

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015
7.30 pm, Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: William Sell (Chairperson)
Christine Boylan (Secretary)
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)
Rhona McCallan (Minutes)
Karen Reilly (Committee)
Joe McCallan (Committee)
Aileen Brown (Committee)
Caroline Walker (Committee)
Cllr Ross Thomson
Sergeant Robert Shand (Police)
Diane Sande (Aberdeen Licensing Officer)
Harriet Brace (Evening Express)

APOLOGIES: John Boylan (Associate Member)
Robert Frost (Planning)

First item was that Caroline Walker, who had expressed an interest in joining the community council, would be co-opted on to the committee. This was proposed by William and seconded by Christine. William will therefore let Karen Rennie know of this addition for inclusion on the council records.

POLICE REPORT

William had distributed the report to the committee prior to the meeting. Sgt Robert Shand ran through the figures and provided a more detailed account of how they are compiled. Aileen thanked the police and the other emergency services following an incident involving a motor vehicle in Springfield Avenue the week before. She commended them on their efficiency and professionalism.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from 5th May 2015 were approved by Allan and seconded by Christine.

GUEST SPEAKER (Diane Sande, Aberdeen Licensing Officer)

Diane gave an informal talk about her role as a Licensing Officer. The three main duties of her role include:-

- Providing information and advice to the public
- Compliance (making routine and unannounced visits to licensing venues)
- Mediation (acting as a bridge between agencies e.g. community councils, members of the public and visiting venues which have been the source of a complaint e.g. noise.

She can also give general advice regarding licensing applications in the area.

Diane is happy to be contacted and her email is dsande@aberdeencity.gov.uk

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 5/5/2015

Hazlehead Grove Nursery

Cllr John Corrall signed a letter to welcome the proposals to create this area for community use. There are several groups and organisations who have expressed an interest in managing parts of the site. (Please see scanned note at end of minutes).

The Nursery will be officially opened on Weds 1st July.

Friends of Walker Dam

Allan spoke about the pending clean-up this Saturday 6th June 2015 at 10am when everyone is invited to assist. The meeting point is on the small bridge between Woodburn Gardens and Kinaldie Crescent. There is an article in the Evening Express (by Harriet) which promotes the initiative.

Allan also stated that anyone who wishes to be included in the list of 'Friends of Walker Dam' to contact him by email. No details apart from names will be shown on the list.

Please see www.friends-of-walker-dam.org for any information.

Local Development Plan 2015: Consultation Document

The planning sub-committee have submitted their comments regarding this plan. They have expressed the ongoing concerns regarding the architecture and structure of large buildings in the city and the use of green spaces amongst other local issues.

Flooding in the Gardens in Burnieboozle Crescent

William has emailed the Chief Executive of Aberdeen and copied to committee members about this issue and is awaiting a response.

CORRESPONDENCE

William has sent various emails to the community council members prior to the meeting but there was nothing additional to report.

PLANNING MATTERS

William will contact Gavin Evans to get advice on the sales pod at Dandara development which is to be removed by 13th June 2015 unless an extension is applied for.

PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

Please see Robert's comprehensive report on the Craigiebuckler and Seafield website which was circulated prior to the meeting. This includes the Hotel and Conference Proposal at Hazlehead which has now been scaled back.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Allan stated that there was a balance of £1396.95 in the account. This remains unchanged from last month.

AOCB

Christine spoke about the proposed Community Council Boundary Changes that had been discussed at the Community Councils Meeting the evening before (1st June 2015). We have put in a proposal to include the Pinewood area into our community council area as it is more geographically relevant to ours and is unrepresented at present. There will be a boundary council meeting to look at community council boundaries and larger, more relevant maps will be provided for determining the exact details.

Aileen had commented on the flooding on Springfield Road and beside Craigieburn on the evening of the heavy rain of 1st June 2015. Services had been called out to help with the choked drains.

William advised about future bookings of the Douglas Lounge for the Community Council Meetings. The room has been booked until May 2016 in anticipation that the community council will be able to continue. All members are reminded that they will have to reapply to be kept on the Community Council. Anyone else interested will be most welcome.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church, on Tuesday July 7th 2015 at 7.30pm.

Hazlehead Grove Nursery

I welcome the proposals to create an area that can be used by many groups and organisations in a wide variety of projects.

Hazlehead Grove Nursery - a smart green place to grow people and communities.

Already, Aberdeen Foyer, the Macmillan Trust, the RSPB, Healthy Minds Team, Aberdeen Play Forum, Bee Keepers and Aberdeen Green Space.

The Environmental Team are also in contact with the Royal Horticultural Society to provide work and training leading to certification.

The Countryside Rangers are looking at relocation to the Nursery.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McConall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.