

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of monthly meeting held on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church.

Present

William Sell, Robert Frost, Dana Blyth, Karen Reilly, Caroline Walker, Ainsley Mitchell, Rhona McCallan, Joe McCallan.

Cllr Claire Imrie.

Police (Sergeant Lewis-Dalby)

Stewart Davidson (Representative of Carttera, Rubislaw Flats Developer)

Craig Paton (Evening Express Reporter)

Members of the public (10 off).

Apologies

Aileen Brown, Cameron Campbell, Cllr John Cooke, Cllr Martin Greig, Cllr Jennifer Stewart.

Minutes of the last Meeting

Approved: Robert Frost

Seconded: Ainsley Mitchell

Guest Speaker (Stewart Davidson)

Mr Davidson answered questions from those attending the meeting and reiterated what had mostly been said at the two public meetings previously held at the Chester Hotel on 9th October 2017 and Harlaw School on 28th March 2018. At the time of the meeting there were 345 objections and 1 for the development. The Last day for lodging objections is Wednesday 11th April.

William will prepare a response from our Community Council.

Mr Davidson did advise that there would be a £4.1M contribution made for affordable house to Aberdeen Council, although the terms and conditions of that money were not intimated.

Matters arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting

There were no matters arising.

Police Report

Sergeant Lewis-Dalby went over the highlights of the report.

One car theft from a gym car park - the keys had been left in the victim's locker at the gym and had been stolen by the thief.

Horses running loose in Countesswells. They had been let out of their field.

Motorcycle nuisance: 6 officers will be employed on Operation Trinity. A drone will be used to detect the offenders.

There have been parking issues at the shops on Countesswells Road. Sergeant Lewis-Dalby asked if we were aware of the problems with car parking at the shops.

William said that this was a long standing problem and we had tried to get the Council to convert the cobbled area in front of the shops into car parking spaces.

Street Sports, sponsored by Tesco will begin soon. The events will be run by the Police and the Rector of Hazlehead Academy.

Correspondence

All correspondence was distributed to the committee prior to the meeting and there were no questions arising.

Treasurer's Report

Cameron was unable to be at the meeting but sent his report in beforehand advising that the Community Council had received from the Bank of Scotland (up to 29 April 2018), one communication only since the C&SCC's last meeting. The letter advised the rate of interest on any potential borrowings would be charged at 3.2% - unchanged from the previous quarter. He confirmed that we do not have borrowings or that we intend to make any arrangements to do so.

The account is in Credit and the balance remains unchanged from last month at £577.30 with no outstanding payments due.

Discussion with City Councillors

- Cllr Claire Imrie advised of a dog fouling campaign to get extra dog litter bins in the area and to get them regularly emptied and cleaned. A council official will also speak to children at school so they can encourage responsibility in their families to carry dog poo bags and to dispose of them in the receptacles provided or take them home to be disposed of. She mentioned that Germany had a very effective way of dealing with dog poo. They keep a record of the DNA of all dog's poo and if any poo is found in a public place, the dog and hence the owner can be traced and fined.
- The temporary repair on potholes in the area has been undone with the wet and inclement weather and loose stones are now a major problem particularly in Woodburn Avenue. Cllr Imrie was going to see if there was any update to this ongoing issue.
- Ainsley asked if the light at the bus terminus at Craigiebuckler could be replaced as it had been removed and was a necessity in this area.

Planning Report

- Hill of Rubislaw had already been covered by the guest speaker.
- Dandara. Zone A to E is under consultation. Proposal is for smaller houses, 2/3 bedrooms/terraced houses. Planning permission for the Care Home has already been granted.
- There were a couple of minor local residential planning applications.

Traffic Report

There continues to be numerous potholes on the roads in the area of this Community Council. Some appear deep enough to cause damage to motor vehicles and could cause injury to cyclists and motor cyclists. There is no evidence of any attempt to repair the road surface.

Debris from the potholed road surfaces is scattered over a number of our roads, particularly in residential streets where passing vehicles can cause them to become projectiles with enough velocity to damage private property. They also pose a risk of injury to residents and pedestrians. The Council should clear this unsafe debris as soon as possible.

Civic Forum Report

There was no attendance at the Civic Forum in March.

Community Council Forum Report

See correspondence.

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No items raised.

Date of next Meeting

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