

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on Thursday 7th August 2014

7.30 pm, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: William Sell (Chairman)
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)
Christine Boylan (Secretary)
Robert Frost (Planning Officer)
Rhona McCallan (Minute Taker)
Ainsley Mitchell
Brian Bryce
Aileen Brown
Joe McCallan
Henry Innes
Cllr Ross Thompson
Harriet Brace (Evening Express).
Athol Hendry

APOLOGIES: Eric Murdoch, Karen Reilly,

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 02 JULY 2014. Proposed by Allan and seconded by Henry.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

The branches of the tree on the core path have been reported to the Environmental Health and Cllr Thompson will take this further. Regarding the Grove Nursery, Allan says we are still waiting for a map and our allocation from Sandy Scott of Environmental Services.

William, Ross, Ainsley and Atholl met with the road Engineers re the congestion on the junction of Springfield Road and Craigiebuckler Avenue. William first emailed First Bus who directed him to First Group. (This email has been sent to us previously). There was a good reaction and response from the group to take this further and the proposal to take away some of the verge on the curve and/or extend the yellow lines. The Council have been putting up some arguments which include, the lack of budget, the moving of a drain, traffic moving faster and hence being a danger etc. There was a suggestion about getting planters to put on the verge or plant wild flowers there to stop people parking on the verge. Ainsley commented about the vans which cannot get into the forecourt for the Co-op and they also unload from the double yellow lines which can also cause an obstruction.

POLICE REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

William discussed the email, circulated to members, that he received from Karen Riddoch regarding community council boundary changes. She has asked for volunteers for a sub-committee to discuss these changes. Christine has volunteered to be nominated for this, which Allan proposed and Bryan seconded.

Another email that William had received and forwarded to us was the one from Mr Massie at Carlton Rock inviting him/community council members to his table at a Fundraising ball on Nov 8th 2014 for the Friends of Hazlehead. There was a discussion on whether he should accept the invitation. Robert came up with the idea to ask Karen Riddoch for her advice. Christine suggested that if there was agreement then the planning sub-committee should be the ones that would attend.

TREASURERS REPORT

Allan commented that there has been no expenses and that the balance stands at £1181.95. Henry had discussed with Hilary from the last meeting about the £200 for the senior club, but at the moment they have enough money.

PLANNING MATTERS

Robert provided updates on the 2 applications for the Hotel complex. 1 application for the hotel and the other one for the Equestrian Centre, Club House and Putting Green. This is at the 'planning in principle' stage. The Committee have already replied to the Aberdeen City Council that they were in agreement that no green belt sites should be developed on.

He updated us re the Dandara development. Building of the houses on Zone H is at an advanced stage. Groundworks have begun in Zone A. The areas that were needing reseeded have been completed, but there is a few wet patches and Henry is in discussion with Chris about this. The pavements in Countesswells Avenue have been resurfaced and Terry McLeod, Aberdeen City Council, has agreed that this has to be done to an acceptable state. The retention pond on the south side has been completed with a hydrobrake, but a protective fence has still to be erected around it. The other pond has been dug out but no liners installed as of yet.

Construction of the new roundabout on Countesswells Road has been completed but the access to the Dandara site is not been used at present.

There are no detailed plans for the Marcliffe on the website re the Stewart Milne proposed development.

Regarding the Countesswells Development, the original plans for the first 124 houses has been reduced to 107 houses. William said that he had submitted comments before re pedestrians sharing the road with vehicles as there is no pavement.

A.O.C.B

Disappearance of the Craigieburn. Levels have dropped and stagnant scum now covers areas of the ponds. William has sent photographic evidence to Mr James Smith at SEPA. The lack of water entering Coupers Pond and then to Walker Dam and then finally to Johnston Gardens has meant that all 3 of these sites are now becoming a Health and Safety Hazard. William has sent a request to SEPA to investigate and even though they have recently replied, there appeared to be little they could do as they have no previous records of water flow to compare the existing situation with and suggested it may simply be the dry weather

recently that has seen the water dry up. Local people have said they have never seen the pond with no water and it is reckoned that the flow has been re-routed by Dandara into another outlet. SEPA will be contacted again to see if they can investigate further and Athol was also going to contact SEPA on behalf of the residents of Craigieburn Park estate to push for a resolution of the question about where the water is now going and the health and safety issue now arising as a result of the stagnant condition of the pond.

Further to the Treasurer's report, Allan has proposed that £200 is given to the family fun day to be held in Craigiebuckler on Saturday 30th August which Aileen seconded and to which she asked for volunteers to take charge of our table. Robert said that he could help out at this.

Aileen spoke about the seagulls and foxes in the area. Environmental Health has been phoned about the seagull problem. Ross has said he has spoken to a Hazel Stephen, Aberdeen City Council, but he will chase her up again about this problem.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church on Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30pm