



Minutes of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council
Wednesday 21st August 2024
Cameron Parish Hall

Community Councillors Present: Ralph Sprot, Audrey Harte, Martin Baird (part), Carole Stewart, Kimberley Bennett (part), Christine Clark

Ex Officio members present: None

The Chair introduced a change to the running order of the published agenda and the meeting proceeded in the order indicated beneath.

8. Craigtoun Park Update

Doug Stephen, the Chair of Friends of Craigtoun (CoFoC), confirmed an initial good start to the 2024 season was thwarted by subsequent poor weather which affected performance to end April. This was then followed by a reduction in school visits to end June, understood to be because of budgetary restraints for travel costs. That said, a full recovery was attained by end July and the indications are that finances are on target for a standard performance. Café performance had been improved with a highly restricted menu and a reduction in competitive food van presence. This year's new attraction (Park Gowf) had proven very successful and 4 new, younger Directors had been recruited, including Cllr. Al Clark of Fife Council. It was hoped Cllr. Clark's presence, together with the helpful approach adopted by Alan Paul (later identified as Head of Property Services, Fife Council), might put paid to the to-date somewhat combative relationship with Fife Council. The gardens were recovering and a new Tree Trail initiative is due for formal launch. Funds had been attained from the Community Trust which may allow for necessary repairs to the former "potting shed"/ boiler house roof. The recruitment of a Trainer to assist in a variety of training initiatives was proposed.

The Vice Chair confirmed the concerns raised by Mount Melville residents as to the frequency of sight of an individual, identified by CoFoC as "Andy", moving goods up the access road, confirmed by CoFoC as assets belonging to the Men's Shed Charity, a tenant of FoC. CoFoC stated this transfer will continue for some time, but the point would be referred to Henry Paul. There were also concerns raised about the failure to observe the local (20 mph) speed limit, particularly at shift end: the Secretary noted no speed limit sign existed at the Craigtoun Park end of the access road and suggested such an addition might be useful.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Innes Wright, Cllr Fiona Corps, Cllr Sean Dillon and Cllr Alycia Hayes.

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

Christine Clark was thanked for her feedback to SEPA's Public Consultation Survey on Potentially Vulnerable Areas.

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 June and July updates from Police Scotland were noted.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

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

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

The Secretary confirmed the to-and-fro of submission continued with Fife Council and that no further LPPs had been received beyond the 2 (Largoward, Boarhills & Dunino) of the 7 expected from neighbouring CCs. The Secretary elected to try to meet with a/ the appropriate Fife Council representative to see what might be done to maximise the opportunities for key local concerns (protection of land surrounding Cameron Reservoir: no more caravan/ lodge developments: traffic calming/ pavement provision for A915: restoration of Craigtoun Park Dutch Village) beyond footpath provision to be more actively heard as part of the LPP initiative.

Action: Secretary

- Feddinch: 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

- The Listed Building and full refurbishment application for Rainbow Cottage Priorletham, plus the dwelling house application for land east of Higham House, were noted.
- Place Matters: Call for Sites and Ideas: It was noted that the Fife Local Development Plan is currently being reviewed and that communities, landowners and developers are to be called to put forward ideas or sites to be considered for inclusion. There is however no need to resubmit the content of the LPP.

6. Roads in CCC Area

Three incidents in 2 weeks were reported on the A915 in the Brewsterwells area, with vehicles veering over the unfilled steep edge to the left side of the northbound road. A temporary repair was incomplete, with insufficient hard core having been added to fill the void. In addition, an out-of-office-hours call for help to Police on 101, to try to avert further accident at a restricted view bend, went unanswered. The matters will be raised with both Fife Council and the Police.

Action: Secretary

7. Finance and Accounts

The 2023/24 Accounts, as independently examined on 11th June 2024, were approved at the preceding EGM.

8. Craigtoun Park Update

See above.

9. Fife Councillors' Update

None received.

10. AOCB

- Fliki

The website content flyer was ignored as spam.

- Know Fife CCC Profile & NEF Local Strategic Assessment 2022

The Secretary alerted members to the Cameron data published at the KnowFife https://know.fife.scot/_data/assets/pdf_file/0021/417171/Cameron-Community-Council-Profile.pdf and North East Fife Local Strategic Assessment 2022 https://know.fife.scot/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/363341/LSA-2022-NEFife-v2.pdf websites. These confirm that Cameron has a small, generally affluent population, whether in comparison within Fife or within Scotland as a whole, with Local Outcomes (measured across early years, older people, safer and stronger communities, health and wellbeing, employment, economy) performing “much better” than peer group similar communities elsewhere in Scotland.

- University of Edinburgh: A Civic University for Your Community

The invitations to attend “Edinburgh Local” workshops and/ or complete related questionnaires would be politely declined.

Action: Secretary

- Footpath Maintenance

The Chair confirmed he would be assisting in a local footpath clearing initiative with Peter Letham.

- Fife Association of Community Councils: Questionnaire

A Questionnaire, possibly seeking to try to answer some of the Purpose uncertainties surrounding this initiative, was noted. As before, it was agreed to continue to monitor the initiative but to offer no active participation at this stage.

- The Safety of Lithium Ion Batteries

Further post-election correspondence had been received on this safety initiative. It remained the case that it was not considered that any formal response from CCC would add weight or value.

- B940 Repairs

Members were alerted to the long history of complaint on the matter of the B940 repairs. No further information has been received from Fife Council on the scheduling of the Scottish Water work that is the current source of delay. Some repairs on the B941 have however been effected.

- Scotland's Climate Week 23rd – 29th September 2024

The banner, resources and toolkit available from the Scottish Government Marketing Team, seemingly via “Brian” and/or his emojis, were noted.

11. Date of next meeting: 18th September, 2024

Meeting closed 8.06 pm