

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 5th November 2014
7.30 pm, Vestry, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: William Sell (Chairperson)
Christine Boylan (Secretary)
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)
Rhona McCallan (Minute Taker)
Joe McCallan
Aileen Brown
Karen Reilly
Councillor Ross Thomson
Elizabeth Lindsey (Community Resident)
Graham Stewart (Carlton Rock)
Elaine Farquharson-Black (Carlton Rock)

APOLOGIES: Brian Bryce
Harriet Brace (Evening Express)
Atholl Hendry
Robert Frost (Planning)
Ainsley Mitchell
Cllr John Corral

PLANNING MATTERS

The meeting was primarily taken up with discussion of Carlton Rock's proposed hotel and amenities at Hazlehead. Graham Stewart (Architect) and Elaine Farquharson-Black (Solicitor) attended the meeting on behalf of Carlton Rock. Graham showed outline drawings of the complex which was depicted as a traditional, baronial structure with underground car park. The layout of grounds and gardens were designed to enhance the ecological surroundings of the area. The hotel and spa will have 250 bedrooms with a number lodges within the site. There will be a large conference/banqueting hall which could accommodate up to 900 people. A Club House with restaurant will be built on the existing equestrian site and is designed with a more contemporary look. The Club house which will consist of bars and restaurant will be open to the public and the project has an approximate 2 year build once planning permission has been granted.

Carlton Rock has been in discussion with the Road Officer of Aberdeen Council to discuss traffic flow during and after construction. The preferred route at present appears to be Hazledene Road.

There was a discussion on flora and fauna in the area and in particular the red squirrels, bats, deer, foxes etc. All of which were being considered by the developer and more detail would be provided in the full planning application. Carlton Rock had also been in contact with First Bus with a view to extend and possibly subsidise the bus service to the complex.

The Planning in Principle hearing is on the 14th November

The committee's concerns related primarily to the road infrastructure and the disruption to the residents in Hazledene Road, who had already experienced considerable disruption with The Dandara Development. It was noted that Hazlehead Park was a climate change park and all works and activities should be carried out with that in mind. The committee supported the development in principle as it provided Aberdeen with high-end hotel accommodation which it sadly lacks.

William will be attending the council planning meeting next Friday and will discuss with Cllr Jennifer Stewart the concerns of the committee and local residents. William, Robert and Christine (planning sub-committee) are meeting up next Tuesday (11th November) to discuss William's presentation for this meeting and would appreciate any feedback from all concerned before then. Please email any concerns/suggestions or comments to William, Christine or Robert.

POLICE REPORT

There was no police report available this month.

PLANNING OFFICERS REPORT

Robert had earlier sent a very detailed planning report to all committee members.

AOCB

Allan has devised a flyer for the local residents re the Grove Nursery which he would like feedback back by mid December. Following suggestions from the committee he is going to expand the details in the flyer and they will be letterboxed once ratified by the committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church on Thursday 4th December 2014.