

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of AGM and monthly meeting on Wednesday 2nd July 2014

7.30 pm, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: William Sell (Chairman)

Allan Davidson (Treasurer)

Robert Frost (Planning Officer)

Rhona McCallan (Minute Taker)

Ainsley Mitchell

Brian Bryce

Joe McCallan

Henry Innes

Yvonne Heald (Resident)

APOLOGIES: Christine Boylan, Aileen Brown, Eric Murdoch, Karen Reilly Councillor John Corral

Harriet Brace (Evening Express).

POLICE REPORT

Police report was emailed out by the Chairmen and no police were present at this meeting.

AGM-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

William gave a concise resume of the activities that the Community Council has been involved in during the last year. He stated that there is a full complement of members on the committee and every meeting had sufficient numbers to hold a quorum. There have been various challenges for the committee including the major building development of the Dandara homes, the planning of the 3,000 homes proposed at Countesswells, a hotel and leisure complex planned in the vicinity of the old Dobbies site, development of the Friends of the Walker Dam and Grove Nursery, and the road restriction zones in Springfield Avenue.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received this month.

TREASURERS REPORT

Allan commented that there s been no expenses and that the balance stands at £1181.95. He did suggest that a small amount of money could be possibly given to the Seniors Club and he will speak to Hilary who organises this.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

Chairperson and Secretary - William, Alan proposed and Brian seconded

Vice Chairperson –Christine, Rhona proposed and Joe seconded

Minute Taker – Rhona, William proposed and Brian seconded

Planning Officer – Robert, Ainsley proposed and Brian seconded

Licence Officer – Rhona, Allan proposed and Brian seconded

There was no other competent business and the AGM was then concluded.

Regular Meeting following AGM

MINUTES of MEETING of 03 June

The Minutes were agreed as read, proposed by Allan and seconded by Brian.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the meeting of 03 June.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

William passed on thanks from Aileen for the sympathy cards and the beautiful bouquet of flowers that had been sent to her and thanks also from Christine and John for being nominated as our representatives attending the Royal Garden Party. Christine had been in touch to say that they had had a lovely day at the Palace of Holyrood House and that the weather had been extremely kind – sunny and warm.

PLANNING MATTERS

Robert gave a very detailed update on all the developments in the area which included the proposed development of the hotel complex that was featured in the Evening Express on the 1st July.

He updated us re the Dandara development, informing us that the groundwork in Zone A had started and a fence has been erected to mark the boundaries of the site. He spoke about the 2 retention ponds, the top one is going to be dry most of the time and the bottom pond will be filled with water. Joe wondered who was going to maintain these ponds. Robert also spoke to Chris Graham who advised that the water main at the edge of Pinewood will be diverted in the next couple of weeks. The Countesswells Road will be closed to construct a roundabout for 2 weeks. He also discussed the core path that has featured in the photographs that William had sent to Mark Riley showing overhanging branches of large trees restricting it. Ainsley had wondered about the natural drainage for these mature trees. Henry said that Chris (site manager) and Austin McGuire (MD) have eventually completed the repair of fences and reseeded grass this last week. There is a still investigation to be done regarding the pool of water beside his house.

Countesswells Development:- plans for the first 124 houses of the 3,000 plus are in place. William said that one of the faults is that there are no paths and pedestrians have to share a road with vehicles.

There was also a discussion on the Marischal Square plans that will come to fruition now that St Nicholas House has been raised to the ground.

GROVE NURSERY AND FRIENDS OF WALKER DAM

Allan and William met Mark Riley on Friday past and was shown the good condition of the greenhouses and hooped tunnels that are available. A horticultural group are already working in this community growing area. Mr Reilly hopes to get the schools involved and wants to involve the Community Council by allocating 250 square metres to us.

There will be plans of the area available for the next meeting which will show how it is going to be divided. Beechgrove Garden may be involved in this also. Allan has a copy of the Working Group Minutes held in February and can distribute on request.

On the Walker Dam matter, Allan has put out flyers to the local households in the immediate area of the Dam giving details of email and website contacts and requesting any type of feedback. Following this feedback he will discuss with Sandy Scott what the next actions will be. The Council

would like this dredged, but think it would be better to wait until next year, until Dandara completes some of the building work in the zones. Allan wondered about approaching the Scouts to see if they could also help with the cleaning out of the burn. SEPA could be involved if it was dredged and it then turned into a swamp of rotting material. This has to be considered as a possibility.

AOCB - Ainsley said there will be a meeting on 17/07/14 at 10.30 re the double yellow lines outside the church.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church on Thursday 7th August 2014.