

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of monthly meeting held on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church.

Present

Aileen Brown, Robert Frost, Cameron Campbell, Karen Reilly, Caroline Walker, Ainsley Mitchell, Rhona McCallan, Joe McCallan.

Cllr Jennifer Stewart, Cllr John Cooke.

Police (Sergeant Lewis-Dalby)

Craig Paton (Evening Express Reporter)

Marianne Inkson (Guest).

Apologies

William Sell, Dana Blyth, Cllr Martin Greig, Cllr Claire Imrie.

Minutes of the last Meeting

Approved: Robert Frost

Seconded: Ainsley Mitchell

Matters arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting

Loose stones from the crumbling edges of potholes on some streets continue to be an issue and probably need a road sweeper to remove them before repairs are carried out. Councillors explained that potholes cannot be filled in until they grow to a certain size due to financial constraints on the council. They should though continue to be reported.

Police Report

Sergeant Lewis-Dalby advised that the format of the monthly police report had changed slightly to conform to a nationwide format for issuing this report to all community councils. The report will now focus more specifically on each community council area.

On the most recent report he reported that the number of antisocial incidents had reduced but there were incidents of theft from resident's pop-up tents which were left unattended.

He re-iterated the need for doors and cars to be locked and said that the last check by police officers done late evening found that 1 in 3 in the area were unlocked. A leaflet reminding people on how to review the security of their home was distributed and is available to anyone requiring one.

Copies of a pedlar's licence were distributed by the Sergeant and these are available from any local police station for a £12.25 fee and can be used UK wide.

These should be shown when asked for and they should include a photo id on the licence. The wording though is somewhat archaic as the legislation has not been changed since 1871.

Correspondence

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

Treasurer's Report

Cameron advised that he had received a letter of correspondence from the bank advising that any overdraft would be charged at a rate of 23%.

The account remained in credit and the balance was unchanged from last month at £577.30 with no outstanding payments due.

Cameron has asked that the committee put forward ways in which this money can be spent and have these agreed at the next meeting.

Discussion with City Councillors

- The Rubislaw Quarry Development was again aired and Ms Marianne Inkson supplied photos of badgers which visit the rear of her property that borders the quarry. There are plans to try and establish where the sett for these badgers is sited as there is a 30m exclusion zone for these protected species.
Ms Inkson said that her main concern was the level of water in the quarry which, if infilled from spoil from the development could raise the level of the water such that it endangered her home. At present there is a pump which was installed in August 2012 to discharge excess rainwater accumulated in the quarry into the West Burn of Rubislaw.
It was thought that residents were unaware or unsure of the implications of a Planning Sub Committee which recommended:-
“That the Sub Committee express a willingness to approve the application P121692 in respect of planning permission for a proposed development of 10,840 square metres of office accommodation with associated new access roads, car parking and landscaping, subject to the following conditions, but to withhold the issue of consent document until the applicant had made a payment to the Council of developer contributions towards the Strategic Transport Fund and in relation to core paths and combined footway and cycleway.” In addition there were some 20 other conditions associated with this recommendation.
A meeting of the Development Management sub-committee (18/04/2013) also agreed to approve application P121692 with additional conditions.
- See Matters Arising with regards proliferation of stones from pot holes in certain streets.

- There was a brief discussion regarding the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Craigiebuckler Avenue and Springfield Road to offset issues at rush hour when turning right onto Springfield Road was difficult. Ainsley thought a timed use of such lights may be a solution.
- Aileen raised the issue of cones which were removed from a “No Parking” area in Springfield Avenue and that this space was being used for parking causing problems in the area. Aileen will chase with the Roads Department.
- Cllr Stewart reported on the litter at Hazlehead playing fields of discarded drinks bottles. She had been in touch with Sport Aberdeen who were going to encourage again the people using the playing fields to dispose of these bottles in the receptacles provided or in the bags supplied to these teams who use these pitches.

Planning Report

Robert had circulated his full report prior to the meeting.

He advised that an objection to the Hill of Rubislaw Development had been submitted by this CC and circulated accordingly and that SEPA had also objected to the development.

Traffic Report

No additional items raised.

Civic Forum Report

Nothing to report.

Community Council Forum Report

Nothing to report.

A.O.C.B.

Ainsley raised again the issue of the removed light at the bus terminus on Craigiebuckler Avenue. The electrics for the light having been left covered only by a temporary bin. The path leading from the terminus through to Burnieboozle Crescent is now an unlit area and potentially unsafe. The issue had been raised at last month’s meeting with councillors but so far no action had been taken.

Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 5th June at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.