

Minutes of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council Wednesday 19th June 2024 Cameron Parish Hall

Community Councillors Present: Audrey Harte, Martin Baird, Carole Stewart *Ex Officio* members present: None

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ralph Sprot, Kimberley Bennett, Christine Clark, Innes Wright, Cllr Fiona Corps, Cllr Sean Dillon and Cllr Alycia Hayes.

It was noted that the meeting was technically inquorate, but with no vote necessary on any pressing agenda items, the meeting continued.

2. Matters Outstanding from Previous Meeting, Not Otherwise on This Agenda

Filling of casual vacancies remains an on-going matter. It was noted that no new nominations have arisen.

Action: All

3. Community Police Team: Update

The May update from Police Scotland was noted.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

The Minutes were approved and signed off by the Vice Chair, as acting Chair.

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 (LPP): Consultation & Validation Process

There had been a misunderstanding of the Fife deadline, with actual submissions to be preceded by a previously unknown "pre-submission" minimum 28-day consultation period. Accordingly, the final-to-date draft4 LPP, updated as discussed in May, had been earlier agreed by members via e-mail.

Copies of that final-to-date draft4 and a (legally required) PreSubmission Notice had been sent to all Consultees, being the 3 relevant Fife Councillors and the 7 Community Councils with whom Cameron shares a boundary, on 11th June with a deadline for consultation comment by 15th July. Fife had been advised of the minor delay.

The Secretary confirmed that the paucity of LPPs received from other CCs suggested Cameron were far from alone in uncertainty as to process and deadlines. Other CCs LPPs would be forwarded on receipt.

The Secretary also confirmed a further Validation process (conducted by Fife Planning) would accompany any final submission. Thus further "post-consultation-pre-validation-acceptance" amendments were to be expected.

Action: Secretary

- <u>Feddinch</u>: CCC members were reminded that when development at Feddinch was formerly approved, there were conditions relating to repair and restoration of local roads which should be continued should development ever re-start.
- b. New matters

None

6. Roads in CCC Area

No new reports. It was confirmed that an enquiry had been received querying the dates for onset of resurfacing work (Phases 3 and 4) B940 Higham Toll – Cupar. A response would be made to the enquirer in the short term and an answer sought from Fife Council/ Councillors.

Action: Secretary

7. Finance and Accounts

The Treasurer confirmed that access to the accounts was now in place and that debt settlement was underway. An EGM would be required to approve the 2023/24 Accounts and it was considered that EGM would have to be advertised in advance, as is the case with Agendas (published in St Andrews Citizen, Cameron Hall Noticeboard, Peat Inn Noticeboard, CCC website).

It was proposed the EGM be held at 6pm on Wednesday 21st August, before the next monthly meeting at 6.30pm. This would allow the Treasurer a prompt exit, that date being his wedding anniversary. The proposal will be circulated to all members.

Action: Secretary

The Annual Grant 2024/25 and Floral Grant applications could now be pursued. The Eco/ Community Climate Grant application windows remained open May 24-Jan 25, so could await potential project suggestions. The Ian Finlay Path Fund did not appear appropriate to CCC, requiring onerous matched funding.

8. Craigtoun Park Update

Next update due August meeting.

9. Fife Councillors' Update

None received.

Fife Association of Community Councils:

The initiative existence and the Minutes of 23rd April 2024 were noted but purpose was unclear. It was agreed to continue to monitor the initiative but to offer no active participation at this stage.

<u>The Safety of Lithium Ion Batteries</u>

The campaign promoted by Lord Foster and Electrical Safety First to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bikes and e-scooters), an increasing source of fires, was noted and welcomed. It was not however considered that any formal response from CCC would add weight or value.

Lughnasadh Music & Arts Festival

The inaugural music & arts festival at Forgan Arts Centre Saturday 3rd August, 2-9pm was noted. Craigtoun Park would be approached to see if they might display an advertising poster.

Action: Secretary

Planters

An enquiry to the website had revealed that the planters in both Cameron Village and Peat Inn were the property of CCC. An archive search had revealed the original intention, that the local community were engaged in flower maintenance. Yet both were in a poor state. It was considered both could be improved, on receipt of the Floral Grant, with possibly more sustainable, climate change resilient perennials and small shrubs. In the short term, accepting it was already past mid-June, it would be suggested that planters might be restocked within their communities with any surplus bedding stock available from residents.

Action: Secretary

11. Date of next meeting: 21st August, 2024

Meeting closed 7.30 pm