CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 05 March 2014

7.30 pm, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT:

Allan Davidson (Treasurer/Acting Chair)

Robert Frost (Planning)

Rhona McCallan

Ainsley Mitchell

Eric Murdoch,

Joe McCallan (member of the public)

Henry Innes

Aileen Brown

Karen Reilly

Ariane McCallan

Brian Bryce

Christine Boylan (Secretary)

Police

Harriet Brace (Evening Express)

Mr Brownrigg

APOLOGIES: William Sell (Chair), Henry Innes, Councillor Ross Thomson

MINUTE OF MEETING

From 4th March was approved by Ariane McCallan and seconded by Ainsley Mitchell. No matters arising from this last meeting.

ABERDEEN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr Brownrigg gave us copies of the powerpoint presentation and spoke about the future plans for the city. I will send this powerpoint presentation as an attachment(-all self explanatory)

POLICE REPORT

Report was given by PC Andy Horn who is a Police Seargent at Whinhill and his report was given from the dates 1st February to 28th February. Areas covered are Ferryhill along bottom of Cranford Road, Mannofield and Cragiebuckler.

In this period of time there have been 2 motorcycle nuisance calls, 2 drugs and substance misuse calls, 2 public nuisance calls, 1 attempted housebreaking, 1 serious assault, 3 vandalism reports.

He reiterated that the biggest problem is still property and cars being unlocked. There have been thefts from 4 houses and 5 cars because of this. There was also a car stolen from the Mannofield area as keys were left in view. There have been a decrease in car thefts but an increase in car crime during this period.

CORRESPONDENCE

Alan read out a letter from SEPA responding to our complaint about murky water in Coupers Pond and Johnstone Gardens. They will be looking into this.

Also a letter from the Boundaries Commission stating that they will be looking into redefining

boundaries. Some wards will get more Councillors and others will get less.

PLANNING MATTERS

Robert stated that the closing date for the application for the new house in Kinaldie was on the 21st February. We are waiting to see if planning has been approved.

He also discussed the large potential development west of the old Dobbies in Hazeldene Road which will include a hotel, gym and a garden centre with other buildings. The application has not been submitted yet so it is only a proposal at the moment. There will be a public consultation. Fish and Chip shop at the Old Police Station at Hazelehead has applied for an extension of hours.

Countesswells Liason Meeting was held on the 3rd February for the planned 3,000 houses. (Approx 250 houses per year to be built) This complex will take 10-15 years to build and first phase of 500 houses will be built and overseen by Stewart Milne. There is a commitment for 25% of this to be affordable homes. It is planned to have 2 schools built initially (one primary and 1 secondary) and then another primary at the latter stages.

Roads and Infrastructure was discussed and there is talk of possibly making the top of Countesswells Road pedestrianised and some of the roads for the use of public transport only.

AOCB

Aileen spoke about the endless parking problem that her neighbours are experiencing and that a monitor has been set up for 2 weeks. There will be statistical information for us for the next meeting.

Ainsley spoke about the Gypsy Travellers at Hazlehead and said that there is an eviction order for the 14th March.

Robert discussed the flooding at Dandara and informed us that households' water been cut off due to the burst drain. Christine wondered if we should be writing as a Community Council to Dandara. Alan suggested a subgroup could be formed as a 'Friends of Grove Nursery'. Mark Reilly is keen to get involved in this but unfortunately has no financial backup. As a group of the Friends, it could be possible to get a grant. This also applies to the Walker Dam area and the formation of a liason group to make it a 'Friends of Walker Dam'.

Rhona commented that the Palm Court Hotel have applied for an extended licence until 2am.

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.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church on Thursday April 3rd at 7.30pm.