

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Tuesday 1st December 2020

Present: William Sell (WS), Robert Frost (RF), Ainsley Mitchell (AM), James Flett (JF), Cameron Campbell (CC), Karen Reilly (KR), Margaret Meikle (MM), Dana Blyth (DB), Councillor John Cooke (Cllr JC), Councillor Martin Greig (Cllr MG) and 1 Resident.

Apologies: Councillor Jennifer Stewart.

Police Report: Not Present, but the report document was forwarded to all members.

Adoption of the minute of the meeting of 3rd November 2020: Proposed by AM and Seconded by RF.

There being no amendments, the adoption of the minutes was agreed.

Treasurer's Report: CC reported that the cheques amounting to £230 had been paid to the Church. The available cash to date is £1,360.92.

Funding three community projects was discussed. They are –

1. The paths around Walker Dam need to be upgraded. This work can be done by using the Countryside Rangers Team and volunteers at a cost of £1,500.
2. Johnston Gardens would benefit from trees bringing Autumn Colours. These could be Euonymus, Acers or others at a cost of £300.
3. Wildflower planting is a good way to convert open space into a biodiversity meadow. The meadow attracts higher plant growth and attracts bees and insects. This is simply not a case of abandoning an area and stopping the maintenance work. The ground is prepared by planting appropriate wildflower varieties. The cost would be £500. Maybe the Community Council could say where it wishes this type of work to be done. The Environmental Manager would advise about the location and seed types.

The members agreed on project 2 and project 3 on principle.

The above was proposed by CC and seconded by DB.

There being no amendments or counter proposals, the proposal was carried.

RF and WS to inform the Environmental Manager of this decision and report on progress at the January meeting.

Matters arising from the meeting of 3rd November 2020:

Local flooding issues – Flooding of domestic properties in Burnieboozle and Craigiebuckler continues to be a distressing issue. WS reported that leaflets have been delivered to homes in the area which border the Dandara site in a bid to find out the extent of the flooding.

WS thanked JF, RF and AM for delivering the leaflets and the members for their help with compiling them.

Cllr JC informed the meeting that Scottish Water will adopt the completed zones of the Hazlewood development as part of a phased process. There will be an update in January pertaining to the progress of the adoption.

Local Place Plan by Community Councils and Communities – As previously agreed, this item will remain on the agendas of all future meetings until the end of social distancing.

Correspondence: The items of correspondence throughout the previous month have been forwarded to all members.

Discussion with City Councillors: MM reported that rats are in her garden, also in the gardens of two of her neighbours. She was informed by a pest control that the rats had come from the Dandara site.

Cllr MG will follow up this problem with the Council. He remarked that it is a public health issue.

Planning Report: During the report RF mentioned the appeal to the Scottish Government by Cartera against Aberdeen City Council's Planning Committee's unanimous decision to reject their planning application to build a massive block of flats on the Hill of Rubislaw. Despite the unanimous rejection by the Committee and the widespread opposition to the plan, the Scottish Government have accepted the developer's appeal. There will now be discussions between the Council and the developer about the Section 75 financial contribution.

RF concluded by reading out a letter from Ryden Ltd which invited Ward Councillors to their virtual public consultation event in connection with phase 2 of the Countesswells housing development masterplan. The consultation takes place on 8th December.

This Community Council, by virtue of the proximity of its area boundary to the development, is a stakeholder.

Cllr MG will ask Ryden to include us in the consultation event.

AOCB: Their being no further business, WS thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Members wished WS a happy Festive Season.

Date of next virtual meeting: 5th January 2021 at 7.00 pm.