

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 4th December 2108

Commenced at at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall

Present: William Sell, Robert Frost, Aileen Brown, Keren Reilly, Carolinr Walker, Ainsley Mitchell, Karen Finch (Aberdeen City Council).

Apologies for Absence: Cameron Campbell, Jim Flett and Dana Blyth.

Police Report: The report was narrated by Sergeant Robin Watt and Constable Kelly Grant. In dealing with violence and disorder, police are concentrating on open spaces. There is a robust approach to road crime. Education is also provided for drivers who are stopped for minor traffic offences. Members were advised to telephone 101 if they witness incidents of antisocial driving.

The after-dark initiative operation is on-going. Members were advised to lock their sheds with a good quality padlock. Cycle theft continues to be a big problem.

Members were also advised to have a winter incident plan. We should also be considering the situation of our elderly neighbours with the approach of the cold weather.

Ainsley asked what security advice applies to lit houses where gifts are displayed, in plain sight, under a tree. Sergeant Watt replied that gifts should always be concealed from public view.

Training for Community Councillors:- Karen Finch, Community Council Liaison Officer, Aberdeen City Council: The training session began with an introductory explanation of the document, "Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils".

The attention of our members was then directed to the "Area Descriptions" document which provides data on the boundary descriptions, population estimates of Aberdeen's Community Councils.

The procedure for filling a membership vacancy by co-option was also explained, i.e., a co-opted member becomes a full member after one year from the approval of their application form.

The operating grant formula was also explained, i.e., £600.00 + 7pence per head of population.

The Community Council's constitution is to be listed on the agenda for the January meeting when it will be signed off by the Chair.

Our A. G. M. can be held in February or asap after our accounts have been approved at audit.

The procedure for dealing with complaints was also explained.

Minute of Meeting of 6th November 2018: Adopted, subject to an amendment to the recorded discussion about parking at the Seafield Shops.

Proposed by Karen Reilly.

Seconded by Ainsley Mitchel

Matters Arising from Meeting of 6th November 2018: Stakeholder consultation by the Scottish Government on unconventional oil and gas extraction, known as fracking. - William has completed this consultation on our behalf. He said that we are against the process for a number of environmental reasons.

Christmas lights – now installed on Springfield Road.

Donation to the Church's December elderly gathering – A cheque for £40 was presented by Aileen along with a cheque for £150 as payment for our rent for the Douglas Lounge.

Resident's complaint about parking at the Seafield shops – William wrote to the Interim Roads Infrastructure manager and the reply was: “The Layout actually provides more parking spaces than a fully designed layout to meet modern standards. When this was looked at previously, the plan was to remove parking in the area and provide more of a pedestrianised area in front of the shops. Because of the Council's current financial constraints, there are no current proposals to take forward such a scheme.”

The Council Officer has asked Traffic Management to consider disabled parking provision in the area. William has thanked the Council for his reply and forwarded it to the resident who complained.

Associate Membership – William emailed Karen Finch to ask about how many associate members we are allowed. Karen replied to the effect that we can have as many as we want, but they have no voting rights.

Treasurer's Report: Cameron was unable to attend and his apologies are noted.

Correspondence: All items of correspondence have been forwarded by email to our members.

Discussion with City Councillors: No City Councillors were present.

Planning Report: Robert reported that the Recorder is to visit the site of the proposed 10 storey development at Rubislaw Quarry, which is the subject of an appeal, on 17th December.

The timescale for the Main issues consultation and publication was also detailed by Robert.

The consultation process for the 2022 Local Development Plan is still on-going.

Community Council Forum Report: Nil

AOCB : There being no further business, William thanked all Attendees.

Next Meeting: 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th January 2019 in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall. (Now changed to Hazlehead Primary School)