

## **Craigiebuckler and Seafield Council**

Minutes of monthly meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church.

**Present:** Aileen Brown, Ainsley Mitchell, James Flett, William Sell, Robert Frost, Cameron Campbell, Cllr John Cooke, Cllr Martin Greig

**Apologies for Absence:** Karen Reilly

**Police Report:** The Hazlehead Community Policing Team, which had been provided electronically by Sergeant Simon Lewis-Dalby, was forwarded by email to all members.

William mentioned that, recently, the CPT undertook an operation (in response to our request) to address Road Traffic issues, particularly to our area. This was reported as one of the most successful ever carried out in the North East.

During the operation officers carried out speed education/ detection and engaged with the public.

### **Adoption of the Minute of the Meeting of 2nd April 2019:**

Proposed by Ainsley Mitchell.

Seconded by Robert Frost

### **Matters Arising from the Meeting of 2nd April 2019:**

Local Development Plan 2022 – Main Issues Report: Our Consultee Response.

Venue for Meeting of MIR Sub Committee. William reported that Sub Committee had arranged to meet at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. The sub committee's report is included in the Planning Officer's Report.

£50 Donation to Craigiebuckler Seniors' Group – Aileen reported that 60 attended the group's meeting in Craigiebuckler Church Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> May. They were entertained by an excellent speaker who gave an account of the bridges that were built by a member of his family in this area. Our donation provided the members with 60 large Easter eggs. It was a happy 2 ½ hours.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cameron Campbell reported that the 2018 accounts have been signed by the Independent Auditor and sent to Karen Finch, Community Council Liaison Officer, Aberdeen City Council. The balance as at 19<sup>th</sup> March was £724.50. The grant form ACC – calculated according to a formula – is £964.66. Therefore the latest balance is £1689.16.

Cameron proposed that we pay an honourarium of £15.00 to the Auditor.

The proposal was seconded by Robert Frost. There were no counter proposals or amendments. Therefore the motion was converted to a resolution for the Community Council to pay the honourarium of £15.00 to the Auditor.

The adoption of the 2018 accounts was proposed by Robert Frost and seconded by Ainsley Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved and thus converted to a resolution. Therefore the 2018 Accounts have been adopted by the Community Council.

Cameron asked the members to consider projects for the coming year to which we can provide a financial contribution. Future causes to which we can donate are the Church Gala and the installation of the Christmas decorative lighting on Springfield Road.

**Correspondence:** All items of emailed correspondence has already been forwarded to members for their responses.

Dana and William responded to the Police request to name roads/streets in the area which should be included in the recent safety camera operation.

**Discussion with City Councillors:** William received a complaint from an elderly resident about the No 15 bus missing out two circuits of its route causing her to have to wait at the Craigiebuckler bus terminus for 1.5 hours on Saturday 13 April.

Martin suggested that the resident writes a letter of complaint to First. The Operator should have explained the reason for the delay.

William said that he would communicate this information to the resident.

Continuing Seagull Nuisance – should we leaflet the residents, asking them not to feed the seagulls?

Martin explained that there is no law against feeding seagulls.

Members agreed that there is no point in leafleting residents about feeding the seagulls.

John Cooke mentioned that there is the normal cycle of committee meetings for him to attend. He mentioned the cuts to the roads budget.

Robert said that potholes are getting repaired in this area.

Martin explained that, in order to make savings, school librarians and technicians will have to be shared between schools.

Martin advised us that the Council is to charge a £30 fee per annum to uplift brown bins containing garden waste. The fee will be the same regardless of the number of bins per household. The charges could be worth £800,000 per annum to the Council.

Martin is still following up the issues raised at the recent public meeting concerning the seagull nuisance.

Aileen said that she has noticed that the seagull annoyance is so much worse since the meeting because seagulls are returning to where they were previously fed and are squawking, possibly with hunger.

**Planning Report:** Robert Frost – The main item in the report was the Main Issues Report for the Local Development Plan 2022. The Planning Sub-Committee met to compare the answers which they, individually, gave in response to the 28 questions asked in the Main Issues Report document. The deadline for submitting the report to the LDP Team was 13<sup>th</sup> May. The Planning Officials will review all the consultees reports (Community Councils and other organisations). This is Stage 1 of the process of identifying the main issues.

It covered land allocations for new housing. The focus will be mainly on brownfield development opportunities.

Numerous developers have submitted bids for sites, many of which have been assessed by the LDP Team as “undesirable” for development.

Aberdeen City Centre Boundary and City Centre Masterplan Boundary on LDP – We agreed that they should be merged.

Out of town retailing is adversely affecting the 'High Street' economy. We agreed that no further out of town retailing units should be built.

City Centre Living – We agreed that living in the city centre should be encouraged and that buildings should, where possible, be converted to residential use.

A 24 hour city – Activities should be encouraged which boost the night time economy.

At the conclusion of Robert's report William was asked to write a letter to the LDP Team informing them that we agree with them where they have assessed developer bids as undesirable. For example, a developer submitted a bid to build on a playing field..

**Traffic Report:** Martin reported that Council officials are to survey the East – West traffic on Queens Road. The large quantity of traffic may be temporary.

**Civic Forum Report:** William attended at 7pm on Tuesday 30 April in the Town House. Items of interest from the agenda include the following -

Community Benefits and Developer Contributions. The planning applicant can negotiate with the Council concerning their contribution – I think, under section 75 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

Members present considered that there should be decisions from the community

about what it wants. Organisations such as the Health and Social Care Partnership should be included in discussions about the allocation of the benefits of the developer's contributions.

The question is, “Will the benefits match up to what the community wants?”

Local Place Plans. The Scottish Planning Bill is presently going through the Parliamentary decision process.

Can a community come up with a plan for where they are?

Perhaps every community in Aberdeen could create their own place plan. There are examples of this in other parts of Scotland.

Consultation On Community Justice. 80% of community members don't know about the present system of getting someone back into the community and prevent them from re-offending.

People are to be part of this process. The consultation is open until April 2020.

Representatives' Reports and Updates.

Health and Social Care Partnership Meetings were too early. Representative were late for meetings because of the locations of the meetings and their timings in relation to public transport logistics.

If meetings are held in a specific part of the city, more meetings could be held in that locality.

The health and Social Care Partnership is under more pressure because of the Four Seasons Care Homes going into administration. The future accommodation for their residents has to be considered. So far there is no indication that residents have to be re-homed.

City Centre Masterplan – the Bus Station: Hammertons own the bus station which is leased for 50 years. They have to give passengers a room.

It appears that the bus station leasers are going to talk to the Council, through their agents, about what improvements they would like to see.

No retail units are to be built until the bus station improvements are completed.

In door market: Re-development proposals are being taken forward by the owner for mixed use of the site – offices etc. Traders in the market still have leases for the next nine years.

**Community Council Forum Report:** No attendance.

**AOCB :** It was agreed that **the Community Council would not meet in June** because a number of members will not be available because of holidays and business commitments.

**Next Meeting: It has now been decided not to meet in July.**

Therefore the next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.