

## **CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church.

### **Present**

Aileen Brown, William Sell, Robert Frost, Cameron Campbell, Karen Reilly, Caroline Walker, Rhona McCallan, Joe McCallan.

Cllr Martin Greig, Cllr John Cooke.

Police (Sergeant Elaine Ross)

Allan Davidson (Friends of Walker Dam).

### **Apologies**

Ainsley Mitchell, Dana Blyth, Cllr Claire Imrie, Cllr Jennifer Stewart.

### **Minutes of the last Meeting**

Approved: William Sell

Seconded: Robert Frost

### **Matters arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting**

1. The proliferation of Potholes in our Streets: A programme of filling in some of the worst potholes has been undertaken in the streets of Craigiebuckler and Burnieboozle. This is the result of action by Councillor Greig who walked throughout our area with a Council Officer thereby raising the Council's awareness of the growing problem of potholes. The Woodburn area has been swept up and the section of Angusfield Avenue between Queens Road and Springfield Avenue has been resurfaced. All areas of loose stones or pot holes should continue to be flagged up to the council's Roads Department.
2. The removal of the street light from the Craigiebuckler Avenue Bus Terminus: This issue has been raised by Ainsley Mitchell at our last two meetings and still it remains unresolved. The electrics for the light is still covered by a Council litter bin as, I assume, a temporary measure. This is unacceptable and not in the interests of public safety. Furthermore, the path leading from the terminus through to Burnieboozle Crescent is now an unlit area and potentially unsafe. This is the third Community Council meeting at which this issue has been raised. Councillors confirmed that there was a shortage of electricians working for the council and at present the 7 day repair target was only 50% achieved.
3. Aileen again raised the issue of car parking at the corner of Springfield Road and Springfield Avenue. The cones which were placed at this corner on

Springfield Avenue appear to have been removed and it was confirmed that parking on the 20mph advisory markings was not an offence and the only way to prevent cars parking there was for double yellow lines to be installed.

4. During the Treasurer's Report at the May meeting, Cameron asked Members to put forward ways in which the £577.30 bank balance can be spent.  
This request is on hold at present – see Treasurer's Report?
5. During our last meeting, a resident showed photos of badgers which visit the rear of her property. Is the sett sited near the proposed Hill of Rubislaw?  
We can't say for certain, but the resident has already submitted a letter of objection to the Council which mentions wildlife.
6. Installation of Traffic Lights at the junction between Craigiebuckler Avenue and Springfield Road to assist access onto Springfield Road was proposed, but the council Road's department are concerned that this would delay access from the Co-op and its associated filling station as well as the new gym proposed for the vacant Nevada Bob's premises. There will therefore be no lights installed at this junction.

## **Police Report**

Sergeant Elaine Ross summarised this month's report.

- There will be an operation this summer targeting off-road motor bikes and expensive pedal cycles as these are the main targets of young thieves.
- Low level crime reports were mostly for antisocial behaviour due to the lighter nights and good weather, but were not significant.
- An operation last month to check the security of homes and cars found that an unbelievable 25% of those checked were found to be insecure.  
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EVERYONE IS AWARE OF THE RISKS AND INCREASE THEIR PROPERTY RECOVERY BY RECORDING SERIAL NUMBERS AND DETAILS OF EXPENSIVE ITEMS LIKE BIKES, PHONES ETC.
- Fraud and scams were also a major issue and it was reported around £1M was lost by victims in the North East in the last month alone.

## **Correspondence**

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

## **Treasurer's Report**

Cameron reported that that he had spoken to Karen Finch and had been advised that the financial reporting year was from January to December and not as the previously thought April to March. He was therefore in the process of reconciling the books to this reporting period and would advise accordingly in due course.

It was also noted that our dues to Craigibuckler Church for 2017 had apparently not been paid and Aileen said she would contact the church secretary to clarify the situation.

### **Discussion with City Councillors**

Cllr Cooke advised that the Gordon Highlanders Museum have at present collected £230k in contributions towards their appeal for funds. The monies coming from various corporate and individual sources.

### **Planning Report**

Robert reported that the target at present is for the planning application for the 299 flat rented accommodations at Rubislaw Quarry to be considered at the committee meeting on 21 June. However, there are several matters still under consideration so that could potentially change.

The Aberdeen Local Development Plan Main Issues Report (MIR) will use the findings from the Pre-Main Issues Report consultation, to which William had responded to the questionnaire on behalf of the community council, for setting out the views on what 'Main Issues' the LDP will address. It will also assess some of the different options and alternatives open to us. The aim is to publish this in late 2018, and then there will be a public consultation period to gather people's feedback on the contents of the report. The MIR will be issued in January 2019, a Proposed Plan in February 2020, an Examination in Public in January 2021 with the Adopted Plan being available in February 2022.

Robert also advised of the Place Standard Tool which has been completed for our area (see planning reports web page for details). The tool provides a simple framework to structure conversations about 'place'. It allows you to think about the physical elements of a place (for example its buildings, spaces, and transport links) as well as the social aspects (for example whether people feel they have a say in decision making).

The Planning Application for the Change of Use from Class 1 (Shop) to Class 11 (Assembly & Leisure) and extension to link gym to changing rooms, replacement of doors was pending.

Dandara are planning to go ahead with their Zone F application for works to 15 protected trees as per their schedule of works.

Cllr Greig intimated that he had moved that Hazlehead Swimming Pool be reopened, but the decision to do so was being determined after a report on the condition of the building was completed.

It was advised that Hazlewood Primary School would be reopened to accommodate the children from the Countesswells development. This will require the provision of a transport service for these children as the distance to the school is more than 3 miles. At present the council apparently do not have the resources for a new school although the developer (Stewart Milne) was willing to build one now. The decision to not have the school built now was voted for at a Committee Meeting of Councillors. Cameron was aware of this meeting and asked as to which way our local councillors voted. He

said he was aware one local councillor had voted not to build the school and would have liked to know the logic behind that decision.

### **Guest Speaker (Allan Davidson, friends of Walker Dam)**

Allan addressed the meeting and spoke of the latest developments regarding the dam. The plants supplied by The Woodland Trust were coming along and were providing a good hedgerow for the various species of wildlife to take hold.

He had proposed disabled/wheelchair access to be provided between the dam and the seat on Springfield Road rather than steps leading down from the seat. He was seeking help from councillors with his proposal.

It was also mooted that a remembrance plaque be placed at the dam for the two young girls who drowned there in 1911.

A clean out of the burn leading to the dam is happening in around 6 weeks time and Allan will put a note out regarding details.

The International School had been in touch with a view to their pupils visiting the dam to learn more about the area and perhaps providing some help as well.

### **Traffic Report**

No additional items raised.

### **Civic Forum Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Community Council Forum Report (William Sell)**

The City Centre master Plan: The Union Terrace Garden (UTG) detailed plan has now been approved. Its historic setting will be preserved. Connectivity across the city centre is to be improved.

The improvements to Union Bridge are part of phase 1 of the UTG work. Incidentally Kelley's Cats don't appear on the bridge plan.

Provost Skene's House is awaiting building consent for its improvements. The foundations have been surveyed and have suffered no damage as a result of the construction of Marischal Square.

School Children are to be invited to design the shop fronts On Union Street in the Autumn.

The Queen's Square proposal, which will cost £150 M, is integral to the Master Plan. Investors are being sought. It will be a car free area and encompass the Police Station and Town House. It will also be partly residential in a bid to encourage city centre living.

A member asked if Ccs will be involved at the design stage. The officer who gave the report replied that he will take this matter up with the Planning Convenor.

## **A.O.C.B.**

General Data Protection Regulation – The Data Protection Act 2018. This regulation has applied since 25th May. If any member holds personal data (eg email address) of any resident or organisation with whom they have been corresponding in connection with Community Council business, they should have, by now, asked that resident if they wish them to continue to hold their email address and any other personal details. If this has not been done then please delete all that resident's personal details from your contact list.

The secretary now has the guidance notices from the Council. The Information Commissioner has decided that, because Community Councils receive and process personal data on individuals and organisations which contain identifiers, e.g., email addresses, planning applications, minutes of meetings, they are not exempt from paying registration fees to the Information Commissioner's Office. The fee will be paid by the "Controller" of the information (the Community Council is entirely responsible). The annual cost of registration for a CC is £40 and is compulsory. Failure to comply with the regulations will result in a large fine.

We are required to inform all persons and organisations on whom we hold data that we are storing a record of their details, perhaps on an email or contact list or in the minutes of our meetings. Privacy notices are important and must be designed into our data records.

We process data as part of our public task. We need to be transparent to people and inform them why we collect it and who we share it with.

Data must be maintained up to date, but be got rid of when we should.

Accountability Principle: The onus is on us to prove that we are holding/processing data in accordance with the principles that I have just mentioned.

People have the right to rectification – the right to have their data corrected for accuracy.

There is also the right to be forgotten, but it only applies if a person withdraws consent.

Where any doubt exists in respect of data holding/processing I will seek the advice of Legal and Democratic Services.

## **Seagull Nuisance**

The issue of Seagulls blighting the area was discussed and it was essential residents did not encourage their presence by feeding them.

## **Date of next Meeting**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.