

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of monthly meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2016
7.30 pm, Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: Aileen Brown (Chairperson)
William Sell (Secretary)
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)
Rhona McCallan (Minutes)
Joe McCallan (Committee)
Ainsley Mitchell (Committee)
Caroline Walker (Committee)
Police Officer Stacey Harper
Cllr Martin Greig
Cllr Jennifer Stewart

APOLOGIES: Robert Frost (Planning)
Karen Reilly (Committee)
Dana Blyth (Committee)
Cllr John Corall

WELCOME

Aileen welcomed everyone to the meeting which commenced at 7:30pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting of Tuesday 4th October 2016 were approved.

Proposed: Allan Davidson

Seconded: Ainsley Mitchell

POLICE REPORT

Sgt Stacey Harper went over the Police Report for October 2016, which had already been circulated to members and is available on the Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council Website.

The ongoing issue of young cyclists who were going about Craigiebuckler and Johnston Gardens needed monitoring. Sgt Harper advised that she will bring this to the attention of Inspector Ian MacKinnon. There had been an increase in houses, sheds, garages etc being broken into and the importance of locking up all property including cars was reiterated. The use of outdoor lighting and alarms are seen as main deterrents and the police are happy to advise anyone needing security advice.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Hazlehead Academy's Librarian appeal for funding to purchase books. Allan has contacted the Academy as to who the £100 cheque should be made out to. Cllr Greig has said that there had been another 2 local community council donations given following our lead.
2. Aileen advised of our exclusion from Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership's recent meeting with local community councils. She has subsequently been in contact with one of the organisers called Gail Woodcock to ensure our representations are included.

3. Flooding of homes relating to Zone F of Dandara site. Aileen, William and Martin visited a resident who had flooding in the basement of their house, allegedly since Dandara had started their on-site work. Cllr Greig had phoned Dandara and spoke to Peter Best who is their MD without much success. Sepa were also reportedly looking into the problem and plan to have a site meeting to discuss. There appears to be an issue of who is responsible and if Home Insurance would cover any remedial work to fix the problem. Cllr Greig stated that some of the residents from Stronsay Drive had been in touch with similar flooding concerns and were seeking a letter of comfort from the council to give to their Home Insurance Providers as they were concerned that flooding in their area would not be covered otherwise. It was most unlikely that Dandara would give such assurances to fix any flooding problems adjacent to their site.
4. Application for grant from Community Festive Fund. Following an application a £290 grant has been allocated towards the purchase of a Christmas tree and lights for public display at Craigiebuckler Church. Aileen and William will arrange with the church.
5. A £300 cheque previously agreed was given to Cllr Martin Greig to help pay for the installation of Christmas lights on Springfield Road.

CORRESPONDENCE William had forwarded email correspondence to all committee members prior to the meeting. These included:

- Proposed Hill of Rubislaw Development. There will be a public consultation event on Friday the 18th of November at 1pm at the Chester Hotel, prior to it being open to the public. Proposals will be unveiled on the day and a planning application will be submitted in January.
- William has contributed an article to the Church Magazine.
- Quiz night in Craigiebuckler Church Hall on the 11th November at 7.30pm. Refreshments included. Also BYOB. £5 a ticket and can come as an individual or as a team.

TREASURERS REPORT

The account has a balance of £651.41.

PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

Robert has already put his report onto the community council website.

There was a short discussion on the 280 flats at Rubislaw Quarry and the Dandara development Zone G.

Pictorial evidence of Coupers pond all dried up was taken recently.

A decision will be made on the planning application for 22, Kinaldie Crescent in 2 weeks time.

FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public present.

AOCB

- William, Aileen and Dana attended a meeting on Thursday the 27th October 2016, at Airyhall Community Centre relating to the Friends of Johnson Gardens. They stated that this was a very productive meeting and that there was a lot being done to improve the gardens and toilets there. Dana has been nominated to be the link between the Friends of Johnson Gardens and the Community Council.
- To raise the public awareness of who to contact on the Community Council it was proposed that our contact details would be placed in various locations such as the church, library and some of the local shops.

- Damage to the small playing field being caused by horse riding. Cllr Stewart has said that she has been in touch with Hayfield and spoke to George Davidson from the council's environmental services department. After a site visit it was recommended that a couple of minor repairs be carried out to fencing etc. and that a letter will be sent to Hayfield regarding horse fouling on public property.
- The traffic calming measurement bumps in Hazeldene road have been removed but Karen noticed that the roads have started to be dug up again and wondered if they were just lowering the bumps. Anyone having low suspension cars are unable to get down this road without scraping the underside of their cars.
- Also at the end of Hazeldene Road going onto Queens Road, the markings for no right turn need to be reviewed as people were still turning right and blocking traffic wishing to exit left.
- Ainsley asked Cllr Greig to mention that the 20mph limit signs in Burnieboozle Crescent were still awaiting repainting or renewed.
- Cllr Stewart spoke to Dandara near the Mansions as it was reported that some of the large stones used for building a wall had been taken from a nearby dyke. Dandara assured Cllr Stewart that they have a store of these stones which they use from their Oakbank site.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church on Tuesday, December the 6th 2016 at 7.30pm.

Members of the Public are welcome to attend all our meetings. Please come along and support our work.