was reported that the vegetation/trees opposite Rainbow Cottage on either side of traffic lights are blocking the signs/traffic lights. **Action: Clir Macgregor** will speak to the relevant department in Fife Council about this.
- 2) Right of way's being blocked land close to Cassindonald and Blackwalls Farm, this was still chained on Monday 13th April. **Action: JT** update Alison Irvine Fife Council.
- 3) Right of way path Denhead to Cameron Loch is so overgrown it is not possible to pass in parts. **Action: JT** update Alison Irvine Fife Council
- 4) Residential Caravan in Peat Inn: The caravan is still in place. Fife Council Enforcement Officer issued the owner a Contravention Notice (PCN) on 1 April, this is usually a precursor to planning enforcement, the process to be followed has been communicated to CCC. Agreement was that we would monitor the progress of this process.
- 5) AAH Planning Solar Farm Cameron: A representative of AAH Planning will attend our next meeting. **Action GB**: Arrange for the notice of the meeting to be inserted in the press in advance of meeting.
- 6) Cameron Kirk Cemetery Wall: Cllr Docherty has contacted the relevant department with photographs of the problem with the retaining wall, they will assess the work required to rectify. **Action JT** Ask for update and dates when work will be carried out.
- 7) Craigton Road C65 Centre Road Markings: There are no markings on this road just after the right turn to Strathkinness travelling towards Pitscottie from St Andrews. **Action Cllr MacGregor** Has brought this up with Transportation and will contact them for an update.
- 8) Claremont Farm Wind Turbine Scheme: This matter was discussed; CCC have carried out several surveys with the community on Wind Turbines, to date the majority have been against these. The proposed turbines at Claremont Farm land are also unproved, there are none in operation in the UK, and the financial data received from Temporis is not concrete enough to be able to create a Return on Investment statement. Due to this we do not believe we can conscionably support a financial investment in the scheme. Action JT: Draft letter in reply to Temporis send to GB DS for feedback.
- 9) Land Grab St Andrews CC: Following the article in the press 3rd April relating to the motion raised by St Andrews CC to extend the borders of St Andrews CC into our CC area, GB wrote to the Fife Councillors expressing our feelings on this, and our belief that the discussion which occurred was ultra vires and should not have taken place at all, and asking that the councillors respond to St Andrews CC.
- 10) Feddinch Golf Course: Ewan Mackay reported they are currently waiting on drainage and irrigation teams.
- 11) Bus Stop/ Shelter on A915 near Johnny Paul's Corner The grass road verge is very high and the roadside ditch very deep at this area, it would therefore be useful to have a Bus Shelter /Stop on either side of the road near Johnny Paul's Corner. **Action Clir MacGregor**: Contact the responsible department in Fife Council/ Bus Company to seek this is put in place.

2. Police Update

- 1) PC Johnstone advised that there Is a low crime rate in Cameron area and the police have no overall concern in our area. The majority of crime involves theft of plant and farm equipment. A scheme called Rural Watch has been set up targeting Farm and Landowners to notify them of current issues in the area. PC Johnstone is trying to compile a list of email addresses to enable email updates to be sent to these individuals. **Action DB** Contact John Picken to find out who the current secretary of NE Fife Farmers Union, to determine if they have a email distribution list of farmers in the area.
- 2) PC Johnstone discussed 'Smartwater' and the usefulness of this in fighting this type of crime.
- 3) GB requested an email address to report phishing and suspected email scams. **Action PC** Johnstone agreed to look into this and advise accordingly.
- 4) PC Johnstone enquired about local Neighbourhood Watch, and asked to attend the next meeting. GB advised that Cameron joins in with St Andrews Neighbourhood Watch and would request they invite him to the next meeting: **Action GB**
- 5) DS advised that Friends of Craigton who promote Craigton Park and are doing a fantastic job improving this local facility, had horrific traffic congestion problems when the park re-opened this season, and requested a police visit to offer assistance and recommendations on dealing with traffic flow during the park peak times PC Johnstone took Kyffin Roberts contact phone number to follow up on this.

3. Correspondence

The Correspondence received during the month had been circulated to all CCC, there were no questions or issues arising from this.

4. Planning Matters

1) 15/01213/FULL Dairy Cottage Mount Melville Craigtoun St Andrews Fife KY16 8NT Two storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse 2) 15/01214/LBC Dairy Cottage Mount Melville Craigtoun St Andrews Fife KY16 8NT Listed building consent for Two storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse.

DS advised that there had been some concern expressed by one resident at Mount Melville, but no approaches for CCC to be involved with this application.

5. AOCB

- 1) Broken 30mph sign at Peat Inn: **Action JT:** Chase Fife Council for this sign to be repaired, as we are now in a new Financial Year funding should be available, and we were advised this would be given priority.
- 2) Local People Leading: Action JT: arrange for link CCC website to be linked to this website
- 3) DS advised that SAS are seeking funding to research the impact of Wind Turbines on the Water Table, and suggested that CCC may wish to make a donation. DB advised that as the CCC funds are from Fife Council we cannot make any donations that may have a political connotation, and recommended against this.
- 4) Cameron Church Guild are hosting a Coffee Morning in St Andrews Town Hall on 25th April 10-11.30am. **Action JT:** arrange for insertion on CCC website

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 20th May 2015

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed Gordon Ball

Proposed David Scott

Seconded David Brown

Dated 20 May 2015