

## **CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
7.30 pm, Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

- PRESENT:** Aileen Brown (Chairperson)  
William Sell (Secretary)  
Robert Frost (Planning)  
Allan Davidson (Treasurer)  
Rhona McCallan (Minutes)  
Dana Blyth (Committee)  
Joe McCallan (Committee)  
Ainsley Mitchell (Committee)  
PC Stewart & PC Angus (Police)  
Cllr John Corall  
Cllr Jennifer Stewart  
Cllr Ross Thomson  
Cllr Jennifer Stewart  
Members of the public (1)
- APOLOGIES:** Eric Murdoch  
Caroline Walker (Committee)  
Karen Reilly (Committee)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were approved.

Proposed: Allan Davidson

Seconded: Robert Frost

### **POLICE REPORT**

The Police Report for March 2016 had already been circulated to members. PC Stewart and PC Angus reported that there had been a slight increase in break-ins into gardens sheds and garages. They reiterated advice about remaining vigilant and safe guarding property, and reporting any suspicious behaviour by phoning 101.

It was reported to the police that there were incidences of door to door salesmen who say they have been released from prison down South and trying to sell some of their wares in Aberdeen as there were better job prospects up here. Residents were unsure as to whether these were bone fide cases or scams,

Ainsley asked the police about the enforcement of chipping all dogs as from 6<sup>th</sup> April and who would be checking on this. Police were unaware that they were involved.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

William had forwarded email correspondence to all committee members prior to the meeting. These include:

- Follow-up by Councillors of complaint about the electric box being visible in the bus shelter in Cragiebuckler Drive. This was due to work being carried out which has now been completed and the box has been removed.
- Telephone Scam Information and Card Skimming advice from Robert McKimmie at Police Scotland – there has been a small number of reports regarding both of these and people must be vigilant and report any suspicious calls or ATM's to the police.
- AWPR traffic management flyers from Karen Rennie
- How to get involved regarding Licensing Alcohol in the Community, also from Karen Rennie
- Residents complaint about an inappropriate advert in the bus shelters in Springfield Road which was followed up promptly by Cllr Greig and removed.
- Email from Karen Rennie stating that the closing date for applications for anyone for non executive membership of NHS Grampian is 26<sup>th</sup> April
- William spoke about an email he received from Barbara Jones, the Head Teacher at Hazlehead Primary School, who is keen to look at ways we can develop the community and support the children's awareness of the local structure within the Council. This is through the initiative "Its your Neighbourhood". William with everyone else's agreement felt that this was a positive involvement.
- Emails forwarded by Karen Rennie announcing the changes to the services provided by First and Stagecoach. This will be subject to minor waiting times for the services. Cllr Thomson will forward on an attachment.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

This was based around the payment for hire of the Douglas Lounge and a cheque was given from the Treasurer to the Secretary for £288 for the year.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

Allan advised that the account still had a balance of £891.75. A statement of accounts for 2015/2016 was approved by the members and Allan could now present in to Aberdeen Council.

## **PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Robert has already put his report onto the community council website. This covers the Former **Dobbies site** (which there is no update).

**Proposed Housing.** He attended the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March at the Cults Hotel concerning the 3000 homes development at Countesswells. Stewart Milne was leading this meeting and stated that there would be 25% of the houses affordable and planned for 2 primary schools and a Health Centre. It will take 10-15 years to complete. Countesswells Road will be closed for 14 weeks in the next couple of months.

**Dandara site.** Robert contacted the site Manager about the core path and the temporary sales pod which is still an ongoing issue.

**Kinaldie Crescent.** The single dwelling planning application will be considered on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

## **AOCB**

Aileen advised of the Community picnic at Craigiebuckler Church for the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and suggested that the Community Council gives a grant towards this. After some discussion it was decided additional information was required and Aileen agreed to contact the minister for this information before reporting back at the next meeting.

Financial contribution to Friends of Johnston Gardens was discussed.

There was a positive discussion about the enthusiastic meeting held at the school re the set up of a Friends Group. The chair of the Friends of the Hazlehead was also there and gave advice on how they had started up and provided useful guidance and information on taking things forward. Friends of Hazlehead had been successful in raising funds and generously said they would donate £1000 to Friends of Johnstone Gardens.

Cllr Thompson said that there would be another meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> April at 11am at the Johnston Gardens. Cllr Corral said he will forward to William a prioritised list that was made up for improvements to the gardens.

Ainsley went to a Community Council Forum on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 which he found very interesting. One of the main concerns was the proposed developments for students flats in the city area without consultation with the local community councils. It was noted that such developments in the West End were scarce.

Robert proposes to set up a Facebook page for the Community Council and William seconded that.

Allan spoke about the Walker Dam tidy up and said that he was looking at the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> April (time to be arranged)

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church, on Tuesday May 3rd 2016 at 7.30pm