

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, Ainsley Mitchell, Rhona McCallan, Joe McCallan.

Richard Nicholson (Arboricultural Officer for Aberdeen City Council)

Members of the public (8 off).

Apologies

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

Minutes of the last Meeting

Approved: Caroline Walker

Seconded: Ainsley Mitchell

Guest Speaker (Richard Nicholson)

Richard introduced himself and detailed the history behind the planting of the trees behind Springfield Avenue, and the decision notified to the residents of the proposed cutting of the trees at the resident's behest. Richard admitted that there could have been better communication between the council and the residents/community council on the decision to go ahead with the work some two years after the initial decision to cut the trees was made, and there being no notification to the residents/community council of the work starting.

There were various questions asked to Richard concerning the cutting of the trees and he explained Aberdeen Council's directive on management of woodland and the decisions made on coppicing the trees behind Springfield Avenue. He assured residents that the trees would have growth again from their stumps and in the interim there would be other quicker growth established by brambles and other such indigenous species. There was also no erosion expected from the banking behind the houses.

Richard agreed to have a site meeting on the first Tuesday of September 2018 to see if all is going according to plan. This will be arranged with the Community Council.

Matters arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting

Nothing raised.

Police Report

Unfortunately the police were unable to attend this meeting but the monthly report can be found on the Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council web site.

Correspondence

All correspondence was distributed to the committee prior to the meeting and there were no questions arising.

Treasurer's Report

Cameron Campbell, Treasurer, informed the meeting that the balance in our account is £577.30 with no outstanding payments due.

Discussion with City Councillors

No city councillors were able to attend the meeting

Planning Report

The planning report was circulated by Robert. The developer of the Pinewood/Hazledene homes has submitted a pre-application note to Aberdeen City Council intimating its intention to build 250 homes in the remaining development zones of the site.

A public consultation will be held in the sales office between 3 and 8 pm on 15th March.

100 leaflets have been printed for distribution to residents, whose homes are in the vicinity of the intended development, asking them to inform the Community Council of their opinions about the Developer's plan.

Traffic Report

Traffic on Springfield Road seems to be increasing. Difficulties are being experienced accessing Springfield Road from Craigiebuckler Avenue at peak times. Perhaps traffic lights are needed at that junction.

There are numerous potholes on the roads in the area of this Community Council. Some appear deep enough to cause damage to motor vehicles and could cause injury to cyclists and motor cyclists.

Debris from the potholed road surfaces is scattered over a number of our roads, particularly in residential streets where passing vehicles can cause them to become projectiles with enough velocity to damage private property. They also pose a risk of injury to residents and pedestrians. The Council should clear this unsafe debris as soon as possible.

Civic Forum Report

There was no attendance at the Civic Forum in February.

Community Council Forum Report

See correspondence.

Publicity

Carried forward to next meeting

A.O.C.B.

Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd April at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.