

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Tuesday 6th April 2021

Present: William Sell (WS), Robert Frost (RF), Ainsley Mitchell (AM), James Flett (JF), Cameron Campbell (CC), Margaret Meikle (MM), Dana Blyth (DB), Councillor John Cooke (Cllr JC), Councillor Martin Greig (Cllr MG) and 2 Residents

Apologies: Cllr Jennifer Stewart and Karen Reilly.

Police Report: Forwarded to all members.

Adoption of the minute of the meeting of 2nd March 2021: Proposed by AM and Seconded by JF.

There being no amendments, the minutes were adopted.

Treasurer's Report: CC reported that the available cash to date is £1,360.92. He will meet with the Auditor on 7th April. None of the operating grant has to be returned to ACC. CC mentioned the possibility of planting a tree next year to mark the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen's ascension to the throne. This is a matter for discussion at the next meeting.

WS to write to the Church Secretary with our offer to plant the commemorative tree in the grounds of the Church.

Cllr MG informed the meeting that Aberdeen City Council's Environmental Manager has further projects for this Community Council.

Guest Speaker: Jane Ormerod – Transforming Health and Wellbeing.

Jane is a member of the South Locality Empowerment Group which is partnered with the 'Health and Social Care Alliance, Scotland.'. The South Locality Empowerment Group works with local communities. The purpose of her talk is to link with the Community Council. Jane has been asked to sit on the Strategic Planning Group, which is part of the Aberdeen Health and Social Care Partnership.

At the conclusion of her talk, Jane answered questions from members.

Matters arising from the meeting of 3rd November 2020: Local flooding issues – WS reported that a sub-group has been formed to devise a strategy for dealing with these issues. The sub-group met on 31 March at which it was decided to write a letter of complaint to the Council's Chief Executive.

WS also reported that it is intended to hold a second informal meeting. He suggested that we invite the Head of the Flooding Team to that meeting or, if

the Members prefer, to the regular Community Council meeting in May. He also stated his intention to invite the Residents, who have been affected by the flooding, to whichever meeting the Head of the Flooding Team is invited.

MM suggested that the Head of the Flooding Team could be invited to the May meeting. It is not appropriate to have the Public at the extra meetings. Let it be the Head of the Flooding Team's decision about what meeting she attends. This was agreed by the Members.

The members agreed with RF's suggestion that a site visit by the Head of the Flooding Team would be useful.

Further agreement was reached when AM suggested that the Flooding Team **sub-group** members should be included in the site visit.

It was subsequently agreed that the letter of complaint about flooding should be put on hold until the Flooding Team site visit had taken place and the Flooding Team had responded to all concerns presented to them by the Community Council on behalf of all residents who had responded to the Community Council's November 2020 survey.

WS will write to the Flooding Team inviting them to a site visit.

Local Place Plan by Community Councils and their 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.

Planning Report: RF – The main item in the report was the proposed development on the site of the former Treetops Hotel consisting of 95 residential units – 25% being affordable.

Pre-planning consultations will be hosted by the Developer during a virtual meeting with the Community Council. A virtual public consultation will follow.

RF also reported that Aberdeen City Council's Environmental Manager will provide us with a costing for wildflower planting.

Cllr MG informed the meeting that funding will come from SUSTRANS (Sustainable Transport Funding) to improve walkways and cycle paths.

His report also detailed works to protected trees and minor planning applications.

AOCB: MM referred to the defibrillator project discussed at previous meetings in connection with the fascinating prospect of locating a defibrillator in a red

phone box. BT had put redundant phone boxes up for adoption. The scheme was further explained.

Date of next virtual meeting: 7.00 pm Tuesday 4th May.