

## **Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting of 08 September, 2015**

#### **7.30 pm, The Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church**

**Welcome:** William welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies:** Rhona McCallan, Joe McCallan, Allan Davidson, Robert Frost, Caroline Walker, Eric Murdoch, Christine Boylan, John Boylan, Athol Henry, Inspector Ian McKinnon (Police Scotland), Councillor Ross Thomson and Councillor John Coral.

**In attendance:** Aileen Brown, Ainsley Mitchell, Karen Reilly, William Sell.

**Approval of Minutes of meeting of 04 August 2015:** The proposal to approve the minutes is to be postponed until our October meeting.

**Police Report:** Inspector McKinnon had telephoned William to explain that Officers were unable to attend on this occasion and asked him to emphasise the section of the August Police Report which deals with a rise in vehicle thefts in the West End of the city, predominately scooter/moped type vehicles. These vehicles are targeted because they are relatively easy to steal and they are then often ridden round the city.

Sheds can be easily broken into. Therefore if scooters, mopeds or scramblers are kept in sheds they should be securely anchored to something that is immovable.

If you see motor cycle type vehicles being driven antisocially round your area, phone 101 and give as much detail as you can regarding their descriptions. If you hear any in the early hours of the morning report it to the Police.

**Presentation by City Wardens:** City Wardens Ian Whyte and Michael Polowski gave a presentation which began with the history of the warden service then explained the range of duties. The city wardens are part of the Council's Department of Community Housing and Infrastructure.

The scope of duties and the formulation of the areas covered were also explained. Work begins at 7.30 am and ends at 10.30 pm, seven days a week.

**Matters Arising from Meeting of 04 August 2015:** Boundary Commission for Scotland. Consultation on changes to ward boundaries:- It was agreed not to challenge the proposed boundary changes

Expired planning permission for Hazlewood sales pod, which is still in use:- William has pursued this issue with the Council and a meeting is to be arranged with planners.

**Matters Arising since the Meeting of 04 August 2015:** Changes to the No 5 and No 15 bus services:- Robert Frost has examined the route which will be taken by the No 15 bus service, which is to replace the dual service presently provided. The journey time for the Craigiebuckler passengers will be increased by 10 minutes. It was agreed that the Council should be asked to subsidise unprofitable bus routes in the City to prevent communities becoming isolated by the lack of public transport. Stagecoach's "Buchan Link" is subsidised by Aberdeenshire Council, so why can't Aberdeen City Council subsidise First's unprofitable routes?

The subsidies that ferry services to the northern and western isles receive was also cited in our discussion about the unfairness that surrounds the perceived under provision of public transport in this part of Aberdeen.

**Consultation on parking issues in the streets surrounding the Hill of Rubislaw.:-** William circulated a consultation document, by email to all colleagues. The email also contained his response. It was agreed to send the response, unaltered, to the Council.

**Correspondence:** All correspondence forwarded as emails. Members to question the Chair on forwarded items. There were no questions.

**Treasurers Report:** Allan instructed William to report that the balance of our account was unchanged since our August meeting.

**Planning Matters:** Proposed demolition of remaining structure of Keppleston Mansion by SMG:- A representation objecting to the proposed demolition of the surviving structures of Keppleston Mansion has been submitted to Aberdeen City Council.

**Planning Officer's Report:** The report has been reserved for presentation at the October meeting.

**A.O.C.B.:** Community Council Elections: William reported that nomination forms had been distributed to all colleagues who are likely to continue their membership of our Community Council, post-polling day.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 6th October at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.