

**CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

7.30 pm, The Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

**Present:** William Sell, Allan Davidson, Robert Frost, Karen Reilly, Ainsley Mitchell, Dana Blyth, Cllr Martin Greig, Cllr John Coral, Hugh Black (Guest Speaker), Ian Cox (Kingswells Community Council) and 3 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Rhona McCallan, Joe McCallan, Aileen Brown, Cllr Jennifer Stewart.

**Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 01 November 2016:** Approved & adopted.

**Police Report:** The Police report was given by Constable Gallan and Constable Calder. The crime statistics for the reporting period were as follows:

Drugs = 1; Public Nuisance = 4; Theft from unlocked cars = 2;

Theft of motor vehicle = 2; Vandalism = 6. Overall there has been a fall in crime statistics during November.

William reported that horses were being ridden in the playing fields in Hazlehead Park, causing surface damage. Martin Greig had followed up this complaint and informed the meeting that the horses could be privately owned and not likely from the Hayfield Equestrian Centre.

**Matters Arising from Meeting of 01 November 2016:**

Hazlehead Academy's Librarian appeal for funding to purchase books: £100 to be donated. The arrangement for handing over the cheque will be undertaken by the Treasurer.

Our exclusion from Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership's meetings: Aileen has been working to secure our inclusion.

Application for the Community Festive Grant: William is in receipt of a letter of thanks from Councillor Greig for our donation towards the Christmas street lights. William also has invoices for the Christmas Tree and lights. £24.99 remained to be spent on a festive event. It was agreed to give £25 to the Over 55 Club for their festive event.

**Correspondence:** All items of correspondence were emailed to members.

**Treasurers Report:** Allan updated members on our finances, including our donation in support of Hazlehead Academy's book campaign.

## **Planning Officer's Report and Planning Matters**

Mr Hugh Black, owner of Rubislaw Quarry, gave a fascinating presentation on the history of the quarry which, in partnership with the late Mr. Whyte, he purchased in 2010. The water level has been lowered by 30 – 40 metres to expose the granite.

It is Mr Black's intention to build a visitor centre, overlooking the quarry, which would be a museum of its history for future generations. £5000,000 is needed to meet the cost of the project, which when completed would be run as a 'not for profit' organisation.

At the conclusion of the presentation, William thanked Mr Black on behalf of the meeting.

Robert gave the planning report which included the latest development projects in the area.

Proposed Development at Hill of Rubislaw: William, Dana and Aileen attended the Applicant's pre-application public consultation which was held in the Chester Hotel. The proposed development is for the construction of 280 flats overlooking the quarry. This will be an imposing building which will be visible from streets which neighbour the Hill of Rubislaw. Car parking will be under the building. It is likely that visitors to the occupants of the flats may have to park on the surrounding streets. This is very concerning because streets such as Springfield Avenue and Rubislaw Crescent already have large numbers of vehicles parked on them during the day, which belong to people working in the oil offices on the Hill of Rubislaw.

**Forum for Members of the Public:** No matters were raised by the members of the public.

**A.O.C.B.** There was no further business.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Please note that there will be no meeting in January. Therefore our next meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.