

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 6th January 2015
7.30 pm, Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: William Sell (Chairperson)
Christine Boylan (Secretary)
Robert Frost (Planning)
Rhona McCallan (Minute Taker)
Joe McCallan
Aileen Brown
Karen Reilly
Eric Murdoch
Councillor Ross Thomson
Inspector Ian McKinnon
Stephen Harvey (Community Resident)

APOLOGIES: Allan Davidson (Treasurer)
Atholl Hendry

POLICE REPORT

Inspector Ian McKinnon ran through the report previously distributed by William to the committee members. Ross asked about the New Drink Driving Law and if there had been any noticeable change. Inspector McKinnon was pleased to state that there hadn't been any increase in drink/driving offences or for people being over the limit the day after drinking. Christine asked about the congestion and gridlock around Albyn School. Ross said that there is a working group looking into this.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from December were approved by Robert and seconded by Christine.

MATTERS ARISING

The condition of the paths surrounding Walker Dam and the cleanup of the burn into Walker Dam was adjourned until the February meeting as Allan would be then available to discuss and update the members.

Karen Rennie sent an email receipt regarding the application for a grant for the Christmas Lights Display. (At the time of meeting the email had been sent without the attachment but this has since come in).

CORRESPONDENCE

SEPA UK, have plans for a new recycling centre at Hareness Place, Altens. There will be a public exhibition in the Thistle Hotel, Souter Head Road, Altens on the 13th and 14th February from 1pm.

William had previously forwarded an email from Leigh Fraser with an invite to a Purpose and Measurement of Wellbeing at Local Level Event on January 12th 2015 at 6pm. Further details can be found in the email.

PLANNING OFFICERS REPORT

Robert had earlier sent a very detailed planning report to the planning group.

He discussed the 3,000 plus houses planned to be built at the Countesswells site. Heron Property has lodged a planning application for planning in principle. Road infrastructure has still to be ratified. There will be 3 developers Heron Property, Stewart Milne and Ian Suttie.

The new roundabout on Countesswells Road is now open up to the Dandara building site and which construction traffic should now use. The area around the sales pod has now been landscaped and has improved this are considerably. There are now 3 residents in Zone H and building of the founds has started in Zone A (Entrance off Hazeldene Road).

There was a discussion re the retention ponds and a concern that as they do ice over quickly any quick thaw may cause localised flooding.

A resident in Pinewood had water now coming up beside their garage and Christine commented that a neighbour's garden was looking a lot wetter than previous. Chris Graham will be approached re the water levels.

Robert has made up a proposed flyer about the Community Council for distribution to new residents at Dandara. The committee commended Robert on this excellent leaflet and gave full approval for it to be distributed as seen fit. It was also suggested that putting one up in the Sales Pod could be requested of the sales staff.

It was understood that a decision was to be made last month relating to planning application for the Carlton Rock Hotel and Leisure Complex. However in the local Evening Express it was stated that this would now be considered in Spring and Ross advised that it would be around March 2015. The application will go to the full Council and the Scottish Government for consideration. Ross congratulated William on his appearance at the council's pre-determination meeting regarding the Complex and said that he spoke very well and expressed the pros and cons of the development in a fair and balanced manner.

Yellow lines in Springfield Avenue have been authorised and they should be painted shortly. The controlled Parking Zones at the Hill of Rubislaw are being worked on and hopefully will be completed and go through consultation in March. If passed then, they could be in place by the end of the year.

AOCB

William read out an invite from the Lord Provost for nominations for the Holyrood Garden Party on July 1st 2015. William nominated Robert for all his excellent and hard work which Christine seconded. Robert had to decline the offer and nominated Rhona and Joe who have accepted this invite.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church on Tuesday February 3rd 2015 at 7.30pm