

## **CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minute of the Meeting of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Commenced at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.

**Present:** Karen Reilly, Jim Flett, Robert Frost, Ainsley Mitchell, William Sell, Dana Blyth, Cameron Campbell, Aileen Brown, Police Sergeant Julie Smith, Cllr Martin Greig.

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor John Cooke and Caroline Walker

**Police Report:** Sergeant Julie Smith - Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

Damage was caused to a road sign on Springfield Road and enquiries are ongoing to determine if this has been a wilful act or potential accidental damage.

Acquisitive Crime: There has been no acquisitive crime during the period.

Road Safety & Road Crime: The festive drink drive campaign continues and local officers are conducting regular patrols in conjunction with our Roads Policing colleagues. We continue to work with partners in response to specific complaints in terms of road traffic offences and to make use of antisocial behaviour legislation. Residents in the areas affected by antisocial driving are encouraged to contact Police on 101 at the time to report incidents in order for us to take positive action.

**Adoption of the Minute of the Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> December:**

Proposed by Ainsley Mitchell

Seconded by Karen Reilly

**Treasurer's Report:** Cameron Campbell – Our bank balance is £1,234, but a payment by cheque for £300 remains to be cashed. Therefore our working balance is £934.

Cameron requested permission for our accounts to be reviewed by a colleague prior to submitting them to Aberdeen City Council for Audit. It was agreed to grant permission.

When our operating grant is received from the Council our balance could be in excess of £2000.

Councillor Greig expressed his thanks to the Community Council for funding the Christmas lights on Springfield Road.

Aileen Brown reported that there was a good attendance at the Seniors' Club Christmas Party and that our donation was gratefully received.

**Matters Arising from the Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Purchase of a Defibrillator – William reported that he had accepted an offer, on our behalf, of the donation of a defibrillator by an organisation which specialises in CPR training. This did not include the security box, the cost of which would have to be funded by us. Councillor Greig advised that planning permission may be required for the installation of the box outside a building. Karen asked if the Council would take the costs on board for installing a defibrillator at Airyhall Library.

Reaching out to the Community at large – This matter was discussed at length. If a resident is not ‘on-line’ there is little we can do. However a notice board could be purchased which we could use to good effect by erecting it in a public place, such as the library.

At present we use Facebook and have a website to let residents know about our activities in the community. There will be an expert review of our Web and Social Media presence starting in February. The Website would be our forum. Facebook has a lot of potential for reaching out to the community about events.

Employing a Student to Write the Minutes: - A number of possibilities were discussed such as advertising on a local on-line site called ‘Next Door’.

We need to work out what we want to say i.e., “Minute Taker; knowledge of shorthand etc”.

Unsealed seams on the newly surfaced road at Burnieboozle Crescent/Place - Councillor Greig informed the meeting that potholes are forming on that newly surfaced road. He has contacted Aberdeen City Council’s Roads Engineer concerning this crumbling new surface.

Advisory 20 mph speed limit not reinstated on the new road surface - Councillor Greig followed up this matter, but the Council advised him that they don’t have the funds to carry out this work.

Allocation of £100 for youth organisations. – Jim Flett will research this and inform the Chair about what organisations can be found. It was decided that when the organisations are identified, the funding will be divided equally between them.

Local place plan by Community Councils and Communities - During the discussion it was suggested that we could use a public meeting to consult with our residents. The place plan concept could also be included as part of our website revamp in February. The meeting was informed that Daniel Lewis, Development Manager, ACC can help with this project.

Proposed 250 bedroom hotel, country club and equestrian centre to be accessed by Hazledene Road. Who will be responsible for the upgrade of narrow Hazledene Road? Follow up by Ward Councillor. – In 2015 the upgrade of the Section of Hazledene Road that would be required to make it a viable route for the traffic generated by the planned hotel development was estimated to cost about £1000,000. No Council departments have had discussions about this.

**Correspondence** - All items of correspondence have been emailed to members.

A local resident requested it to be publicised that the road into the Dandara development, accessed from the roundabout off Countesswells Rd, is now open. Also it would be good to find out when the number 15 bus will start its new circular route through the development. The road is open and can go right through the development to Countesswells Road, but it is very narrow at the hoarding. Therefore the carriageway is not wide enough for the bus.

**Discussion with City Councillors** -Ainsley said the old No 18 light is still out. Would it be possible to electrify the bus shelter? The shelter is very dark. Ainslie had a resident’s complaint about this. Martin Greig said this is a basic necessity and will follow it up.

Robert told the meeting that the line of trees near the sales pod are dead. Robert is to follow this up with Dandara. Martin Greg is going to find out what is happening with the sales pod.

According to a resident, the suds pond at the Sales Pod has a white film. Martin Greg suggested photographing the white film on the suds pond and possibly to report it to SEPA.

**Planning Report.** - Robert Frost: A public consultation event was held at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel Aberdeen, 161 Springfield Road on Wednesday 20 November concerning the Rubislaw Quarry Development.

New plans are likely to be submitted to Aberdeen City Council in January for 250 private flats, a gym, function room, public bistro and a promenade along the north side of Rubislaw quarry

The architecture is the same as the previous plans, but the footprint has been reduced on the far side overlooking Royfold Crescent, with a reduction of 50 units overall. The Scottish Government reporter stated the following in dismissing the appeal “I consider the proposed building would have an overbearing effect on the residential properties at the north western end of Royfold Crescent. In considering the previous permission granted in 2006 for residential development, I note that the building was not intended to extend this far east into the site. Given that the sensitivity of residential occupiers will be high, I find the impact of the proposal on the visual amenity of these properties would be unacceptable.”

**Traffic Report.** - Cameron reported that he heard loud car racing type noises on Countesswells Road.

**Civic Forum Report.** - No attendance

**Community Council Forum Report.** - No attendance

**AOCB** – There being no further business, the meeting was closed

**Next meeting.** - 7:30 PM on Tuesday 4th February 2020 in the Douglas lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.