

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on Thursday 3rd April 2014

7.30 pm, Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: Christine Boylan (Secretary/Acting Chair)
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)
Robert Frost (Planning)
Rhona McCallan (Minute Taker)
Ainsley Mitchell
Eric Murdoch,
Joe McCallan (member of the public)
Aileen Brown
Karen Reilly
Brian Bryce
Harriet Brace (Evening Express)
Councillor Ross Thomson
Councillor John Corall
Sandy Scott (Parks and Recreation)

APOLOGIES: William Sell (Chair), Ariane McCallan, Henry Innes, Cllr Martin Greig

MINUTE OF MEETING

From 4th March were agreed and there were no matters arising from the last meeting.

SANDY SCOTT (PARKS AND RECREATION, ABERDEEN COUNCIL)

Sandy gave an informative and interesting talk on the Friends of Hazelhead and how this group was initiated and developed. He advised of the support that can be had from his team and the local councillors if a similar group was to be set up for Friends for Walker Dam/Johnstone Gardens. The first step could be the distribution of flyers to see if there is enough interest to set up such a group. It is possible that financing for these flyers could come from our budget. As a community council we would certainly support any Friends groups in the area but they would be constitutionally a separate entity. Sandy was pleased to see that there was interest in wishing to set up a group and left us some helpful information.

POLICE REPORT

Previously sent via email to all community council members. No added information given at the meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Christine had no specific correspondence this month to share

PLANNING MATTERS

Robert had previously sent us a very detailed and lengthy report on various planning issues, which also included photographic evidence. This included the withdrawal of the planning of the proposed house at Kinnaldie by the applicant. The application did look as if it would have been rejected anyway.

On the 31st March there was an open day relating to the large complex west of the old Dobbies Centre. (Carlton Rock Development). Any responses can be directed to info@kenmathieson.com at

aberdeencity.gov.uk/docs/planningdocuments.asp?appnumber=140183 by the 21st April 2014. We felt it was too early to take any formal action meantime but would be interested to hear what Alan Massie has to say, perhaps at one of our meetings.

The Dandara development was discussed, specifically the ongoing problems of flooding. The railings behind Burnieboozle were not replaced properly and have become a health hazard. We are still waiting for them to be repaired/replaced.

Robert also spoke about the retention ponds which looked very cloudy and despite a silt buster connected to a French drain they still remain cloudy.

It was also clarified that there will be no through road from Hazeldene Road to Countesswells Road (unless for Emergencies).

SEPA have taken samples from the polluted Coupers Pond and they continue to monitor the situation. William will be kept informed about this.

IMPLICATION OF CHANGE OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES

William has responded to Karen Riddoch objecting to the proposed change of boundaries. The loss of 3 existing Community Council members and budget allocation would be detrimental to this community council. Cllr John Corall wholeheartedly agreed with this.

AOCB

- A parking survey has been carried out at the Springfield Road/Avenue junction and it was agreed that there is a safety issue for pedestrians and motorists and that yellow double lines will be installed.
- Robert suggested that business cards which had the Community Council details on would be useful for handing out at public meetings etc. Allan will get a cheque sent to him. No personal details would be shown. It was agreed that Robert would get some printed and Allan will reimburse him. Proposed Rhona, Seconded Aileen.
- Because of the continuing support from John Boylan and Joe McCallan, it was agreed that they should be appointed as Associate Members of the CSCC. John is going to include their names on the list of the Community Council Members on the website.
- Aileen spoke about the Fish and Chip Shop on Queen Street and their early opening hours ie. 8.30am and that some of the residents have been discussing this. It is out of our boundary area, so they need to contact Summerhill Community Council.
- Ainsley brought up the issue of blocked drains and gutters. Cllr Ross Thompson advised that there was a website for reporting this issue directly to the council and the more people who reported the issue the better.

- Date for meetings. As part of the agenda for the next meeting we will discuss whether we continue on a rotational basis or have a set night for our monthly community council meetings as some members were finding difficulty with the present arrangement.

TREASURERS REPORT

Allan intimated that there was £266.97 in the account. Accounts will be completed for the end of the financial year and the carry over to next year will not affect our budget allocation for 2014/15. The Community Council have agreed that they can give some financial support to a friends group if one is set up.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church on Monday 5th May. However, this is a Public Holiday and the date maybe changed to Tuesday 6th May. Venue and Date will be confirmed.