

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of monthly meeting held on Tuesday 1st August 2017 at 7.30 pm
In the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church

PRESENT: Aileen Brown (Chairperson)
William Sell (Secretary & Vice-chair)
Robert Frost (Planning)
Rhona McCallan (Minutes)
Ainsley Mitchell (Committee)
Joe McCallan (Committee)
Cllr John Cooke
Members of the public (1)
Police Officers (2)

APOLOGIES: Cameron Campbell (Treasurer)
Karen Reilly (Committee)
Caroline Walker (Committee)
Dana Blyth (Committee)
Cllr Claire Imrie

Welcome

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

Police Report

The police report was given by Catherine Morton and Dominic Wilson. The Report has been previously sent and can be found on the Community Council Website. A Traffic operation with speed guns will commence next week (week starting 7th August) between 10am-4pm in the area around Springfield Road, Craigton Road and the nearby schools.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 04 July 2017

Proposed by Rhona McCallan

Seconded by Joe McCallan

Matters Arising from Meeting of 04 July 2017

Choked drains on Craigiebuckler Drive and Seafield Drive West. Since our last meeting the choked drain on Craigiebuckler Drive has been cleared. The work was completed by Dandara and the road swept clean of all mud. There is no further information concerning the choked drain on Seafield Drive West and Cllr John Cooke advised that he will chase this up.

Reinstatement of land which was excavated on the 'Coulter By Pass'. - Dandara have completed reinstatement work and this afternoon grass seed was sown. The area will remain fenced off, probably for the remainder of the summer. All signs of the work to install the sewage settlement tanks have disappeared.

The proposed construction of a care home on Zone A of the Dandara site is yet to be decided by councillors. A site meeting was postponed until further information was forthcoming.

Correspondence

AN emailed request was received from The Gordon Highlander's Museum for a possible funding stream. We have been advised that all Community Councils have been sent this request. It was explained to the museum that we only have an operating grant from Aberdeen City Council and this could not sustain provision of a regular contribution. Cllr Cooke said there was a motion put in place in June looking to see if the council can get funds from the likes of "The Common Good Fund" or similar sources. A finance meeting is to be held at the end of September and the item was deferred to our October meeting in order we can gather more details.

Treasurers Report

Cameron is on holiday and will report on his return.

Planning Officer's Report and Planning Matters - Robert's comprehensive report can be found on our website. The retirement homes planned for development on Zone F of the Dandara site have been recommended for approval but the Care Home on Zone A still requires a councillor's site visit.

Forum for Members of the Public

No issues raised.

A.O.C.B.

Vehicles are continuing to be parked on the single yellow line at the junction between Craigiebuckler Avenue and Springfield Road opposite the hairdresser's. This abuse is a road safety hazard and must cease. The Secretary is to inform the City Wardens and ask for a warden to patrol the junction.

Cllr Claire Imrie left a memo advising that The Pets Corner is not fully complete as a few more animals (meerkats) were to be added along with signage around the park. The old fashioned shelter is to be painted with flower beds planted around it to improve the amenity. More lavender and herbs are to be added along the walkway along with more bins for dog's poo. The pond will be drained and cleaned and lights installed to enhance the area. Poppy picnic benches are to be added to the new picnic along with plans to add a modern wood cladding to the toilets behind the cafeteria and still waiting for some more animals to complete the Pets Corner. The Northern Lights Dolphin will be installed outside Pets Corner for the official opening which is due in a couple of months time. GDF Suez have said they will be donating towards the park.

Dandara 5K Race to be held in Hazelehad Park on Saturday 9th September.

Travellers have now vacated the Den of Maidencraig site and an order has been issued to remove bags of rubbish and gas canisters. The feasibility of installing a height restriction barrier is being looked at.

Robert advised that a mound of earth had been left at the relocated bus shelter at Countesswells Avenue and required clearing.

Caroline asked if anyone else was having problems with very early noise made by workmen in the Dandara site. Several attendees also commented on the noise and were asked to report any offence to the council. Ainsley thought it may be rock crushing as there was a large granite seam in that area that Dandara may be excavating.

Robert stated that there are new pavements put in at Burnieboozle Crescent and that the road looks irregular. Cllr Cooke will chase this up.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th September, 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.