

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of AGM and monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4th August 2015
7.30 pm, Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: William Sell (Chairperson)
Christine Boylan (Secretary)
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)
Rhona McCallan (Minutes)
Karen Reilly (Committee)
Joe McCallan (Committee)
Caroline Walker (Committee)
Ainsley Mitchell (Committee)
Athol Hendry (Resident)
Eric Murdoch (Committee)
John Boylan (Associate Member)
Cllr Ross Thomson
Inspector Ian McKinnon (Police)

APOLOGIES: Robert Frost (Planning)
Aileen Brown (Committee)

POLICE REPORT

Previously sent via email the report was briefed by Inspector McKinnon. He spoke about the vandalism and fire in the empty new house in the Dandara site. He also mentioned the continuing thefts from unlocked vehicles in the area and for all vehicles to be locked with no visible belongings inside. The theft or joyriding on mopeds and scooters was another concern and reiterated that if anyone heard either of those vehicles being driven during unsocial hours to contact 101 and report it.

Cllr Thompson advised of a few complaints about boy racers and will pass the name of the complainant to police so that they can speak to them direct.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from 7th July 2015 were approved by Allan and seconded by Christine.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 7th July 2015

Friends of Walker Dam

Allan walked around with Steven Shaw and the seats are going to be painted and one moved to look over the Dam itself. They are still waiting for the cost of dredging the dam. Allan has put up some Neighbourhood Watch signs and will put up the last two shortly.

Allan was going to meet up with the Britain in Bloom representatives on the 5th August but was awaiting further details of times etc.

Application for the Hazelwood sales pod

The planning permission for the pod expired on the 13th of June but it is still in use. This is in breach of the Town and Country Planning Act. William has put in a response but feels that the issue should also be brought to the attention of the local MSP, which was agreed. Cllr Thomson said he has already discussed this with the planners and Gavin Evans says a planning extension had been put in and the Council says they would act with reasonableness when considering the extension. Cllr Thomson also said that he will contact the Chief Executive's Office re this situation.

Ainsley said that there is a sign on the pod to say they were working from the showhouse but Caroline feels that the pod and showhouse will be used equally as there is a note on the pod to say go to showhouse if no one is there.

Allan stipulated that the bigger problem is that if the pod remains it will delay the completion of the retention pond and there will still be flooding issues for the houses at Burnieboozle.

Eric asked about Hazeldene Road and will it be brought up to an adoptable standard before the houses in Zone A are occupied. It was part of the planning permission that Dandara had to bring the road up to an acceptable standard before the houses in Zone A were occupied.

Flooding in the Gardens at Burnieboozle Crescent

William had emailed the Chief Executive of Aberdeen previously and read out an email from a Will Burnish to say that his team is investigating this and that he has been personally up to the site. Chris Graham was spoken to and said that he can do camera surveillance of the drains. Robert has taken photographs and a video of the flooding and he will forward them to Will Burnish.

TREASURERS REPORT

Allan has stated that there have been no expenses this month so the balance remains the same as July minutes of £1396.95 in the account.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence the last few weeks has been forwarded to the Community Council from William. He spoke about the new Local and Government Boundary Proposals in which there will be a 12 week period of consultation. At present there are 43 councillors and this will be increased by another 2. The names of the wards will probably change.

William will scan and email through the proposal to the committee members.

PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

In Robert's absence William briefly discussed the objections relating to the Macaulay, 10 roomed apartment, development which he thinks will overlook neighbouring houses and is too tall for the surrounding houses.

The flooding on the 7th July caused the Dandara SUDS pond to overflow and the flooding almost reached the sales pod itself. Concerned residents were met due to the anxieties of the level of water and Gavin Clark and Dandara were both contacted and advised they would look into the problem. A resident in Pinewood Road had flooding in his back garden through his garage and out onto the pavement into a gully.

Ainsley mentioned about the mature beech trees on the right hand site of the path alongside Dandara site (back of Pinewood) which have all silver discs on them and wondered what these were for. Allan said he will speak to Steven Shaw about this.

Regarding the Kepplestone Development, Stewart Milne has modified plans in which they will flatten the mansion but keep the existing cottage. Objections had been raised to retain the mansion and for the existing trees to be maintained.

The Co-op and filling Station on Springfield Road plan to take their air conditioning units off the roof and onto the side of the building. This was objected to on safety grounds as there would only be roughly a 1.8m access walkway at the side of the building and people would possibly walk in/exit via the main concourse/exit causing potential health and safety issues with cars also exiting from this area.

AOCB

Christine commented that she had attended the Aberdeen City Council Forum the evening before the meeting and there were a lot of complaints from people about the Council specifically relating to the Planning Department. They were seen to be unhelpful and difficult to deal with in obtaining information. Some decisions to allow certain developments also appeared untenable.

Christine found the talk from the City Wardens very beneficial and interesting and she advised they should be invited to the community council meetings. William will arrange for an invite to be sent out for the next meeting.

Christine stated that it is very important for someone from the new Community Council to attend the forum as it is extremely beneficial.

Regarding the ongoing yellow lines at Craigiebuckler Avenue, Cllr Thompson says that he has been in touch but could not say when they would be painted.

Karen Rennie will be putting up notices in the libraries, community centres etc regarding the election of local Community Councillors. Various flyers will be placed in some of the local area facilities and Streetlife. John will advertise on the community council website.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church, on Tuesday September 8th 2015 at 7.30pm.