



Minute of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council
Wednesday 19 April 2023
Cameron Parish Hall

Community Councillors Present: Ian Cameron, Katherine Christie, Jay Spankie, Bruce Thomson (Chair)

Ex Officio members present: Cllr Fiona Corps

1. Apologies

Gordon Ball, Stephen Lohar, John Picken, Innes Wright, Cllr Sean Dillon, Cllr Alycia Hayes

2. Community Police Team: Update

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

3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 15 March 2023 were approved as an accurate record.

4. CCC Elections

a. Election timetable. Secretary tabled an email from FC Legal and Democratic Services (**Attachment 2**), confirming the date of Fife-wide CC elections as 28 September 2023, along with a timetable of related deadlines. Secretary reported a request from FC Community Councils dept for date of Inaugural Meeting of new CCC and requests for training requirements. It was agreed to propose 18 October 2023 (third Wednesday of the month after the election, in accordance with current CCC meeting pattern) and to suggest CC training might be offered in future as an online option as well as face-to-face meetings, with relevant presentations and documents being uploaded to a portal for future reference. It was agreed Secretary to feed this back to FC.

Action: Secretary to confirm Inaugural Meeting date and training suggestions to FC

b. BT circulated a draft CC recruitment leaflet (**Attachment 3**) and requested comments.

Action: CCC members to provide comments on draft recruitment leaflet

BT proposed a letterbox drop comprising recruitment leaflet, place plan information request and resilience plan information. It was agreed early June would be best timing for CC recruitment to allow potential CCC members to attend June or August meeting.

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

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6. 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: It was agreed any views gathered from Cameron population to inform a Local Place Plan would be forwarded to CCC 2023-2027 to take forward.

- 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.
Update: Secretary reported the public comments deadline had been extended to 21 April 2023 to follow additional public information session on 22 March 2023, however very few additional comments had been submitted.
- 22/02493/PAN: Proposal of Application Notice, 20MW solar farm with associated access and infrastructure, Winthank Farm, Denhead. Update: no further information.
- Appeal, 21/02819/EIA: Extension to tourist, commercial and leisure development including 131 lodge style static caravan pitches etc, Northbank Farm. Update: Secretary noted a Reporter had been appointed to consider the appeal and was to make an unaccompanied visit to the site.
- Cameron 'nature reserve'. Cllr Corps reported several contacts with relevant organisations since last CCC meeting, including confirmation that Fife Coast and Countryside Trust would support a LNR designation for Cameron Reservoir, and already managed the site, and had offered advice to Cllr Corps on the process to get the required support of FC and Scottish Water. NatureScot had also confirmed support for a LNR designation. While noting that Cameron Reservoir already had much higher level international and national environmental protections in place (RAMSAR, Natura 2000, SPA, SSSI), Cllr Corps agreed to continue to seek information and guidance on LNR designation to maintain awareness of the area for FC planners, potential developers and others. CCC agreed to include the request for LNR in a Local Place Plan.

Action: BT to add LNR designation to Local Place Plan requests

7. Roads in CCC Area

- a. *Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting:*
 - Denhead road safety signage: Secretary circulated photograph of new road signs at Denhead (**Attachment 4**), installed after first being requested in April 2019. Secretary had emailed the Roads dept thanking them, on CCC's behalf.
- b. Peat Inn: BT reported the B940 and B941 at Peat Inn had been marked up ahead of patching.

8. Finance and Accounts

- a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings:*
 - Community Resilience Funding 2022: BT confirmed the final report would be ready for CCC May meeting.
 - Peat Inn phone box: BT confirmed the refurbishment and lighting works, paid for by CCC, 'St Andrews Community Trust' and 'Rural and Island Communities' and undertaken by volunteers and contractors was now complete. The required reports to funders had been submitted.
- b. CCC planters: IC confirmed he could provide bedding plants for both planters when temperatures were most suitable.

9. Craigtoun Park Update

Chair of Friends of Craigtoun submitted a written report on recent activity, which included an excellent start to the new season with record numbers attending on Easter Sunday and good numbers for the rest of the school holidays. All attractions were now open, and the sit-in café expanded and fully operational. Around 50 seasonal workers currently employed at the park and plans were underway to consider becoming an 'employability centre'. After a successful AGM, there are director vacancies to be filled.

CCC asked Councillor Corps to seek clarification from FC about funding to support the refurbishment of the Dutch Village.

Action: Cllr Corp to seek clarification from FC about funding to support the refurbishment of the Dutch Village

10. Fife Councillors' Update

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11. AOCB

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12. Date of next meeting: 17 May 2023

End of Meeting

Proposer:

Seconder:

Date: