

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 4th February 2014

7.30 pm, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: William Sell (Chairman)

Allan Davidson (Treasurer)

Robert Frost

Christine Boylan

Rhona McCallan

Ainsley Mitchell

Eric Murdoch,

Karen Reilly

Ariane McCallan

Councillor Ross Thomson

Councillor Martin Greig

APOLOGIES: Henry Innes, Aileen Brown, Brian Bryce, Councillor John Coral

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Local residents that were interested in the proposed development.

GROVE NURSERY DEVELOPMENT

Mike Reilly, Head of Environment gave a very informative and interesting talk on the Hazlehead Grove Nursery Project. He had hand-out of his presentation and invited people to give ideas and feedback on the project areas.

The recycling centre has taken up 1/8th of the Grove Site which spans 22 acres. In 2009 the Council closed the site because of budget restraints. In 2013 a motion was passed for the formation of a working group to explore ways of delivering social enterprise and involvement with the wider community.

The 4 Project Areas include

1. Social Enterprise-links with social enterprise organisations to develop the Nursery once again growing the plants for the city.
2. Community Involvement-developing community initiatives for the remaining unutilised areas of the site
3. Educational Use-open it up for school Gardens and classrooms.
4. Operational Depot-For grounds maintenance services.

Mike did state that there is not a budget and that he would be looking for money coming from Grants and local businesses. It would be planned to leave the small area at the bottom untouched where the youths play football at the present time.

Mike wishes to get ideas and suggestions from everyone and to take those ideas forward.

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED HOUSE 22 KINALDIE CRESCENT

Robert summarised the planning report for the above development. Last day for objections is 24th February 2014. There are various issues involved around the proposed large house, which will be accessed through Kemnay Place and will be overlooking Walkerdam. There was a lot of interest and questions generated by the members of the public. Concerns include the scale of the house, which is totally out of character with the surrounding houses, the height of the new house has not been

stipulated in the plans, trees on the boundary will not survive the extensive digging, surrounding residents have an obligation to maintain the amenity ground which the development proposes taking over for access. Stewart Milne is the feudal landlord. Objection hinges on the strip of Greenland, access and the trees.

William and Robert advised that those objecting should do so individually to the council and put into their own words why they want to object. The sub-planning group will put in an objection on behalf of the Community Council, but do still need individual objections.

DANDARA SITE

William commented that spring water which travels down into Coopers Pond, under Springfield Road into Johnstone Gardens is totally brown, presumably with soil and silt. Ainsley stated that the area west of Robert Gordons was being excavated last Wednesday.

POLICE REPORT

Police report sent previously to everyone in an email

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No AOCB

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church on Wednesday 5th March at 7.30 pm.