

## **CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014

7.30 pm, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: William Sell (Chairman)  
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)  
Robert Frost (Planning Officer)  
Rhona McCallan (Minutes Secretary)  
Ainsley Mitchell  
Eric Murdoch,  
Joe McCallan  
Karen Reilly  
Stacey Harper (Police)  
Councillor Ross Thomson  
Councillor John Corral  
Harriet Brace (Evening Express)  
Ariane McCallan  
Joe McCallan  
Athol Hendry

APOLOGIES: Henry Innes, Aileen Brown, Bryan Bryce

### **POLICE REPORT**

Sgt Stacey Harper from Whinhill reported on the 37 incidents in the last month in Ferryhill, Mannofield and West End area. Overall in the West End the crime offences have decreased by 1 from last month. She does reiterate that we should all be vigilant specifically with locking our doors and cars.

William asked her if she knew anything about the recent stabbing incident at the weekend at the Treetops Hotel. There didn't appear to be any progress report on this incident at present.

### **PRESENTATION 1**

Alan Massie from Carlton Ross gave us an interesting presentation regarding the Proposed Leisure Development of the five star hotel and complex. He stated that they had 120 people attending the open discussion night and they were shown proposed plans and given opportunity to make comments and suggestions. The main and the biggest issues were relating to the potential traffic problems. He had hoped that the traffic would go down Countesswells Road and not Hazeldene Road and he had 4 different traffic option plans. There are dialogues to work jointly with the Hazelhead Golf Club. He has said that this is all at the embryonic stage and that there is still a lot to be discussed. He has said that he will come back to the group when plans are lodged which will be beneficial to us all.

Ainsley spoke to him about the general state of the ground, bearing in mind the water in the Dandara site. Alan commented that there still has to be lots of tests done by Scottish Water, Environment, Roads, etc. Plans have been left for us.

## PRESENTATION 2

John Crawford (Manager) and Caroline Martin (Managing Director) of Hayfield Riding Centre was advising us of the proposed development of Hayfield and the potential for working with Carlton Rock. John took plans with him and also spoke of a location near Jessiefield Farm (next to the Crematorium) that also could be utilised for the Riding School. He said that one of the disadvantages of the present location is that it is not on a bus route nor has any street lighting leading up to it. Plans have been left with us.

## CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received this month.

## MATTERS ARISING

Matters arising from the last meeting included the Parking Survey relating to Springfield Avenue. William gave us all copies of the letter that has been letterboxed to all 41 houses in the vicinity.

Allan also said that he is waiting for John to finish the setting-up of a website for the Friends of Walkerdam. There is an email address to set up and Allan will then hand out flyers to nearby residents.

There was a discussion on the Grove Nursery. Cllr Ross Thompson says that there is still movement relating to this and Mark Reiley had been waiting for engagements with various disciplines. Cllr John Corral backed this and has said this should be approved on the 20<sup>th</sup> May.

The business cards are now available with Contact details of the Community Council.

## PLANNING MATTERS

Robert stated that from the last meeting the plans for the Kinnaldie House were withdrawn and this went down quite favourably with the local residents.

He attended a meeting at the beginning of April in Cults with the Cults, Beildside Community Council regarding the 3000 Countesswells Development Plan. There were various comments, but the main ones were the primary school not being constructed until the 400<sup>th</sup> house had been built and no mention having been made of the Health Centre at this time. This would suggest that children have to be bussed to local schools where there is already overcrowding and for people trying to register with Health Centres that are already stretched. Also the new road would be too close to the Garden of Remembrance and this would be too insensitive.

Dandara:- Robert spoke about the series of emails relating to the repair of the railings from Dandara which has been fixed, but there is a tarmac area which is still not up to standard and the Council needs to get back to Dandara to get this fixed.

The Grassed area has now had a gardener and this has been levelled out. There have still been complaints about the noise outwith the hours specified. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> April there was still someone working on concrete at 9.20pm and they started again at 6.10am the following morning and a generator was left running on the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr John Corrall has had a few complaints from people using the buses to say that Countessewells Avenue is filthy and that the inside of the bus shelter is dirty and dusty and the back pane of glass is broken.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

Allan commented that there had been £746.49 deposited in the account so the balance now stands at £1180. There are no outstanding payments at present.

#### A.O.C.B

Christine mentioned that at our last meeting we had discussed having a specific night for our meetings. We have all thought that the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month would suit everyone and this will commence at the beginning of 2015. It will also depend if we can get the Douglas Lounge for that evening. William says if anyone wants to email him with any other nights that would be more favourable.

Cllr Ross Thomson said that he had written to Dandara as a liaison group with the Community Council had never been set up. The Managing Director has said that there will be a meeting held in the Treetops Hotel on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 1800hrs. Harriet Brace will see about this going into the Press.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014.