

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of monthly meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church.

Present

Aileen Brown, William Sell, Cameron Campbell, Robert Frost, Dana Blyth, Karen Reilly, Caroline Walker, Joe McCallan, Ainsley Mitchell.

Cllr John Cooke, Cllr Martin Greig, Cllr Claire Imrie, Cllr Jennifer Stewart.

Police (Constable Stan Lewis)

Members of the public (2 off).

Apologies

Rhona McCallan.

Minutes of the last Meeting

Carried forward to next meeting

Matters arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting

Carried forward to next meeting

Police Report

Constable Lewis intimated that it was the intention for police officers attending community council meetings that they would be able to stay for the whole meeting, thereby gleaning more about local issues in their area. At present it is the norm for the police to run through their monthly stats for the area, answer any queries, and leave the meeting to return to their duties.

The issue of drug related incidents was raised and seemed to be more of a problem in rented accommodation in the area. Constable Lewis reiterated the need for people to be observant in their area and report to the 101 Non-Emergency Number such as abandoned vehicles, strangers acting suspiciously, neighbouring OAP's not seen for a few days etc so that they can be followed up.

The monthly stats are available on the Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council website.

Correspondence

Carried forward to next meeting

Treasurer's Report

Cameron Campbell, Treasurer, informed the meeting that the balance in our account is £332.30 with no outstanding payments due.

There was also a thank you from Craigiebuckler Church for the provision of ice-cream and the ongoing support the community council provided for their non-secular activities.

Discussion with City Councillors

Further to the issue raised previously concerning the row of mature trees behind the gardens on the South side of Springfield Avenue having been felled by a contractor employed by Aberdeen City Council there was a wide ranging discussion concerning the effects of the felling and what can be done to tidy up, maintain and improve the area. Although the once-private back gardens of residents' homes can now be viewed from Springfield Road the reduced privacy meant an increase in security with the area being opened up.

The decision to prune the trees was made some time ago in discussion with local residents but there was no pre-warning of the work being carried out or the severity of the pruning.

It is proposed that the Arboriculture Officer of Aberdeen City Council be invited to the next community council meeting to advise on the proposals for tidying up the area by removing all cuttings and repairing the ground area damaged by vehicles and equipment. The plan for maintaining those trees reduced to coppice level and any proposals to plant new trees or shrubs should also be part of the longer term plan for the area.

Proposed: William Sell

Seconded: Cameron Campbell

Planning Report

The planning report was presented by Robert and the full report is available on the community council's website.

Main items included:

- The denied application for a Heritage Centre and Shops at Hill of Rubislaw Development.
- The ongoing application at Hill of Rubislaw Development by Canadian developer Carttera for 300 PRS flats, a bistro, walkway, function room and gym which supersedes the previously consented office block designed by the IBI Group with Aurora.
- The ongoing build of bungalows at Dandara Zone B.

Traffic Report

Carried forward to next meeting.

Civic Forum Report

Carried forward to next meeting.

Community Council Forum Report

Robert had attended the AGM for this forum the previous night and advised that the new community council boundaries were almost in agreement.

Insurance for each Community Council was paid annually by the Council.

The Aberdeen Local Development Plan is being issued for consultation and would be discussed at the next meeting.

Publicity

Carried forward to next meeting

A.O.C.B.

Ainsley raised the issue of insufficient bins for dog poo in the area resulting in abandoned poo bags lying about. There were a number of popular dog walking routes locally and additional bins were required to cope with the quantity being produced.

This issue was to be raised with Aberdeen Council.

Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 6th March at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.