

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of AGM and monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016
7.30 pm, Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

- PRESENT:** Aileen Brown (Chairperson)
William Sell (Secretary)
Robert Frost (Planning)
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)
Rhona McCallan (Minutes)
Dana Blyth (Committee)
Karen Reilly (Committee)
Joe McCallan (Committee)
Ainsley Mitchell (Committee)
Sergeant Bob Shand (Police)
David Phillips (First Bus)
Cllr Ross Thomson
Cllr Jennifer Stewart
Members of the public
- APOLOGIES:** Caroline Walker (Committee)
Eric Murdoch (Committee)

POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for January had already been circulated to members. Sgt Bob Shand reiterated that the biggest problem this month had been the break-ins into garages and sheds, especially the ones that are not directly adjoining premises. He advised to not hesitate in calling 101 if anyone or anything looks suspicious and 999 if a crime is being committed. There had been an increase in police cars in the evenings looking out for any perpetrators.

A man has now been detained following the recent incident when he exposed himself to a schoolgirl in Seafield Road. The police have been given support to the family and the school that was involved.

GUEST SPEAKER

David Phillips, Managing Director of First Bus introduced himself and said that he wished to commit to attending community council meetings about every quarter. He discussed the changes and concerns following the public meeting in October regarding the services to our area and that there will be a drop-in session on Saturday 13th February between 11am-3pm to discuss feedback and weighing up the thoughts and opinions of everyone.

David explained that his company looks at services and if this isn't cost effective then they have to look at a way to make it more cost effective.

Cllr Thomson says he is in regular contact with David and his colleagues and states that the transport budget meeting has been moved back until 25th February.

Cllr Stewart states that she would also like to get the service reinstated and says that there could be money from the enforcement of fines from the bus lanes.

Everyone agrees that there is a social need for this based on demographics, distance etc.

It was also that there is a community transport bus that can pick up vulnerable people (Dial A Bus) and Cllr Thomson will get some flyers that can be put up in public places regarding this.

A member of the public stated that he has been in touch with his MSP regarding deregulation of the bus services and has passed their response to the community council.

One of the other members of the public commented that the large public meeting didn't have any/adequate microphones and people at the back of the room couldn't hear anything. William has intimated that microphones are available from Central Library and they can be used for future meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

William has already forwarded email correspondence to all committee members. These include:

- A request from Karen Rennie wishing representation on Tuesday 1st March re the Aberdeen WPR.
- The Greenspace Survey which is available online for everyone to participate at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ACCgreenspace and paper copies are available for completion in public libraries and from the Council offices at Marischal College. The survey takes only 5-10 minutes to complete and will close on **Monday 8 February 2016**.
- A notice from Planning and Sustainable Development relating to the development of the dwelling in Countesswells Road which has now been granted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Thomson spoke about the rats in Johnston Gardens and has put out bait boxes (no poison) to see if there is any sign of droppings etc. Pest Control have been to investigate and the gardeners who work there spoken too. There has been no evidence or sightings despite the complaints from people who have seen them.

Cllr Stewart says that she has met up with Stephen Shaw and agreed that it would be a good idea to get Johnston Gardens dredged but it would be very expensive and also the smell would be awful.

Dana mentioned about the strong smell of chemicals at times in the burn beside her and she will monitor this and see if she can gather some evidence of this pollution.

William brought up the Queens Garden Party that he had been nominated from the last meeting. He had previously been invited before and couldn't attend due to a bereavement so therefore wasn't going to be allowed to attend. Cllr Stewart was instrumental in going through official channels as she felt very strongly that William deserved this as he has put in so much to the community. The outcome has been successful and William and his wife will be attending in July.

The plans for the house at Kinaldie Crescent were first submitted a year ago although re-submitted there is a further delay while a tree roots survey is carried out. William suggested that we write to the Council to see why this particular application is taking so long, This was agreed.

Cllr Stewart was answering the question about the 95 year old lease on Dobbies site and said that the current thinking is that the land is going to be sold to the developer without planning permission.

William reiterated that he is asking Planning Officer to the next meeting in March.

Regarding the First Bus meeting, Cllr Stewart says that everyone should be included as she said that the session was arranged without full inclusion. Cllr Thomson responded by reading out an email which had a wide circulation.

Cllr Thomson said that he has had confirmation from Doug Ritchie re double yellow lines and when they start again in March, Cragiebuckler is on top of the list.

TREASURERS REPORT

Allan advised that the account still had a balance of £891.75.

PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

Robert has already put his report onto the community council website but mentioned again the ongoing Dandara sales pod application which had expired last June and is still used as a working office. Cllr Greg was making enquiries.

He mentioned that the core path behind Burnieboozle has now been upgraded and looks a lot better. They have also been working on the North retention pond.

AOCB

- Karen Rennie has organised training sessions on Thursday 17th March for Community Councils giving a brief overview of planning democracy. There will also be follow up training sessions for those unable to attend this one.
- Aileen and William are also going to attend a session regarding Chairing and Vice-Chairing meetings.
- William has proposed that we contribute to the use of the hall for our meetings and Allan seconded his proposal. William will discuss with the church secretary/Minister.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church, on Tuesday March 1st 2016 at 7.30pm