

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on Monday 6th January 2014

7.30 pm, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: William Sell (Chairman)

Allan Davidson (Treasurer)

Robert Frost

Rhona McCallan

Ainsley Mitchell

Eric Murdoch,

Joe McCallan

Henry Innes

Aileen Brown

Karen Reilly

Ian Davidson (Police)

Councillor Ross Thomson

Councillor Jennifer Stewart

Harriet Brace (Evening Express)

APOLOGIES: Christine Boylan, Ariane McCallan, Cllr John Corall

MINUTE OF MEETING 2nd December 2013 was approved by Allan Davidson and seconded by Robert Frost. No matters arising from last meeting

POLICE REPORT

Sgt Ian Davidson introduced himself. He is a Police Sergeant at Whinhill and his report was given from the dates 28th November 2013-28th December 2013. (Report to be circulated with minutes).

William commented on a spate of sheds and Garages being broken into and Ian is going to look into this.

He mentioned that there have been quite a lot of expensive pushbikes stolen and stated that it is important if anyone got an expensive bike to take note of the serial number and take a photograph of it.

Ian also said that the police station at Hazelhead is not manned by the police, sometimes special constables will be there but nearest one is at Mastrick or at Cults.

CORRESPONDENCE

William read out correspondence from Aberdeen City Council relating to the Dandara's applications which were all granted. (Letters will be attached). Apparently there will be no building sold in Zone A until the Hazeldene Road is sorted.

PLANNING MATTERS

Robert has been very diligent in reporting on the sales pod and the Dandara site. The reports are very comprehensive and include photographic evidence of the extensive flooding that

there has been over the last few weeks. He noted that on 30th December that the new link road was completely flooded and the turf was all washed away. The French drain was also flooded after Robert had spoken to men on site about putting gravel on top of the drain when they were installing

the electricity supply. None of the neighbouring properties were involved.

Henry also stated that the tar surface is coming up beside the bus terminal, and that the barrier to the site had to be physically reinstated by residents when it blew down. Ainsley commented that he called the police about a works van which had been parked on the road for 2 weeks which was unlicensed. It has since been removed and now on site.

There was also a few complaints that there has been noise outwith the agreed times specified. Eric phoned the police when machinery from Ireland was being delivered at 3am.

Other planning matters were about the Marshall Square. There was a public consultation in mid December and we are still waiting for detailed plans.

ABERDEEN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

William circulated a resume of the important issues arising from the development plan, which is very lengthy. There are 21 questions detailing their aspirations for house building and industrial land. The 5 topics are 1. Greenfield Housing. 2 Vision of the City Centre. 3. Retail strategy 4. Union Street Frontages and 5. West End Shops.

There will be a 10 week consultation from 13 January to 24 March. The revised Local Development Plan will be adopted in 2016. It is important that people get their comments in at this stage and Cllr Ross Thomson reiterated the importance of doing this. William says any comments can be sent to him, whether if you agree or disagree and any other suggestions.

FLOOD RETENTION PROGRAMME

Cllr Stewart has organised a public meeting at Hazelhead Academy on Thursday 9th January at 7pm. There will be a presentation on the adverse affects of flooding by the Denburn in the Queens Cross area and the measures to mitigate this by attenuating flood water where it is presently culverted under Kings Gate, near its junction with Stronsay Drive. Questions and answers will follow the presentation. Councillors will be at the meeting but no-one from Scottish Water, who she is in contact with. She stated that Scottish Water have been down the drains with CCTV but have seen no blockages. Aileen did voice her concern about the leaves lying about the drains.

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Ainsley commented that the surface water has definitely increased and his neighbours garden was flooded which had never happened before. Cllr Stewart will go and see.

Aileen spoke about the junction at Springfield Road into Springfield Avenue and feels it is important to get yellow lines to prevent an accident occurring. Cllr Thomson said that someone will go and assess the roads and also look at the speed zones. He mentioned that Chevron is looking at the parking problems and establishing more parking eg multi-storey, looking at the horticultural land.

TREASURERS REPORT

Allan commented that there was £297.79 in the account. Accounts will be done and remainder will be carried forward for next financial year .He has spoken to Karen Riddoch who will be calculating what next year's allowance will be.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church on Tuesday 4th February at 7.30 pm.