



Minutes of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Cameron Parish Hall

**Community Councillors Present:** Audrey Harte, Martin Baird, Carole Stewart, Kimberley Bennett, Christine Clark

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

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Ralph Sprot (Chair), Innes Wright, Cllr Fiona Corps, Cllr Sean Dillon

**2. Matters Outstanding from Previous Meeting**

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

**Action: All**

**3. Community Police Team: Update**

The August updates from Police Scotland were noted. It was observed that the Official Calls to Police data for Cameron in the "St Andrews, Strathkinness and Cameron" report issued by [standrewsCPT@scotland.police.uk](mailto:standrewsCPT@scotland.police.uk) differed from that in the "Ward 20", (believed to be Ward 19 East Neuk: Ward 20 is Cupar) report issued by [eastneuklandwardCPT@scotland.police.uk](mailto:eastneuklandwardCPT@scotland.police.uk). The discrepancies will be taken up.

**Action: Secretary**

A CCC member expressed concern about an alleged flasher incident at Higham Toll and potential, possibly related, phallic object(s) placement in the Parish. It was recommended that the matters were reported to the Police.

**Action: Member**

**4. Approval of minutes of previous meetings**

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

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

None

**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 (LPP)

The Secretary confirmed a useful and revealing visit to Fife House on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Of the 105 CCs in Fife, only 81 of which are active, LPP progress appeared to be:

In preparation	1
Registered	10
Submitted for Validation	8

Against that background, CCC should be congratulated on their achievements in significantly increasing participation in the LPP process in Spring 2024 and submitting a report, currently limited to only one formal proposal (potential expansion by Niven Homes of the 1.2ha land area at Lathockar referred to as LWD 006 Housing Opportunity Site) in Summer 2024.

However, with careful rewriting, cross-referenced to national, Fife, Planning and other policies (some unpublished in Summer 2024: see AOCB), a broader range of formal proposals aligned to local concerns (e.g. prevention of further “lodge” developments, enhanced protection of Cameron Reservoir, better active travel networks, traffic calming measures, South-North pilgrims’ route etc) might be included, for resubmission by end 2024. **Action: Secretary**

- Feddinch Mains: CCC comments on Planning Application numbers 24/01711/FULL, 24/01716/ FULL and 24/01717 for the proposed revised golf development at Feddinch by A&M Golf had been lodged with and acknowledged by Fife Council. The long-standing issue of the former conditions, in an earlier Planning Permission for the site, relating to repair and restoration of local roads, had been included in CCC comments on the new Application.

b. *New matters*

- The Listed Building (24/01719/ LBC) and Planning Applications for Feddinch Mains (as above) were noted and action taken (as above).
- The application for SUDS installation at Old Hospital Craigtoun was noted.
- The Listed Building Application for repairs to Craigtoun’s Dutch village was noted.
- The Discharge of Obligation Application for Lambhill Cameron/ Lathockar was noted.
- The Permission in Principle Application for the erection of dwellinghouse and garage at Elderburn Farm Denhead was noted.

## 7. Roads in CCC Area

It was understood that repairs to the edge of the A915 at Brewsterwells had been completed, albeit to a standard that might not preclude further incidents arising. Traffic calming would be taken forward to the LPP (as above). Further detail had been requested from the Police concerning the claimed unanswered call to 101 associated with the earlier incidents.

**Action: Member**

## 8. Finance and Accounts

The accounts were now up to date and the application for the 2025 grant forwarded to Fife Council.

## 9. Craigtoun Park Update

Next update due November.

## 10. Fife Councillors’ Update

Cllr. Hayes confirmed Fife Council bin routes thus collection days may be subject to change, effective 14<sup>th</sup> October. All are recommended to check the Bin Calendar at <https://www.fife.gov.uk/services/forms/bin-calendar> .

Cllr. Hayes confirmed that Fife, like other areas, is unfortunately affected by a lack of space for new caskets at cemeteries. This meant a change of policy with potential reclamation of layers: concern was expressed.

Cllr. Hayes recommended the “Our Fife: Support with the Cost of Living” site at <https://our.fife.scot/gethelp/topics/income> with its cross references to many not-for-profit support organisations and sources of help. The benefits checker embedded in the site

(<https://fife.entitledto.co.uk/home/start> ) could be used to ensure everyone understands the benefits to which they are entitled.

## 11. AOCB

- Gordon Ball: The secretary had attended Gordon's Service of Thanksgiving as CCC representative. A draft letter of condolence for Gordon's widow was circulated and would be amended. **Action: Secretary**
- Local Transport Strategy for Fife 2023-33: The newly published Strategy was noted ("we want to reduce the need for you to travel and make it easier to walk, wheel, cycle and take the bus and train"): it may be useful to the LPP revisions.
- GDPR: It was understood that Fife policy remained unaltered. A Data Protection Privacy Notice for Volunteers, akin to that last issued on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019, would be circulated for signature to all members. **Action: Secretary**
- Ready Scotland Webinar (SAG Resilient Communities Team) 25<sup>th</sup> September: The Secretary agreed to join the webinar but expressed pre-existing bias. Other members were encouraged to participate if possible: the matter of Resilience is scheduled for November discussion. **Action: Secretary**
- Meeting of Fife Community Councils: It was noted that Mark Ruskell MSP (Green Party MSP for Mid-Scotland and Fife) and his Head of Office had asked to attend the next meeting of this (purpose-uncertain) body: CCC continued with a watching brief.
- Webinar for Community Councils: Hearing Children and Young People's Voice in the Community: The invitation to attend on 2<sup>nd</sup> October would be politely refused or ignored.
- CCC Contact Form: Cllr. Hayes kindly agreed to take up the lobbying of Fife Council for a local resident on the matter of repairs support for an unadopted road most often trafficked by public service or community groups' vehicles.

Meeting closed 8.10 pm