

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Online Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 7th July

Present: William Sell, Robert Frost, Ainsley Mitchell, Robert Frost, Jim Flett, Margaret Meikle, Karen Reilly, Cameron Campbell, Cllr Martin Greig, Cllr John Cooke.

Apologies for Absence: No apologies for absence were received.

Police Report: The Report from the Hazlehead and West End Policing Team was received by email from Sergeant John McOuat and forwarded to all members.

Adoption of the Minute of the Meeting of 2nd June 2020: Proposed by Ainsley Mitchell and seconded by Karen Reilly.

Treasurer's Report: Cameron Campbell reported that the bank balance of £1,140-66 is unchanged from the June report. Only one communication has been received from the bank since the last meeting. It advised us that there is a 23% interest charge for unauthorised borrowing.

There has been no confirmation from the Council regarding our 2019 accounts.

Three cheques have now been issued for the organisations who are to receive donations of £100 each.

Matters Arising from the Meeting of 2nd June 2020: Purchase of a defibrillator- There has been no further contact or correspondence with the donor.

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: All items of correspondence have been emailed to our members.

Discussion with City Councillors: Ainsley Mitchell mentioned the lack of dog waste bins in the areas that heavily used by dog walkers. There is a justification for 2 dog waste bins at the old bus terminus.

Councillor Greig has had complaints about dog fouling and has spoken to Council officials about this issue.

Robert reported that there has been a few comments on the Community Council Facebook page about the problem of dog fouling.

Councillor Greig has already asked the Council for dog warden patrols.

Members have noticed a growing situation whereby people have not been able to deposit dog

waste in the bins because they are full. Clearly there is a need for more receptacles.

Councillor Greig said that there is a need for more volume and that the bins should be emptied more frequently. The emptying regime is erratic.

Ainsley Mitchell asked when the household bin collections will return to normality,

Councillor Greig said that he will find out.

Planning Report: Robert Frost - The Planning Development Management Committee met on Monday 1st June and voted unanimously to reject planning application 200042, the Rubislaw Quarry Development. Councillors rejected the proposals 9-votes-0, planning officers had recommended approval.

This Community Council made representations to the Planning Authority in connection with the above application by Cartera Private Equities.

The Applicant's Agent has now appealed to the Scottish Government against the refusal of planning permission and has requested that the appeal be disposed of with a review of all relevant information provided by the parties.

Aldi, the discount food retailer, is proposing to develop a new food store on Countesswells Road, close to the Dandara housing development.

Robert organised a poll on our Facebook page in order to find out how the public responded to the prospect of an Aldi store on Countesswells Road. At the time of the survey, the ratio of objections versus support was 29 objected / 62 supported.

This Community Council will send a letter of representation to the Planning Department.

Concerns have been expressed about the close proximity of the proposed store to the Dandara homes.

This Community council is also concerned about the invasiveness of lighting in respect of the nearby homes.

A discussion followed in which potentially negative aspects of the proposed development were identified, such as road safety; the use of large articulated delivery vehicles and the need for a pelican crossing near the entrance to the Robert Gordon playing fields.

Karen Reilly asked if there was any word about the care home planned for the north of the Dandara site. Councillor Greig said that he would find out about the care home situation.

AOCB: Margaret Meikle informed Councillor Cooke that she was extremely unhappy about the Council response to her complaint about flooding in the garden of her home, She requested a meeting with Councillor Cooke and Councillor Greig concerning that issue.

The problem of flooding has affected properties which border the Pinewood/Hazledene housing development.

Margaret Meikle suggested putting out a leaflet in order to obtain information from residents about the extent and details of the problem.

Councillor Cooke suggested posting a question about this issue on the Community Council's Facebook page.

There being no further business, William thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Next Online Meeting: 7.00 pm on Tuesday 1st September 2020.