

# **CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minute of the Meeting of Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019**

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

**Present: Members** - William Sell, Aileen Brown, Robert Frost, Ainsley Mitchell, Jim Flett, Cameron Campbell, Caroline Walker, Dana Blyth.

**Attendees and Guests** - Cllr Martin Greig, David Miller (Knowledge Exchange Co-ordinator, James Hutton Institute), Professor Deb Roberts (Science Director, James Hutton Institute) Steve Roberts (Fraser, Halliday Munro).

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr John Cooke, Cllr Jeniffer Stewart

**Police Report:** The report was given by the Seargent from the Queens Cross/Harlaw Community Policing Team.

It covered progress the CPT have made in dealing with priorities which were identified for the Craigiebuckler & Seafield Community Council area during the period from 1st August to 31st August 2019.

The report, which is summarised below, highlighted emerging issues in our area, and provided crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and the residents we represent.

**Community Policing Priorities:**

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder -

There was a report of a vandalism in which plant pots were damaged and a vehicle's rear window was smashed overnight. It seemed to be a random mindless act, which is unlikely to have gone unnoticed at the time. We were advised, if we see something that just doesn't sit quite right, to inform the Police because it might be the part of a jigsaw they are missing.

There were no reported assaults during this period.

**Acquisitive Crime:**

There were no reported thefts in this period.

However if we see people moving about after dark, e.g., someone we think even slightly suspicious, please share those suspicions with the Police.

**Road Safety & Road Crime:**

In response to Members' emailed 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. Contact Police on 101 at the time to report incidents in order for them to take positive action.

Community Engagement & Reassurance -

Now the schools are back, young people will have formed new friendships and moved into new groups, whilst the evenings are still lighter and the weather good, outdoor spaces are just the place for them.

When you are telling them they can stay out longer/explore further, please let that advice include where not to go and the reasons why.

There are a significant number of building sites and derelict buildings within our area which young people are attracted to because they offer excitement and are out of the public view, they all so offer in many cases a significant danger once they have climbed past the security barriers.

Over the next couple of months the Police will be looking to better inform everyone in relation to Internet Security & Cybercrime and what can be done to prevent becoming a victim.

**Adoption of the Minute of the Meeting of 6th August 2019:** It was unanimously agreed to adopt the minute of our August meeting.

**Matters Arising from the Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019:** There were no matters arising from our previous meeting.

**Guest Speakers:** David Miller, Knowledge Exchange Coordinator and Professor Deb Roberts, Science Director, James Hutton Institute, Craigiebuckler, Aberdeen.

The talk began with the histories of both the James Hutton Institute and the Macaulay Research institute with which it merged.

David and Deb then summarised the work of the James Hutton Institute, focusing on the Craigiebuckler site, but also covering the work done at the Dundee site and farms. The talk was also illustrated by a presentation of slides and a map, thus providing an overview of the Institute.

The farms and field research stations are at Glensaugh, Hartwood and Balruddery.

David also asked Members if they went for walks in the Institute's parklands.

It transpired that the grounds of Couper's Pond were more popular for walkers than the more formal park.

David also informed us that a new research building was proposed to be built in the grounds of the Institute. He also introduced their Agent, Steve Roberts of Fraser, Halliday Munro, Aberdeen.

William then proposed a vote of thanks to our speakers and mentioned that we looked

forward to welcoming Mr Roberts to give us a talk on the proposed development.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cameron reported that there was no known change to our bank balance because he was yet to receive the latest bank statement. He also reminded us to continue to consider how the money should be expended. There being insufficient time left to debate the subject, he deferred it until the October meeting.

**Correspondence:** All correspondence was emailed to Members. William invited questions concerning any of the items.

**Planning Report:** Robert narrated the report which had been forwarded by email to all members.

The report included the proposed hotel and country club planned to be constructed on the fields to the East of Hazledene Road at Hayfield Riding Centre, consisting of 250 bedrooms, spa, swimming pool, conference rooms and restaurants, including holiday chalets and an equestrian centre.

The Application (reference 141026) has already been approved in principle by Aberdeen City Council. We cannot respond to the proposal until a detailed planning application is submitted to ACC.

Robert then drew our attention to a summary of planning applications including the Council's decisions concerning them.

Robert also narrated a list of current planning applications, mostly for home extensions.

**Traffic Report:** Deferred until the October meeting.

**Civic Forum Report:** No attendance at the Civic Forum.

**Community Council Forum Report:** No attendance at the Community Council Forum

**Discussion with City Councillors:** Deferred until the October meeting.

**AOCB :** There being no further business, William thanked Members and Councillor Martin Greig for their attendance.

**Next Meeting:** 7.30 pm on Tuesday 1st October 2019 in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.

