

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of AGM and monthly meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2015
7.30 pm, Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: William Sell (Chairperson)
Christine Boylan (Vice- chairperson))
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)
Rhona McCallan (Minutes)
Robert Frost (Planning)
Karen Reilly (Committee)
Joe McCallan (Committee)
Aileen Brown (Committee)
Ainsley Mitchell
Athol Hendry
Eric Murdoch
John Boylan (Associate Member)
Yvonne Heald
Cllr Ross Thomson
Sergeant Robert Shand (Police)

APOLOGIES: Caroline Walker (Committee)

AGM: APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following were elected:

Chairman - William Sell
Vice Chairmen - Vacancy
Treasurer – Allan Davidson
Secretary - Vacancy
Minutes Secretary – Rhona McCallan
Planning Officer – Robert Frost
Licensed Premises Monitor – Joe McCallan

TREASURERS REPORT

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

POLICE REPORT

Previously sent via email the report was briefed by Sergeant Shand. Aileen reiterated her thanks to the police for their assistance in the car accident that involved her wall.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

William commented that the last year was successful in that we always managed to quorum the monthly community council meetings. The meetings had generated various discussions relating to many topics, but primarily time was taken up with planning and building concerns involving Dandara and the proposed Hazelhead Hotel and Country Club.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from 2nd June 2015 were approved by Ainsley and seconded by Allan.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 2nd June 2015

Evaluation of progress of Hazlehead Grove Nursery

The Nursery was officially opened on Weds 1st July. A meeting that was also held at the same time with Stephen Shaw who advised that he is still looking for people and ideas to enhance and take over the area. Stephen also seems keen to adopt Allan's idea of having a wildlife garden.

Evaluation of progress of the Friends of Walker Dam

Allan spoke about the clean-up on the Saturday 6th June 2015 at 10am. He was delighted with the good response and turn out and about 14 bags of rubbish were collected.

There was an article in the Evening Express by Harriet Brace (from the Evening Express) who also came along as a volunteer to help with the clean up.

Allan also stated that he is planning to paint signs and will be meeting up again with Stephen Shaw this coming Monday. He has also ordered and is planning to put up the Neighbourhood Watch Signs at the top of the burn down to Walker Dam with another sign placed on Cragiebuckler Avenue.

He is also waiting for estimates for dredging the Dam.

Allan was thanked for all his hard work for both these projects so far.

He stated that the Burn behind Springfield Avenue hasn't been done as too many large fallen trees needed cutting and removing first. .

Application for the Hazelwood sales pod

This expired on the 13th June 2015 and on the 18th the City council received an application for an extension. The pod can actually be left up for a further unknown length of time if planning permission is given. The date of expiry is the 16th July for objections and the committee will voice concerning continuous flooding in the area and the need for the retention pond that is planned to be on the sales pod site to be installed as soon as possible. Robert did speak to the Site Manager and they have said that once the sales pod is demolished then they can concentrate on the retention pond. Robert has reservations whether the pond will actually be large enough.

The showhouse is now functioning and is doubling up as a sales pod at times.

Eric asked about Hazeldene Road and will it be brought up to an adoptable standard before the houses in Zone A will be 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

Customer Service Consultations Survey from the City Council

William had drafted answers to the specific questions asked of the Community Councils and City Forums and he will re-circulate to the Community Council members for any further responses.

William has sent various emails to the community council members prior to the meeting but there was nothing additional to report.

PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

Please see website for Robert's comprehensive report which was circulated prior to the meeting. This includes the change of plans to the Hotel and Conference facilities at Hazlehead which has now been scaled back. There are no longer holiday chalets planned and the number of bedrooms have been reduced from 250 to 200.

AN article in the Evening Express gave the impression that this was definitely happening but only Planning permission in Principle has been given and because it is a green belt site it has also to get authorisation from the Scottish Office.

The Kinaldie Crescent planning development has been delayed and August looks like being the earliest review date. Issues around existing trees and play areas have to be resolved.

The deadline for the temporary Sales Pod at Dandara is 20/07/2015 for submitting objections. Robert said that Zone H is complete and they have started work on Zone C and Zone A.

AOCB

Yvonne had informed the committee that she had raised the issue of the lack of water in the Coupers Pond with the James Hutton Institute and the Macaulay Development Trust (MDT). MDT has commissioned a formal investigation into the burn feeding the pond, which has dried up.

Athol asked Cllr Ross Thomson re the progress of the double yellow lines at Craigiebuckler and also Springfield Avenue. This is all proceeding as per previous timescales.

John is going to advertise the elections which will be held in September on the Community Council website. It was also proposed to put up various flyers in the local area and also place an article on streetlife.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church, on Tuesday August 4th 2015 at 7.30pm.