

**Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Tuesday 7th November 2023**

**Present.**

William Sell (WS), Cameron Campbell (CC), Robert Frost (RF), Karen Reilly (KR), Craig Melville (CM).

Councillor Martin Greig (MG), Councillor Ken McLeod (KM).

**Apologies.**

Councillor John Cooke, Jane Ormerod, Keith Watson, Margaret Meikle.

KM apologised for being unable to attend the October online meeting and explained that his absence was caused by a technical error.

**Police Report.**

Sergeant Ricky Burr was unable to attend for operational reasons. His emailed report was forwarded by WS to all members.

**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

The minutes were adopted on a proposal by CC, seconded by RF.

**Treasurer's Report.**

CC reported a bank balance of £1,163.38. There was no expenditure in October.

It was agreed to pay £110 for the Bon Accord Silver Band which will play at Craigiebuckler Church's Festival of light on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

It was also agreed to make the following payments: -

£100.00 towards Craigiebuckler Church's Christmas tree.

£100.00 towards Craigiebuckler Seniors Club's Christmas Party on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

£300.00 towards the costs associated with the installation of Festive Season lights on Springfield Road.

**Correspondence.**

WS reported that all emailed items of correspondence had been

forwarded to the membership.

### **Matters arising from the Virtual Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

Consultation about the next Local Development Plan: -

MG informed the meeting that there will be future opportunities to consult on the Local Development Plan.

Issues on the site of the Hazlewood Development, e.g., the North SUDS Pond, which has not yet been fully completed: -

MG informed the meeting that the North SUDS Pond has not yet been fully completed. The Council will not take over the responsibility for its completion and it is not ready for adoption by Scottish Water.

The core path beside the SUDS pond and Countesswells Avenue still needs to be upgraded: -

MG informed the meeting that the owner of this site is required to maintain the path for pedestrian use. A very small portion of the path at the bridge was included in the Council's improvements to the core path system.

A complaint from a local resident that Groats Road is in a poor state of repair: -

MG reported that the road has been inspected and will be considered for inclusion in future works programmes. Pedestrian and traffic volumes will be considered in assessing its priority.

KM asked if the new Hazelhead Academy will have the effect of giving Groats Road less of a focus.

MG replied that he would like to see cycling / walking safe routes from Countesswells to the new school, when built.

The credit card payment machines in the Council offices at Marischal College were not working. A Ward Councillor is following up this as the card payment machines have been faulty for at least ten days: -

MG reported that this matter has been dealt with and no further action is required.

Setting up Instagram and X accounts to promote contact with more residents: -

CM reported that this is a work in progress.

## **Planning Officer's Report.**

Application by Figment for a major variation to their license to sell alcohol.: -

RF reported that "Figment", 70 Countesswells Road, Aberdeen has applied to Aberdeen City Council Licensing Board for a major variation to their licence to sell alcohol for consumption on their premises. If granted, the business would also be licenced to include off-sales consumption from Monday to Thursday 12.00 to 22.00 and Saturday & Sunday 11.00 to 22.00.

It was decided to comment favourably on this application.

RF provided a screen-shared summary of previous planning applications.

The planning application to build homes on the site of the former Treetops Hotel has been approved in principle.

MG reported that this development is bound up with the site of the former Braeside School.

## **Matters for Discussion with Ward Councillors.**

The path between Craigiebuckler Drive and Macaulay Drive: -

CM reported that, although the work had been halted, a JCB driver was on site. Although he could not be gainfully employed, he would still be paid for his attendance.

He reported that the work is of a poor quality, and "falling apart already."

MG shared a screen which displayed a plan of the work. It showed road markings, but no markings exist.

MG noted CM's comments about the work not being satisfactory. He will report this matter to the Council Officer who is responsible for overseeing its completion.

## **A.O.C.B.**

There being no further business, WS thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

## **Date of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December – commencing online at 7.00 pm.

