



Minutes of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council
Wednesday 15th January 2025
Cameron Parish Hall

Community Councillors Present: Ralph Sprot (Chair), Audrey Harte, Kimberley Bennett, Christine Clark

Ex Officio members present: Cllr Alycia Hayes, Cllr Fiona Corps

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Martin Baird, Carole Stewart, Innes Wright, 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 December CPT report, now specifically St Andrews, Strathkinness and Cameron, was received and noted.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes were approved and signed off by the 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):** Cllr Alycia Hayes suggested the Register of Local Place Plans, published at <https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/have-your-say2/community-planning/local-place-plans/register-of-local-place-plans> confirmed the Cameron Local Place Plan had been submitted for validation, one of just 20 (of 105 Community Councils) in total for Fife. However, status remains blue, not orange as suggested, and it was confirmed after the meeting that Secretary Carole Stewart still awaits a response to the update on redrafting sent to Fife Planning 28.11.24. Vice Chair Audrey Harte noted the work put into the development of the CCC local place plan. Fife Planning will again be chased for a response.

Action: Secretary

- **Feddinch Mains:** As a Statutory Consultee, CCC have submitted a response to the amended Planning Application numbers 24/01711/FULL, 24/01716/ FULL and 24/01717 for the proposed revised golf development at Feddinch by A&M Golf.

There followed a short discussion regarding how exclusive the development may be and the points highlighted in CCC's response (active travel networks i.e. paths, the profile of the proposed buildings, the culvert at Rainbow Cottage).

b. *New matters*

- Rainbow Cottage: 24/03128/FULL and 24/03130/LBC Whilst it is not normal CCC practice to comment on individual Planning Applications, Rainbow Cottage was noted as an exception because of the past link established with the former proposed Feddinch development and the outstanding repairs to the adjacent long-collapsed culvert on the A915. A comment in support of the application had been posted by the Secretary in a personal capacity during the extended November – January absent period between CCC meetings.

- Chair Ralph Sprot confirmed he had checked and no further new applications have been received.

- Hugh Gillian of Drumcarrow Farm advised CCC of his plans to apply for consent for one holiday home on his farm: the development would be well screened and drawings were provided for members. Vice Chair Audrey Harte advised that single developments submitted by individuals are not something CCC would normally get involved with: involvement is normally limited to larger developments that may have an impact on the wider community.

7. Roads in CCC Area

Vice Chair Audrey Harte noted the long-awaited repairs to the private road to Mount Melville had been carried out by Fife Council and the residents are very happy with this outcome.

It was noted that the developers David Wilson Homes, who have been using the Denhead road to access a site to drop large quantities of soil, have damaged the main road edge due to the turning of very large and heavy vehicles. Chair Ralph Sprot also advised of road repairs required in Peat Inn.

Cllr Fiona Corps suggested matters such as these can be reported on the Fife Council website at <https://www.fife.gov.uk/services/form-pages/report-a-road-or-pavement-fault-map-page> . She encouraged this approach as it means matters will be logged.

8. Finance and Accounts

No report was available.

9. Craigtoun Park Update

Next report due May meeting 2025.

10. Fife Councillors' Update

See Appendices

11. AOCB

- **Meetings Schedule 2025/26**
The Meetings Schedule 2025/26 was approved.

- **A915 Camper Van Incident Summer 2024**

Kimberley Bennett was pleased to advise that the rescued Italians (that her husband Simon had assisted when their camper van tipped over due to the damage on the road near her home) have made contact and sent two bottles of wine and an invite to Turin!

Meeting closed 7.28 pm

Appendix 1

Cllr Fiona Corps: January Councillors Report 2025

SHORT TERM LET CONTROL ZONES IN FIFE

At Cabinet Committee last week, I proposed an amendment to the officers' recommendations regarding the need for STL Control Zones specifically within highly saturated areas in FIFE.

My amendment to Cabinet last week was not to stop tourism nor ban Short Term Lets but to highlight the fact that in some parts of Fife there are areas where some form of control over the volume of STL could be implemented. Elie and Earlsferry in particular see 60% of their current housing stock used as Second Homes, STL or both with Anstruther, Kilrenny, St Andrews and Largo not far behind.

To implement a STL Control Area simply gives the community a voice and does not stop new STL coming to fruition. The owner simply has to go through the planning process to proceed. This in turn will allow Fife Council to assess the applications and also allow communities to consult through the planning application process.

You can read more about the planning application process by searching for National Planning Framework 4 or NPF, specifically Policy 30 where you will see holiday let requirements.

Positives and Negatives

- I agree there are so many great benefits regarding the tourism industry in Fife. Especially the economic benefits. In 2023, it was estimated that there was a total of 610,000 overnight tourism visits to Fife and a total overnight tourism spend of £338 million. Tourism also gives us the opportunity to showcase the beauty of Fife and of course the employment opportunities that tourism brings to our local communities.
- There are also negatives associated with tourism were: Overcrowding, increased litter, a negative carbon footprint / impact on climate change and a decline in population and in the school roles. There was also concern raised by local people who state that tourism does create jobs but quite often there are no affordable accommodation in which the workers can stay.

Perceptions on the Local Area

- Around a third of Scotland residents feel that the area they live in is undoubtedly a holiday or short break destination (32%). 33% feel their area is visited for holidays and short breaks by some people.
- For those living in tourism areas, 84% agree that locally tourism supports jobs in food, retail and other sectors. 51% feel it adds to the amount of traffic on the roads and results in congestion and delays.

I care deeply about the East Neuk and Landward ward and the people who live here. Our local businesses do extremely well over the summer months but must make allowances for the winter season when they see their takings drop dramatically. I am aware that there is no quick fix or 'Silver Bullet' to the current situation and that STL are not the only issue when discussing our current housing crisis. I do believe we need to build more homes; we need to manage student accommodation better and we need to find affordable solutions for young people and their families to live locally. I have been listening to the local people and yes tourism is extremely important, but there is a desperate need to find a BALANCE.

Cabinet decision:

Short-term Let Control Areas

(4) Cabinet acknowledges the benefits of managing levels of short-term letting where these:- - affect the availability of residential housing or the character and/or amenity of a neighbourhood/community; - affect the availability of homes for longer term lets, or - aid the sustainability of our communities and help Fife Council to ensure that homes are used to the best effect in our communities.

(5) Cabinet notes that in advance of any proposal for submission in support of the designation of the STLCA to Scottish Ministers, a systematic approach to gathering evidence and assessing material considerations, together with appropriate public consultation would be required. Cabinet Committee agrees that, before any more work is undertaken, a paper is prepared for Cabinet in April 2025, setting out a proposed process to take forward the consideration of the need for a STLCA. This report should also cover the associated benefits and risks of designating a STLCA; and

(6) Cabinet notes that changes proposed to 7.3.6 of 'Committee Powers' in respect of Area Committees to allow a procedure to promote the designation of Short-term Let Control Areas to be delegated to the Council's seven Area Committees, which would allow for appropriate consultation within each area will be considered (if agreed by Cabinet in April 2025) at full Council in May 2025".

Planning Application – As noted in agenda

Fife Tourism Report

2024 marked a year of significant achievements in Fife's tourism landscape. The Welcome to Fife team's efforts in marketing, community engagement, and sustainable initiatives have reinforced Fife's reputation as a premier destination. Moving forward, the focus will remain on strengthening partnerships, raising awareness of Fife as a visitor destination both to consumer and travel trade markets, ensuring that there is adequate access to visitor information following the closure of all VisitScotland iCentres, and a focus on encouraging more events to the area, including conferences. In line with the Fife Tourism Strategy, the aim will be to continue to grow the value of tourism in a sustainable way, ensuring that businesses have the support they need to grow and thrive, that communities are supported to welcome visitors and that there is adequate infrastructure to meet visitor expectations.

Appendix 2

Councillors Report: Cameron: Alycia Hayes 15/01/2025

- **Gritting and Grit bins**

If you have a grit bin that needs filled or simply want to check when/if your street will be gritted, you can find a map and policy here:

[Ready for severe weather | Fife Council](#)

<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/community-life2/ready-for-severe-weather>

- **Fife Place Plan**

www.Fife.gov.uk/fpp

Share your ideas for Fife's future. Let the council know what facilities your community needs, where there should be new housing, what infrastructure is required etc. Deadline 24 Feb 2025

- **Climate Change**

Local communities are being invited by Fife Council to have their say on the pressing issue of climate change and its impact on the Fife coastline as part of a Scottish Government case studies project to inform coastal management.

Local Workshop 27 Feb 11am- 2pm YMCA, Bonnygate, Cupar [Climate Workshop Form](#)

- **Rent Consultation**

Closes 31 January <https://haveyoursay.fife.gov.uk/housing/rent-consultation-2025-26/>

- **Enrol your child in Primary 1**

Now open, closes 9am 17 March 2025.

<https://www.fife.gov.uk/services/form-pages/enrol-a-child-into-primary-1>