

## **CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church.

### **Present**

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

Cllr Martin Greig, Cllr John Cooke.

Police (Sergeant Simon Lewis-Dalby )

Members of the Public: One

### **Apologies**

Karen Reilly, Cllr Claire Imrie, Cllr Jennifer Stewart.

### **Minutes of the last Meeting**

Proposed: Cameron Campbell

Seconded: Robert Frost

### **Matters arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting**

1. The Community and church celebration weekend from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September:- Our participation will raise the profile of the Community Council. Members are asked to attend the events, if possible.

£25 has already been donated to the Reverend Petrie to buy sweets for the children who attend the celebrations.

Here is a reminder of the programme of events:-

The Celebrations last from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September until Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>.

The programme of events is as follows:-

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> : Christian Aid Concert

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> : Highland Games from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Bacon roll Breakfast followed by the Church Service

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Bacon roll breakfast followed by Church Service

Coffee and birthday cake will be served in the afternoon.

2. Seagull Nuisance – Some of the streets in the area are being plagued by noisy and aggressive seagulls. William was asked to email Councillor Greig for a progress report on this problem. Councillor Greig has been asked to encourage the relevant Council department to devise an action plan to mitigate this avian nuisance. William saw little point in emailing Councillor Greig during the Council recess, but has done it now.

## **Police Report**

Sergeant Simon Lewis Dalby summarised this month's report.

1. Residents to be vigilant if seeing larger vehicles/vans very late on in an evening going towards Hazlehead as the recycling site has been broken into and batteries stolen (lead is expensive)
2. Reports of large groups of young people drinking in the park and starting campfires.
3. Residents leaving their patio and garage doors open especially during the warmer weather.
4. The use of drones was discussed, especially if used over sensitive sites, but at the moment there was little the police could do and at the moment is not a problem in the area.
5. Aileen asked about the Hazlehead Pets Corner and closure at 6pm especially during the lighter evenings Cllr Greig was going to look into this.

## **Correspondence**

All items of correspondence already emailed to Members. The Secretary will answer questions pertaining to any item of correspondence.

An email from Karen Finch, with an electronic election nomination form, has been forwarded to all members for their information. Nomination forms will be sent by Karen to the Secretary for distribution to members.

The following email was received from Jane Summersgill, Manager, Craigielea Gardens Sheltered Housing Complex:-

Good Morning, I would like to introduce myself my name is Jane Summersgill and I am the manager of Craigielea Gardens Very Sheltered complex.

I am enquiring if a member of the local community council would agree to support the service users at Craigielea Gardens in evaluating the service Bon Accord Care Provide.

The commitment I am looking for is for a Community Councillor to attend 4 meetings a year with service users to discuss if we are giving the correct support and how we can improve our service.

The meetings are always during the day from 2pm -4pm but if evening meetings would be best we can arrange this.

Full support and direction to the Community Councillor will be given by myself.

In doing this I hope service users would feel comfortable in expressing their views to an independent person thus enabling us to deliver a more person-centred approach.

I understand how busy the community Council is but feel this venture will allow people who don't normally get a voice to be heard and valued by the local community.

If you would like me to attend one of your CC meetings to discuss further that would not be a problem.

Regards

Jane

Jane Summersgill

Integrated Unit Manager - Craigielea Gardens Sheltered Housing Complex, Craigton Road Day Service, Coronation Court Sheltered Housing Complex.

Whatever we decide this evening, we can't implement that decision until after the Election. William has already replied that effect as follows:-

Good evening Jane

Thank you for your email. When our community council meets tomorrow evening, your invitation to our members to support the service users at Craigielea Gardens by evaluating the input of their service provider will be discussed.

However, Aberdeen's Community Councils are all approaching the end of their period in office. This is worth bearing in mind because, after the outcome of the Community Council Elections is known to the City Council Election Unit, Craigiebuckler and Seafeld Community Council may close due to lack of membership numbers or (with a sufficient membership) continue until October 2021. The final meeting before our term of office ends is on 2nd October. Consequently the implementation of any decision that we take at tomorrow evening's meeting concerning our support for your service users will have to be deferred until the outcome of the elections is known, i.e., 6th November, which - hopefully - will be the first meeting of the new Community Council.

Although Craigielea Gardens is not within the boundaries of our community council's area, I think that there is a significant possibility that a number of your present and future service users may originate from our area. Therefore your invitation to attend meetings with the service users is very relevant to the work of Craigiebuckler and Seafeld Community Council.

If you have not already done so, you may wish to extend a similar invitation to members of Braeside/Mannofield Community Council in whose area Craigielea Gardens is located. Their Chairperson is Naomi Mandel, Email:-  
bandmcommcouncil@gmail.com

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The point that is being made here is that because there are present and future service users who originate in the area of our community council we should consider meeting with the Craigielea Gardens Residents as requested to evaluate, from information received, their service provider. 4 meetings a year would be organised for the attending Community Council.

Bearing in mind that nothing should be finalised until the first post-election meeting, you are asked if you are interested in helping the residents of Craigielea Gardens in this way.

It was proposed to leave any decision on this request until after the Community Council elections have established the new committee.

Proposed: Aileen Brown

Seconded: William Sell

### **Treasurer's Report**

Cameron stated that the balance was standing at £1289.50. A standing order has now been set up to pay for the church for the CC's monthly meetings. It was proposed by Aileen and seconded by William that the sum of £475.00 as in previous years will be given for a Christmas Tree and Lights.

### **Discussion with City Councillors**

#### 1. Fox Nuisance

Some of the streets in the area are being visited by foxes during the hours of darkness. A few of the foxes appear emaciated and in poor condition. This is of concern. Therefore the Council should consider the risks to public health that could be inherent in any absence of a policy to care for the city's fox population. Perhaps the public can help by reporting sightings of unhealthy foxes to the RSPCA. The Council should also be informed if residents become alarmed by the presence of foxes in the streets.

2. Ainsley asked about the licensing law relating to some businesses' eg hairdressers, coffee shops offering alcohol (not for purchase). Cllr Greig said he can look into this.

3. Large branches from trees have been discarded behind some people's homes following pruning by the council. Cllr Cook had discussed this with Richard Nicholson who advised the trees had Dutch Elm Disease and therefore had to be chopped down.

4. Cameron suggested that Richard Nicholson return back to review the site as planned several months ago. William will get in touch with Richard to arrange.

5. Cllr Greig has stated that the Hilton Tree Tops have been granted an on sales alcohol licence for guests.

6. Cllr Cook discussed the winter gritting plan in which local communities can order bags of grit and small bags for households. The big bags of grit would be stored in a central secure location.

### **Planning Report**

Robert advised that there was an appeal by Cattera against the refusal of their planning application to build 299 flats across a 10 storey tower block at Hill of Rubislaw. This was submitted on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and Claire Milne has been appointed as a reporter who will be doing a site visit. Cllr Cook said he had been asked by a few people about going as well but the site is designated unsafe and strict precautions were necessary. William had put in an excellent representation letter and is hoping the appeal will be heard favourably by Planners in the Scottish Government. A decision should be made by the end of the October.

Dandara Zone F, 116 flats and 35 houses, retirement block application that was put in last March 2017 has now been approved. 10 percent of affordable housing has now been achieved. Discussion on the lack of amenities and play areas along with no footpaths followed, but Cllr Greig advised that this was all within planning guidelines.

It was noted that tree felling at the James Hutton Institute was planned.

### **Traffic Report**

No additional items raised.

### **Civic Forum Report**

There was no attendance at the Civic Forum in August

### **Community Council Forum Report**

No report

### **A.O.C.B.**

Delivery of the Election Leaflets. William expressed his thanks to all colleagues who delivered our election leaflets. It is amazing how speedily 1000 leaflets were distributed in the public domain. We can only hope for a good outcome from the election.

### **Date of next Meeting**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.