



Minute of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council  
Wednesday 15 February 2023  
Cameron Parish Hall

**Community Councillors Present:** Ian Cameron, Katherine Christie, John Picken (Chair), Jay Spankie, Bruce Thomson, Innes Wright

**Ex Officio members present:** Cllr Alycia Hayes

**1. Apologies**

Gordon Ball, Stephen Lohoar, Cllr Fiona Corps, Cllr Sean Dillon

**2. Community Police Team: Update**

The written update from the Community Police Team (**Attachment 1**) for January 2023 was tabled and noted.

**3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of 18 January 2023 were approved as an accurate record.

**4. Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings, not otherwise on this agenda**

a. Attendance of Fife Councillors at public meetings

The Chair tabled concerns that Fife Councillors had been advised by Fife Council's Legal Services that attending public meetings at which information about planning applications would be shared and the public could ask questions would be contrary to the Councillor Code of Conduct, noting that this interpretation should be reviewed.

**5. Planning Applications for CCC attention**

*For the record, it is noted that while Area Councillors can advise on administrative processes, they make no comment on any planning application being considered by CCC.*

a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting:*

- Development of Local Place Plans: Chair agreed to circulate online presentations from recent training, offered by PAS. BT outlined plan to gather views of Cameron population to inform a Local Place Plan. CCC approved up to £300 for printing costs if required.
- 20/02538/FULL: Stable block, Peat Inn: Update: Secretary confirmed no further response from Enforcement Officer. Cllr Hayes agreed to follow up.
- 22/04135/FULL: Change of use from former hospital to 27 flatted dwellinghouses and erection of 16 flatted dwellinghouses and 6 dwellinghouses and formation of access and hardstanding and associated landscaping (demolition of existing ancillary buildings within the curtilage) at Old Hospital Craigtoun, St Andrews *and* 22/04134/LBC: The related Listed Building Consent. Chair reported the information meeting with developers and members of the public on 25 January had been very helpful to all. Secretary confirmed CCC response was being drafted, taking into account views of the local community. Fife Council confirmed the comment deadline was to be extended – date tbc.

- 22/02493/PAN: Proposal of Application Notice, 20MW solar farm with associated access and infrastructure, Winthank Farm, Denhead. Secretary confirmed an information evening will be held by CCC at 6.30pm, Wednesday 22 February 2023, Cameron Hall, with the developers and members of the public to exchange information prior to any planning application being submitted.
- b. 21/02819/EIA: Extension to tourist, commercial and leisure development including 131 lodge style static caravan pitches etc, Northbank Farm. Secretary tabled notice of an Appeal to the Scottish Report in respect of the refusal by Fife Council of this application (**Attachment 4**). CCC has a deadline of 28 February to submit a response.

Chair requested that the proposal to make Cameron Reservoir and its surroundings a formal 'Nature Reserve' be revisited. Cllr Hayes agreed to support this. Chair agreed to contact those previously involved in this proposal with a view to setting up a meeting.

**Action: Chair to contact those involved in Cameron 'Nature Reserve' proposal**

## 6. Roads in CCC Area

- a. *Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting:*
  - Peat Inn ditch clearing: No further works done. Cllr Hayes agreed to follow up.

## 7. Finance and Accounts

- a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings:*
  - Community Resilience Funding 2022: BT confirmed nearly all items had been ordered. BT confirmed his intention to complete the drafting of the CCC Resilience Plan before the end of the current term of office.
  - Peat Inn phone box, solar lighting. BT confirmed the solar lighting has been installed, and only the shelving was now outstanding to make the phone box ready for use. CCC approved up to £50 for this work, if required.

## 8. Craigtoun Park Update

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## 9. Fife Councillors' Update

Cllr Hayes reported that bulky uplifts would be free of charge from April 2023; that the Council's 2023/24 budget is currently being set; that there is a Fife Council review of cemetery provision with the invitation for members of the public to respond online; that no new road signage was being provided for the remainder of this financial year; that concerns about the future of community councils had encouraged the promotion of the good work currently undertaken by East Neuk and Landward CCs in a local newsletter.

Cllr Dillon had emailed a report, tabled in his absence, noting his request for a report to Fife's Education Scrutiny Committee on violence in schools; Fife roads programme for 2023/24 was being finalised; the Fife Council review of cemetery provision with the invitation for members of the public to respond online; bulky uplifts to be free of charge from April 2023.

## 10. AOCB

- a. Future provision of cemeteries in Fife – Community Consultation. Secretary tabled notice from Fife Council of an online consultation (**Attachment 2**) inviting members of the public to contribute to a review of provision in Fife. Deadline 24 February 2023.

- b. Fife Children’s Panels: recruitment for volunteer Panel Practice Advisors. Secretary tabled notice from Fife Children’s Panel Service (**Attachment 3**) inviting applications for Panel Practice Advisors. Deadline 15 March 2023.
- c. Coronation, May 2023: Secretary tabled a letter to all CCs from the Clerk to the Lord-Lieutenant of Fife, with a programme of suggestions for community events to celebrate the coronation in May 2023.

**11. Date of next meeting:** 15 March 2023

**Additional public meeting:** 22 February 2023, 6.30pm, Cameron Hall – to meet developers for solar farm at Winthank, Denhead

**End of Meeting**

Proposer:

Seconder:

Date: