

+CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of monthly meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017
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)
Police Officers (Sergeant David Cowie & PC Deborah)
Cllr Martin Greig
Members of the public (2)
- APOLOGIES:** Karen Reilly (Committee)
Ainsley Mitchell (Committee)
Caroline Walker (Committee)
Cllr Jennifer Stewart
Cllr John Corall

WELCOME

Aileen thanked everyone for attending and the meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

POLICE REPORT

The Police Report was circulated to members and is available on the Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council Website. Sergeant Cowie introduced himself and said that being new to the post in the area he wished to maintain police support and have strong communication links with the community councils. The need for continuous vigilance was stressed in keeping local crime incidents to a minimum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting of Tuesday 7th February 2017 were approved.

Proposed: Robert Frost

Seconded: Allan Davidson

MATTERS ARISING

1. Couper's Pond

Cllr Greig has had meetings with Dandara and SEPA and he will continue to pursue the issue. He will also contact the Hutton Institute, as they have also expressed concern about the state of the pond. Caroline had asked who was responsible for the Dandara building site as it would appear that Dandara had not yet paid for the site and at present it appeared to be still owned by Aberdeen Council. Aberdeen Council would therefore be responsible for the state of Couper's Pond. Cllr Greig intimated that he would find out who actually owned the site at present.

Cllr Greig advised that he had met with representatives from Dandara and the council's flooding and drainage scheme. Dandara denied responsibility for the changes in water flows from or through their development the burden of proof for local flooding or streams drying up was with the council or SEPA. Unfortunately there did not appear to be an appetite for

pursuing these issues and if local households were affected they would have to resolve the issue themselves.

2. Queen's Cross Community Council

It is proposed that a public meeting regarding the options for development of Rubislaw Quarry will be arranged for the near future.

3. Aberdeen Health and Social Care Partnership

Having being left out of the loop Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council are now included in this initiative. Being linked with Cults and Bielside areas, but not Airyhall seems somewhat illogical.

CORRESPONDENCE

William had forwarded email correspondence to all committee members prior to the meeting and there were no responses regarding their content.

TREASURERS REPORT

The account has a balance of £340.42.

Alan advised that as we were nearing the financial year end we should look at ways of spending our small surplus. He proposed a further £100 towards the library at Hazlehead High School to which William seconded. A defibrillator unit that could be held locally was also proposed but the full cost of this unit was not fully known and would be sought out before the next meeting.

PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT / PLANNING MATTERS

Robert's full report will be available on the community council website. It was brought up about the lack of information on the Council's website regarding any road closures and Cllr Greig is going to look into this.

Dandara are digging up 90 drains at the moment that hadn't been installed properly so this will cause some disruption to the local residents.

FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The issue of a local stream drying up since the Dandara housing development progressed was raised by a resident in whose garden the stream ran by. Unfortunately, unless the area became a health hazard it was unlikely that this situation would change and the filling in of the ditch could be a possibility.

If the ditch was required for heavy rainfall then the other issue of the cleaning of the grid to prevent large pieces of debris flowing further downstream, which these residents at present cleaned regularly but were getting to an age where this was no longer practical, would need resolving.

AOCB

- **Inefficient notifications of road closures by Aberdeen City Council**

This had been flagged up by Cllr Greig and was a result of the way these notifications were handled via Aberdeen Council to their Scottish agents.

- **Walker Dam**

Allan commented on the bridge that is being built at the moment and is planning a noticeboard.

There will be a Q's and A's meeting at Craigiebuckler Church on 21st March at 7pm.

Allan also said that Woodland Trust was donating 420 trees and free seeds

- **Choked Drain at Craigiebuckler Drive**

It was noted that the flooding due to this drain being blocked was heading down to the Scout hut and could be causing serious damage to this property. William advised he would report the the choked drain to the council.

NEXT MEETINGThe next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church. Everyone is welcome.