



Minute of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council
Wednesday 21 June 2023
Cameron Parish Hall

The Chair welcomed members of the public who were attending the meeting, and encouraged anyone considering standing for election as a Community Councillor to complete a nomination form by the deadline, in order to keep CCC in existence beyond September 2023.

Community Councillors Present: Gordon Ball, Ian Cameron, Katherine Christie, John Picken (Chair)

Ex Officio members present: Cllr Alycia Hayes

1. Apologies

Stephen Lohoar, Jay Spankie, Bruce Thomson, Innes Wright, Cllr Sean Dillon, Cllr Fiona Corps

2. Community Police Team: Update

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

3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 17 May 2023 were approved as an accurate record.

4. CCC Elections

a. CCC members confirmed they had distributed leaflets about forthcoming CC elections and Local Place Plan to letterboxes across the Cameron area. Chair confirmed new members of CCC were needed as the present members were completing their term of office in September 2023.

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: Following distribution of leaflets to the community asking for views on local planning, Secretary agreed to compile all responses and pass these over to the next CCC for completion as a Local Place Plan and submission to Fife Council.
- 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.

No further update: FC had indicated it could not determine this application until end June 2023, whilst awaiting further information.

- Appeal, 21/02819/EIA: Extension to tourist, commercial and leisure development including 131 lodge style static caravan pitches etc, Northbank Farm. Update: Appeal decision awaited.
- Cameron 'nature reserve'. Cllr Hayes re-affirmed her support for the process to designate Cameron Reservoir and surrounding area as a 'Local Nature Reserve' in addition to the local, national and international protections the site already has. The number of species of birds and plants, and particularly protected species, at the location (not only Pink Footed Geese) along with recent concerns about water quality were cited as strong justifications for such a designation. Local concerns about current advertisements for selling off plots adjacent to the reservoir 'for development' were also highlighted at the meeting. Cllr Hayes reported contact with Fife Coast and Countryside Trust and NatureScot indicated these organisations would support the designation proposal. Cllr Hayes further proposed to contact Fife Council's Biodiversity Officer. It was also proposed that the Local Place Plan include that there should be no further development at/around Cameron Reservoir.
- 22/04050/FULL: Refurbishment and change of use of existing mixed-use building (Classes 4 and 6) to form café with outdoor seating and educational training facility (Classes 3 and 10) (including demolition of glasshouse and existing extension), Craigtoun Country Park. Update: FC had indicated it could not determine this application until end June 2023, whilst awaiting further information. It was noted that there are local concerns about the use of the Mount Melville access road to Craigtoun Park and any related financial burden that might fall upon residents.

7. Roads in CCC Area

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

- Peat Inn B940 follow-up.

Action: Cllr Hayes to follow up with FC re markings for repairs

- b. Speed limit, Craigtoun Road: Following a resident's query and concerns about exceeding driving speeds, Secretary reported that an email had been sent to Fife Council's Roads Dept enquiring about any plans to extend the 30mph speed limit further along Craigtoun Road towards Craigtoun Meadows entrance. A reply of 6 June 2023 (**Attachment 2**) indicated that whilst there were no current plans to extend the speed limit zone, this might change as the St Andrews West development expanded.
- c. Following a resident's query and concerns about excessive driving speeds and inadequate road signage at the junction of the B940 with the C4 to Strathkinness, Cllr Hayes agreed to follow up on this issue.

Action: Cllr Hayes to follow up re B940/C4 junction

- d. Following general concerns about the number of road signs in the area which have either fallen over or become obscured through wear, dirt or foliage, Cllr Hayes agreed to follow-up two specific examples: the sensors on the lights at the A915, and the 'Slow' warning on the road surface of A915.

Action: Cllr Hayes to follow up re A915 light sensors and road signage

8. Finance and Accounts

- a. *Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings: none*

9. Craigtoun Park Update

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10. Fife Councillors' Update

Cllr Hayes reported:

- Her support of reform to the code of conduct for Councillors that currently prevents them from attending public and/or consultation meetings on planning applications.
- A campaign to prevent cuts to fire service appliances in Kirkcaldy and other Fife areas
- A public meeting in Crail concerning proposed changes to council tax for second homes

Cllr Corps reported (via email):

- Traffic speed check activities in Cellardyke area
- A campaign to prevent cuts to fire service appliances in Kirkcaldy and other Fife areas
- The 'Shout' service, a free, confidential 24/7 service to support anyone depressed, anxious or suicidal. Secretary proposed to add this information to the CCC website.

11. AOCB

- a. Recycling bins service: Following a resident's query about the lack of a recycling bins service in Balone and Mount Melville (and other areas in Cameron as highlighted at the meeting) Cllr Hayes agreed to enquire whether there are any plans to introduce this service in the Cameron area.

Action: Cllr Hayes to enquire re plans to introduce recycling bins service across Cameron

12. Date of next meeting: 16 August 2023

End of Meeting

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