

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 4TH OCTOBER 2016

7.30 pm, The Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church.

Present Ainsley Mitchell, Robert Frost, William Sell, Aileen Brown, Councillor Martin Greig, Resident, Yvonne Heald.

Apologies Karen Reilly, Joe McCallan, Rhona McCallan, Dana Blyth, Cllr John Coral, Caroline Walker, Cllr Jennifer Stewart.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF 06 SEPTEMBER 2016

Proposed: Ainsley Mitchell

Seconded: Robert Frost

POLICE REPORT The report was given by PC Adam Elnigar. There has only been a minor increase in reported crimes since the last reporting period - mainly thefts from insecure vehicles. PC Elnigar reported that the LPT Inspector wanted to stress the 'lights out your out' message. The Inspector is anticipating that there will be leafleting of this message. Offenders have been trying doors have been detected.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING OF 06 SEPTEMBER 2016

Representation pertaining to the 22 Kinaldie Crescent planning appeal: An inspection will be carried out by a Planning and Environmental Reporter on 5th October at 2.30pm. This is an open visit at which any one can attend. There was also an update forwarded to members which explained why a tree preservation order may be not be appropriate. William asked if anyone was available to attend besides himself and Aileen. Allan Davidson said that he would attend..

Update on Friends of Walker Dam Project: Allan Davidson.

Allan accompanied Steven Shaw, Aberdeen City Council Officer, on a visit to Walker Dam. He is in the process of obtaining plants from Woodland Trust for a hedgerow. Allan found Woodland Trust to be very helpful in that respect. A mandarin duck that used to inhabit the dam has now returned, which could indicate an improvement in water quality.

Allan reported that the embankment at the east end of the dam is subsiding. However, it is possible that a bridge will be constructed over this historic body of water.

Councillor Greig stated that dredging is overdue, but the Council is trying to find a source of funding so that the work can be carried out.

Allan remarked that islands have formed which could be beneficial to wild life. Deer have been seen on one of the islands.

Academy Librarian's appeal for funding to purchase books: Councillor Greig explained that there is a new librarian who is keen to increase the stock of books. He had a very constructive meeting with the Librarian. The school is doing a fund raising campaign to finance the purchase of the extra books required to boost the library stock.

Aileen proposed that we donate £100 – Seconded by William. The motion was carried. This sum

will get us a book plate in the books which will state, "Donated by Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council". Allan will find out who to make out the cheque to and report back.

Correspondence

Members may raise questions pertaining to items of emailed correspondence.

Crime Reduction Bulletin from Robert McKinney, Police Scotland.:

Mr McKinney has noticed a sizeable number of thefts from vehicles and re-emphasised the importance of locking doors, especially at night. He is concerned that once an area is seen as a soft target for criminals, they will keep coming back.

General communication to Community Councils from Karen Rennie: Karen was checking to see if our Community Council had a designated person dealing with licensing issues. William replied to the effect that we do not have a designated person in that role.

Forwarded - Draft Minutes of a meeting with Community Councils on 6th September. This was the initial meeting with Aberdeen City health and Social Care Partnership which took place in Hazlehead park Cafe on 6th September. There was a subsequent meeting with the West of City Local leadership Group which took place in Airyhall Clinic on 20th September, initially chaired by Gail Woodcock Aberdeen City Council, to which we were not invited, even although this area has an exceptionally high ageing population.

Aileen said that we must get this sorted out because of the high average ages in the area. This will be left to Martin and Aileen to deal with. Aileen reported that there is currently a debate about 'GP clusters'. Aileen also said that this area requires a lot of help and referred to GP shortages.

Local Transport Strategy, Aberdeen: An email with a hyper link was forwarded to members.

Forwarded to all members:- email from Karen Rennie requesting contacts for a new community council research project.

Email from a resident concerning the flooding of two properties bordering Zone F of the Hazelwood development: This vexing issue is a planning matter and as such was discussed under "Planning Matters".

Email Forwarded to Members: Brief notes on the first meeting of Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership's West of City Local Leadership Group with attachments.

Email forwarded to members: Attachment – Minutes of the meeting of the Countesswells Liaison Group on 29 August.

Email from Karen Rennie forwarded to members: Attachment – Community Council Briefing. Subject: Invite to AWPR/B-T Project update briefing. It takes place on Wednesday 23rd November in Woodhill House.

Forwarded to all members: Aberdeen Local Development Plan Newsletter.

Forwarded to All Members: Newsletter – Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route / Balmedie-Tipperty.

Treasurers Report

Allan reported that we have a bank balance of £651.41.

Planning Officer's Report and Planning Matters

Robert Frost provided a very comprehensive report to members

Subjects dealt with included:-

Flooding of homes neighbouring Zone F of the Dandara housing development: Local residents have reported flooding issues and the burn that feeds Couper's Pond is dried up. Photos have been taken of suspected damage to field drains caused by the removal of the top soil. Martin reported that he had visited a resident whose home was affected by flood water which apparently flowed from the direction of Zone F of the nearby housing development. A neighbour who has an ingress of water, from that site, in the solum of his home, has a survey document dated from December 2015 which shows that there was no water in the solum at that time.

Councillor Greig has tried to contact the developer on several occasions, but has had no replies. Councillor Greig is raising this issue with the Council and SEPA.

Ainsley explained that the construction of an earth embankment has altered the course of the stream that feeds Couper's pond. The stream flowed all year round prior to the development.

Councillor Martin Greig wants an acknowledgement of the causes of the stream drying up.

We thanked Martin for his valuable work.

Robert produced photos which illustrated the close proximity of the new houses to the trees that border the Hazlewood Development. A tree branch had to be cut down in order to allow for the construction of the roof of one of the houses. The removal of the water course by the developer could cause the trees, bordering the site, to die with adverse consequences for the condition of the environment.

There is a problem with railings in Burnieboozle Crescent which has been caused by a repair made by Dandara. This was passed on to Martin. Dandara have said on several occasions that they would paint them, but have not done so.

Robert phoned the Contracts Manager regarding plastic sheeting floating in a retention pond on the site. He also reported the potholed surface condition of the turning circle for buses on the site.

There is no further information about the retirement village proposed for Zone F of the Dandara site.

A planning application to build a hotel in the vicinity of Hazlehead has been withdrawn.

Individual planning applications were also detailed in Robert's report.

A.O.C.B.

Councillor Greig reported that the Council has made funding available for a community festive fund ie public party. Up to £500. Bids have to be received by the Council by 21st October.

Christmas lights: Councillor Greig asked if we can we pay for Xmas lights on Springfield Road – £300 for the three features.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st November at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all our meetings.

Please come along and support our work.