

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Tuesday 2nd February 2021

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) Inspector Lisa Sim Police Scotland LPT, Steven Shaw, Environmental Manager Aberdeen City Council, Alex Stuart, Biodiversity Coordinator, James Hutton Institute.

Apologies: None

Police Report: Inspector Sim – there were two incidents of vandalism in Hazlehead Park. The patrols have been directed to that area.

Acquisitive Crime. A motorbike was stolen. A male was arrested in connection with the theft.

ASB. Eggs were thrown at homes in Countesswells.

Adoption of the minute of the meeting of 5th January 2020: Proposed by JF and Seconded by AM.

Treasurer's Report: CC reported that the available cash to date is £1,360.92. There has been no expenditure since the January meeting.

Guest Speakers: Steven Shaw described his role with Aberdeen City Council and said that wildflower planting was of interest. Meadows that are managed properly can be an asset. He is a keen fan of community engagement in the management of green spaces. Biodiversity work links in with flooding in a natural way. We need to get to the bottom of the flooding issues prior to planting.

Alex Stuart agreed that the water issue has to be understood. Once we have an idea of that, “NESBIT” can give out wildflower seeds. They can also help with biodiversity and the drainage issues.

Matters arising from the meeting of 5th January 2021:

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.

Projects: Planting Trees in Johnston Gardens- WS attended a meeting in Johnston Gardens on Thursday 7th January with the Parks Officer and the Superintendent of the gardens to discuss the types of trees and identify the planting locations. He was told that there were no spaces for trees.

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

Discussion with City Councillors: Flooding issues were discussed at great length with the ward councillors. Reports by experts on the subject are awaited.

Planning Report: RF reported on flooding issues affecting the core paths. WS thanked RF for his hard work in connection with the incidents of flooding.

AOCB: MM discussed the worsening surface condition of the Queens Road, Hazledene Road junction with Cllr MG. It is listed for resurfacing.

RF reported on the long time it takes for the Council to act on reports of faulty streetlights. Some were reported last year.

Cllr MG will find out the reason.

Cllr JC – in 2019 the Council cut the budget for streetlight repairs.

There being no further business, WS thanked all present for their attendance.

Date of next virtual meeting: 7.00 pm Tuesday 2nd March.