

## **CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2015  
7.30 pm, Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

**PRESENT:** William Sell (Chairperson)  
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)  
Rhona McCallan (Minute Taker)  
Aileen Brown (Committee)  
Ainsley Mitchell (Committee)  
Joe McCallan (Committee)  
Eric Murdoch (Committee)

Councillor Jennifer Stewart  
Councillor Ross Thomson  
Inspector Ian McKinnon

**APOLOGIES:** Christine Boylan (Vice Chair)  
Robert Frost (Planning)  
Karen Reilly (Committee)  
Brian Bryce (Committee)  
Councillor John Coral

### **POLICE REPORT**

See details circulated in email from William,

Inspector Ian McKinnon apologised for the absence of his colleague, Kenny McKeoch, who was called away at the last minute. The Inspector said that he hoped to be accompanied in future by colleagues from the other police areas that are within the Craigiebuckler and Seafield boundary. He said that there was one theft from a motor car in the area but it appeared to be an unforced entry and one case of vandalism which was not crime related. He also intimated that there was a new policy accompanying shed break-ins whereby the victims would be offered a free shed alarm for future protection of their shed. They were also said to be available now in most DIY stores for around £5 each.

There were more staff changes locally in which two new sergeants, Bob Shand and Murray King were appointed, and Sergeant Ian Davidson had moved to a new post.

Aileen raised the ongoing issue of Springfield Avenue being used as a rat run and the danger that the recent winter weather had brought to negotiating the brae leading down from Angusfield Avenue. Inspector McKinnon replied that the Road Traffic Department were looking at rat runs and they should be gritting dangerous roads, but if the road was dangerous a call to the police could mean that they would come and grit the road themselves.

### **MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes from December were approved by Aileen and seconded by Ainsley.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Allan advised that he would be attending a site meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> February with Steven Shaw (Environmental Councillor) and other interested parties to recce the condition of the paths around

Walker Dam. The dam water was again recently discoloured from what is believed to be overflow from Dandara's retention ponds.

A flyer had been drawn up by Allan and circulated at the meeting to attendees for feedback. The flyer describes the opportunities for the community to become involved in the Grove Nursery Development and also a piece on the Friends of Walker Dam. A meeting would be arranged for some time in March with the flyers being distributed to residents a few days prior to the meeting. The committee are asked to provide feedback on the flyer to Allan.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence received since the last meeting.

### **PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT**

In Robert's absence William led the discussions.

He first remarked on the difficulties accessing all planning applications online and that people still had to visit the council offices in person to view certain plans etc. Councillor Thomson said that he would feed back this issue to the council and that the council's communications officer was looking to improve such areas within the council.

William had attended a liaison group meeting regarding the 3,000+ housing development at Countesswells on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015. He circulated updated proposed plans of the access roads associated with the development.

Please see recent emails regarding this meeting and William's response on behalf of the community council.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Allan stated that there was a balance of £681.95 in the account.

It was queried whether any surplus amount would be carried over to the next financial year? Allan thought it would but he would check to confirm.

### **AOCB**

Ainsley advised that he saw someone with a measuring wheel walking in the vicinity of Burnieboozle Crescent. This was clarified after the meeting in William's email which stated "It may be of interest to you to learn that a member of "Drainflow" - a CCTV sewer inspection unit which engages in 'drain mapping' had raised the manhole cover at an access point on the land behind 31 Burnieboozle Crescent and appeared to be engaged on some task - hopefully investigating what appears to be a leak of fresh water." "Much of this ground is constantly in a semi-liquid state and has been for some considerable time."

Aileen asked if we could visit Johnstone Gardens before the next meeting to see how amenable they were for visitors prior to the better weather coming in.

Aileen asked if there was any news of who would be taking over the shop premises vacated by Morrison's on Countesswells Road. At the moment it looked like there were no known interest parties.

Councillor Thomson advised that the proposed yellow lines on Springfield Avenue should be installed by the end of April 2015, and those for Craigiebuckler Avenue should come back to committee by May 2015 and should then be installed around August 2015.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church on Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 at 7.30pm