

Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of 03 November, 2015

7.30 pm, The Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

Present: Allan Davidson, Robert Frost, Aileen Brown, Dana Blyth, William Sell, Ainsley Mitchell, Karen Reilly, Caroline Walker, Councillor Martin Greig, Councillor Jennifer Stewart, Councillor Ross Thomson, Yvonne Heald (Resident)

Apologies: Rhona McCallan, Joe McCallan.

Establishment of Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council.

Councillor Martin Greig chaired the inaugural proceedings to establish the Community Council.

Councillor Greig asked for nominations for the office of Chairperson.

William Sell was nominated by Allan Davidson, but declined the nomination.

William Sell nominated Aileen Brown for the office of Chairperson, seconded by Ainsley Mitchell. Aileen accepted the nomination. There were no other nominees. Therefore Aileen Brown was duly elected as Chairperson.

Aileen was congratulated on taking office.

Councillor Greig then handed over the conduct of the business of the meeting to Aileen.

Election of the following Office Bearers:-

The following office bearers were elected in due form:-

Vice Chair - William Sell

Secretary – William Sell

Minutes Secretary (in absentia) – Rhona McCallan (accepted by email)

Treasurer - Allan Davidson

Planning officer – Robert Frost

Constitution of Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council:-

William Sell read out the Constitution, then asked if any member wished to propose amendments to the document.

There being no proposals for amendments, the adoption of the constitution was proposed by Ainsley Mitchell and seconded by Caroline Walker. The Constitution will be submitted for signature by the Chairperson and two other members.

Correspondence:- Dated 8th October: Planning application to replace the Bungalow, Countesswells Road with a single dwelling house. Application withdrawn

Dated 13th October: From Constable Bob McKinney, Crime Reduction Unit. Proposed to issue emailed bulletins on current crime trends for our information and dissemination. Constable McKinney has been asked to send us this valuable information.

Dated 27 October: Application to Aberdeen City Licensing Board by the Co-operative Group Limited, Springfield Road for a major variation of their premises licence. The application will not be opposed by this Community Council.

Dated 29th October: Planning application by Springfield Road Filling Station to relocate 3 existing air conditioning units from roof to ground level and install a condenser in a timber fence compound. The application was granted by the Planning Authority on 29th October.

Matters arising from the meeting of 6th October: There were no matters arising from the meeting of 6th October.

Treasurer's Report: Allan Davidson reported that there is £1,396.95 in our bank account.

Planning Matters: Robert Frost, during the course of the planning report, informed members about the public consultation on 23rd November in the Hazlehead Cafe function room which will be hosted by Mr. Alan Massie in connection with his pre-planning consultation for re-developing the the former Dobbie's site.

This matter was discussed at some length. It was agreed that our December meeting will take the form of a public meeting to which Mr. Massie will be invited in order to present the plans to members of the public. The venue is to be determined on condition that Mr. Massie accepts the invitation. Suggested methods of publicising the event were leafleting and advertising in the "Evening Express".

Dandara Sales Pod: A planning application has been lodged, but so far no decision has been reached by the Planning Authority.

The footprint of the sales pod has been accommodated by reducing the adjacent suds pond by 6%. Therefore it was agreed that pressure should be brought to bear on the Planning Authority to arrive at a decision in respect of this planning application.

A.O.C.B.

Funding the cost associated with installing Christmas Lights on Springfield Road:-

It was agreed to contribute £300 towards the cost of installing decorative Christmas lights on Springfield Road in response to a request by Councillor Martin Greig. No funding is available from the City Council to install, dismantle and store the Christmas lights. Councillor Jennifer Stewart explained the problems with funding previously for Queens X Christmas lights. This is now met by the Community Council and private sponsorship. A cheque for £300 was issued to Councillor Greig.

Withdrawal of No 5 bus and re-routing of No 15 - public meeting of 21st October:-

Aileen Brown thanked all those who had distributed the leaflets advertising the public meeting Chaired by Councillor Ross Thomson on 21st October.

Approximately 600 people attended the meeting. Questions and complaints were received by David Phillips, MD of First and the Council Officer in charge of the Public Transport Unit, Aberdeen City Council.

Caroline Walker reported that the feedback on the meeting from a resident stated that it was a waste of time.

Councillor Ross Thomson reported that no decision could be taken at the meeting because First had already lodged the changes to the service with the Traffic Commissioner.

First will review the evening and day service provisions.

The Public Transport Unit has identified a social need in this area for the reinstatement of the services. We have the poorest bus service provision in the city.

Aberdeen City Council's Chief Executive has instigated the concept of funding bus transport from revenue raised from bus lane enforcement.

There will be another meeting in January. Aileen suggested holding it on a Saturday afternoon.

Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 1st December at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.