

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of the Meeting of Tuesday 1st October 2019

Commenced at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.

Present:

William Sell, Ailen Brown, Ainsley Mitchell, James Flett, Cameron Campbell.
Councillor Martin Greig, Sergeant Simon Lewis-Dalby (Local Police Team).
Jamie Hall (Reporter, "Evening Express"), Kieran Beattie (Reporter, "Press and Journal").

Apologies for Absence:

Robert Frost, Caroline Walker and Karen Reilly.

Police Report:

The Police report was given by Sergeant Simon Lewis-Dalby:-

Period 1st September to 30 September.

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

There have been no reported assaults, vandalisms or disorder during this period.

Acquisitive Crime:

There has been a report of an attempted breaking to storage at a local sporting centre. Should you see people moving about after dark, someone you think even slightly suspicious, please share those suspicions with us?

Road Safety & Road Crime:

In response to your requests Officers will be taking a robust approach balancing education with enforcement to ensure the relatively small minority who are responsible for committing offences and antisocial behaviour with vehicles are held accountable for their actions. We will be working with partners and making use of antisocial behaviour legislation. Residents in the areas affected by antisocial driving are encouraged to contact Police on 101 at the time to report incidents in order for us to take positive action.

Community Engagement & Reassurance:

It is invariably local children causing local issues and we ALL have a part to play in ensuring their wellbeing and safety: that includes making sure they aren't getting into trouble.

Later in the month the nights will to grow longer as the time approaches for the clocks to go back. We would encourage you to take a look at your property. Ensure that unneeded tools and furniture (particularly ladders) are securely locked away

Take the change in seasons as a prompt to review your security regarding not just outside lighting but also what physical measures you could take and think, if you were locked out, how would you get in? If the answer is other than getting the spare key from a friend or family (not under a plant pot) you are leaving yourself vulnerable

Cllr Martin Greig informed the meeting that a home security survey can be arranged.

Sergeant Dalby informed the meeting that officers can provide security advice to businesses and public buildings.

Don't wait for Community Council meetings to contact the Police: drop them an email.

Adoption of the Minute of the Meeting of 3rd September 2019:

Proposed by Cameron Campbell.

Seconded By Ainsley Mitchell.

Matters Arising from the Meeting of 3rd September 2019:

There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

Cameron Campbell reported that the bank balance is approximately £1,250. This has to be appropriately expended by the end of the financial year, which is 31st December.

Cameron will discuss the amount of our next donation, for the 12 month use of the Douglas Lounge, with the Church Secretary and report the outcome during the November meeting.

Anticipated expenditure is as follows: Craigiebuckler Seniors Club = £100.00

Christmas festive street lighting = £300.00 (cheque to be signed and given to Martin)

Total = £400.00

William suggested that we purchase a defibrillator for use in the Church complex.

However, should we ask the Church to share the cost?

Cameron suggested purchasing a defibrillator for the Airyhall Community Centre.

It was agreed that this could be a better option because the building served the entire community.

William suggested that Braeside/Mannowfield CC should be asked if they wish to

share the cost of purchasing the defibrillator.

William will email their Secretary, inviting their CC to share the cost of purchasing the defibrillator.

An exploration of the idea of reaching out to the community at large will be discussed at the next meeting.

Correspondence: All items of correspondence have been emailed to members.

William invited the meeting to question any of the items of emailed correspondence.

No questions were forthcoming.

Discussion with City Councillors:

Complaint from Allan Davidson, Resident, concerning heavy construction traffic on Hazledene Road -

“Today there is 8 wheeled tipper lorries and large articulated ready mix trucks using this road as access to the Dandara site.

Going on past information, was it that all construction traffic were to access this site via Countesswells Road? Has this changed? These vehicles turning into Hazledene Road from Queens Road, with the small island there, looks particularly difficult to perform.

If you would include this in your next community council agenda I would be obliged.”

Cllr Martin Greig will follow this up and will share the resultant information.

Ainsley referred to the resurfacing of the Burnieboozle Crescent and Place roads. The new surface was laid without seams and the 20 mph advisory markings have not been reinstated.

Martin noted this for follow up.

Ainsley informed the meeting that the street light at 16 Craigiebuckler Avenue is still out. Martin followed this up and the Council said they would fix it, but it is still faulty. The street light at No 18 is out as well.

There are issues with the core path that borders the Dandara site. The developer was supposed to upgrade it. Why the delay? Martin has been following this up with Dandara.

Planning Report :

Narrated by William Sell - Hazlehead Park hotel and country club with circa 250 bedrooms, spa, swimming pool, function and conference facilities and restaurants including holiday chalets, equestrian centre and country club house with associated car parking/alterations to access roads.

Aberdeen City Council have approved planning permission in principle. The application reference is 141026.

There was a four year delay until a legal agreement was signed between the Council (who own the land) and the developer. We will have to wait to see if a detailed planning application is submitted.

Martin wants to know who is going to upgrade the access roads to the proposed hotel. He will report back at the next meeting.

The Developer is also looking for access to Countesswells Road from Hazledene Road. This is currently blocked off.

Dandara Development core path - Due to confusion as to ownership of the core path land running along the rear gardens of Burnieboozle Crescent Council officials were asked for confirmation if the land was owned by the Council or Dandara. Solicitors at the Council have confirmed the land and trees in the area between Burnieboozle Crescent and the Dandara Sales Pod is owned by Dandara. The Council has contacted Dandara to ensure that they are aware that the trees in question are their responsibility. The Council will request Dandara to undertake the required maintenance of the trees to remove dead trees.

Martin informed the meeting that the proposed 50 bedroom care home at Craigden is going through the planning process.

Traffic Report:

No issues reported.

Civic Forum Report:

No attendance

Community Council Forum Report:

No attendance

AOCB :

Festive Season Funding: ACC have invited Community Councils to apply for funding. We are again eligible to apply. William will apply on our behalf for funding towards the festive street decorative lighting (approx £300) and the purchase of a Christmas tree for display in the grounds of the Church.

Next Meeting: 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5th November 2019 in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.