

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2015
7.30 pm, Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: William Sell (Chairperson)
Christine Boylan (Vice -Chair)
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)
Robert Frost (Planning)
Rhona McCallan (Minutes)
Eric Murdoch (Committee)
Ainsley Mitchell (Committee)
Joe McCallan (Committee)
Aileen Brown (Committee)
John Boylan (Associate Member)

Sergeant Paul Jones-Goldie (Police)

APOLOGIES: Athol Hendry (Resident)
Harriet Brace (Evening Express)

POLICE REPORT

Sgt Paul Jones-Goldie introduced himself and reported that there was a reduction in housebreakings but that there was an increase in break-ins to cars in the area. Some of the perpetrators have been caught. He also said that he and a colleague had carried out a plain clothes investigation and in one hour they found 11 vehicles unlocked.

There still remains a problem with unlicensed motorbikes in the area and he advises that anyone hearing any motorbikes at night time to report it to the police.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from April 2015 were approved by Ainsley and seconded by Allan.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 7/4/2015

Allan gave the up-to-date position of Friends of Walker Dam and the Grove Nursery.

He met up with Steven Shaw from the Council and a brief summary from Steven of what was discussed is shown below.

- Registering with Keep Scotland Beautiful, Its Your Neighbourhood. I've attached some information (click on Its Your Neighbourhood for the link). Please give thought to registering as it is very beneficial for all community led groups. I will continue to support your group as best I can but being part of this really does help.
- Clean Up. Let me know the date and we will book you in for kit etc. If I'm free I'll join you.
- Painting signs. I am happy to supply materials just let me know when and what you need (perhaps a quick site visit with my team and yourself to identify exactly what is needed?).
- Signage / Interpretation. I suggest this is priority no 1 for the group going forward. I really like the idea of signs as an educational tool.
- Core paths. I can raise issues with colleagues. I'm happy to arrange a meeting with you and the team on this.

- Rangers. I can organise a site visit with my Countryside Rangers and your group to discuss wildlife etc.
- Platform. Great idea, cost approximately £20K. Sponsored?
- Other staff. I'm happy to facilitate a meeting that brings together people / organisations who have an interest in Walker Dam.

Allan has also organised a clean- up of Walker Dam on Saturday 6th June and a kit for this exercise will be given. Please advise any volunteers to Allan.

He also discussed the Grove Nursery project when 27 people came to the meeting from the 1400 leaflets distributed around the area, but there has been very little interest or feedback shown from those who attended or from the community area. Due to this lack of response Christine recommended that the committee should contact Aberdeen City Council to advise of the efforts we have made but that we can take it no further.

Aileen commented that the RSPB will be having a meeting about summer visitors to the Johnston Gardens on the Wednesday 6th June at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

It was noted that a deadline for the 1st of June for the Aberdeen City Local Plan Consultation and the planning sub-committee meeting will meet up to discuss this further.

CORRESPONDENCE

William has sent various emails to the community council members. Included in these emails was one from Karen Rennie regarding the WPR and that there is information on the Project website called Route Ahead, Keeping you informed. There is also an article on the Balmedie/Tipperty stretch. Another email was regarding a new funding scheme in Scotland called the Community Capacity Funding. There are £144,500 available funds for local groups and grants for these can be between £1,000-£5,000.

PLANNING MATTERS

William was contacted by the press for the Community Council's views regarding the 300,000 Countesswells Housing Development and the erection of a permanent information centre. This was reported in the Evening Express on Tuesday 5th May.

The Hotel and Country Club at Hazelhead looks like it is being supported by the Planning Committee and a full meeting is being held on the 13th May.

It was brought to the committee's attention that there was an article in the local paper relating to the proposed Rubislaw Quarry Museum and Restaurant/Tea room. It was stated that local residents had concerns regarding parking facilities and had raised these concerns with their local councillor.

PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

Please see Robert's comprehensive report on the Craigiebuckler and Seafield website.

This includes the Dandara development at Hazelwood, the temporary sales pod on this site, the railings at Burnieboozle Crescent, the upgrading of Hazledene Road and the trees that were cut down there, the proposed City Development Plan, and several local planning applications.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Allan stated that there was a balance of £1396.95 in the account.

AOCB

Scottish Water has been looking at the drains which keep being flooded as well as some gardens at Burnieboozle. William will send an email to the Council wishing a report about the flooding in these gardens. He also said that the elections for the Community Council will be held September/October and he will place a notice in the Church Newsletter Magazine regarding nominations.

NEXT MEETING "Douglas Lounge", Craigiebuckler Church, Tuesday 2nd June at 7.30 pm

