

## **CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of monthly meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
7.30 pm, Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

**PRESENT:** Aileen Brown (Chairperson)  
William Sell (Secretary)  
Robert Frost (Planning)  
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)  
Rhona McCallan (Minutes)  
Karen Reilly (Committee)  
Dana Blyth (Committee)  
Joe McCallan (Committee)  
Ainsley Mitchell (Committee)  
Caroline Walker (Committee)  
Police Officer (Emily)  
Cllr Martin Greig  
Cllr Jennifer Stewart  
Dave Adam (First Bus)  
Members of the public (2)

**APOLOGIES:** Eric Murdoch (Committee)  
Cllr John Corall

### **WELCOME**

Aileen thanked everyone for attending and the meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

### **SPEAKER (First Bus)**

Dave Adam from First Bus gave an update on services. He advised on the closure of Broad Street for 6months and the re-routing of the 19 service. Revised timetables will be available shortly.

The numbers of passengers on the 15A Craigiebuckler service was averaging 100-150 per week with the Christmas period being around 200 per week. A decision will be made this month on whether this service will be continued.

The X40 Westhill service via Queens Road was proving unprofitable and will be stopped as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. Eileen commented that the double-decker buses on this route were unsuitable for elderly passengers and this was discouraging them from using this service.

Ainsley raised the issue with the controversial Bedford Road bus gate and the resulting bottle necks being created which were acknowledged by First Bus.

### **POLICE REPORT**

The Police Report was circulated to members and is available on the Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council Website. Emily reiterated the need for people to phone in if they see anything suspicious or unsocial behaviour, as these reports can be acted on in keeping the neighbourhood secure. It was advised that there were people detained in custody for recent local break-ins.

William intimated that he had received an email from Amazon advising him of a purchase for some £3,000 worth of jewellery that had been purchased using the community council's email address. Cllr Martin Greig offered to investigate and report back.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were approved.

Proposed: Allan Davidson

Seconded: Ainsley Mitchell

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **1. Exclusion from Aberdeen Health and Social Care Partnership Meetings.**

It appeared that our community council had not been invited in the past to Partnership Meetings but Eileen and William were pursuing this issue.

Eileen advised that Craigiebuckler and Seafield were included in a group with Cults Bieldside and Milltimber but that we had our own particular needs considering the age profile in the area and this needed exploring.

William advised that an email providing additional information had just come in and was circulated to the committee.

### **2. Community Festive Fund.**

The grant of £290 from ACC towards our £500 donation to the Christmas festivities and decorative lighting had now been accounted for.

### **3. Hazlehead Academy Library Book Campaign.**

Allan advised that our donation of £100 was gratefully received and on visiting the library he was impressed by the facilities it provided for the pupils.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

William had forwarded email correspondence to all committee members prior to the meeting.

- **Coupers Pond**

Email received from a member of the public concerned with the state of Couper's pond but more directly with the lack of water in the burn feeding the pond since Dandara re-directed the flow of rainwater from their site.

This is an ongoing issue that the committee have pursued with stakeholders and William has responded directly to the correspondent who also attended this meeting.

Cllr Greig has had meetings with Dandara and SEPA and will continue to pursue the issue. He will also contact the Hutton Institute as they have also expressed concern about the state of the pond. Caroline asked who was responsible for the Dandara Housing site as it would appear that Dandara had not yet paid for the site and at present it appeared to be still owned by Aberdeen Council. Aberdeen Council would therefore be responsible for the state of Couper's Pond. Cllr Greig intimated that he would find out who actually owned the site at present.

Ainsley advised that he thought the Macauley Trust, which were part of the Hutton Institute, were owner's of the pond.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

The account, including the £290 from ACC, has a balance of £440.42.

## **PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT / PLANNING MATTERS**

Robert's full report will be available on the community council website.

- The appeal against the planning rejection of the development at Kinaldie Crescent had been dismissed.
  - Queen's Cross Community Council are arranging a public meeting regarding the proposals for development of Rubislaw Quarry.
  - Countesswells Road is now closed until 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 due to drainage installation.
  - William prepared an article for the Craigiebuckler Church Bulletin detailing a short history of Walker Dam and the work initiated by Friends of Walker Dam. Plans for a footbridge, tree and path upgrades, new notice board and additional planting are in the pipeline.
- Allan advised that an open night at the park was scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7:00pm.

## **FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No new topics were raised.

**AOCB**

- The use of Facebook as a communication tool for generating local interest, publicising meetings etc for the Community Council was confirmed with approximately 4,500 followers.
- Dana brought along a copy of the Cove Chronicle which she circulated to attendees as a prompt for the possibility of producing something similar for our area. Time did not allow for this to be discussed at this meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church. Everyone is welcome.