

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of the Meeting of Tuesday 5th November 2019

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

Present:

William Sell, Aileen Brown, Robert Frost, Ainsley Mitchell, James Flett, Cameron Campbell, Karen Reilly, Dana Blyth.

Councillor Martin Greig, Councillor John Cooke, PC Watson and PC Begg (Local Police Team).

Apologies for Absence:

Caroline Walker.

Police Report:

The Police report was given by PC Watson and PC Begg:

Period 1st October to 31st October.

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

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

Acquisitive Crime:

We have had reports of theft of personal items from a garage and a vehicle both of which were left insecure overnight with the items on display. Please remember to lock up and keep valuables out of sight. Home and vehicle security should be maintained. Leave a light on in the porch, for example.

Road Safety & Road Crime:

Officers are designated to do speed checks. In cases of antisocial driving, ASBOs can be issued.

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.

Ainsley reported that there is a return of vehicles parking on the single yellow lines on Craigiebuckler Avenue. For example, vans are being left parked on the single yellow lines while their drivers go to the shops.

PC Watson replied that Police can contact the Community Wardens.

Dana reported that cars are being parked on pavements at the Queens Road/ Rubislaw Park junction. Drivers are being forced around those cars. This is worse during rush hour.

PC Watson said that both issues concerning parked vehicles will be raised.

The 101 phone number can be used to report a vehicle causing an obstruction. If the owner can be contacted, the Police can have the vehicle moved.

Members suggested that staff, possibly from the offices at the Hill of Rubislaw were causing the problems.

Councillor Greig said that CPZ parking restrictions are ready to be rolled out when parking related pressures arise.

Adoption of the Minute of the Meeting of 1st October 2019:

Proposed by Ainsley Mitchell.

Seconded by Cameron Campbell.

Matters Arising from the Meeting of 1st October 2019:

Purchase of a defibrillator - William reported that he emailed the chair of Braeside/Mannofield CC and put this proposal to her. She included it in the agenda for her CC's October meeting. However, a number of issues with the proposal were identified at that meeting, including CPR training – this had been organised in the recent past, but there were insufficient volunteers to make the course viable. Therefore, their meeting decided against the proposal.

After discussion, it was agreed that we would consider purchasing a defibrillator if we have “a war chest” of £2,400. We will save up and will not give up on our aim to purchase a defibrillator.

Councillor Greig suggested that we could check the Common Good Fund website for application forms for funding. William said that this was worth a try.

Reaching out to the Community at large - William said that this requires discussion and debate. It is a worthy concept which requires detailed guidance if it is to become a reality.

Jim Flett raised some questions: “Can anything be done with money to benefit the Community?” and, “Are people aware of the website and how could it be used or modified to achieved greater community engagement?”

It was also felt that it was difficult for the Chair to conduct the meeting and take minutes. So, it was suggested that someone (like a student) could be engaged to take and transcribe the minutes. William said that we used to employ a minute writer, but sadly, she died. The honorarium paid to her was £450 per annum.

Jim offered to approach Aberdeen College to find out if a placement student could undertake to review the community council’s website and Facebook page in order to attract more visitors and improve community engagement.

Unsealed seams on the new Burnieboozle Crescent/Place Road. - Councillor Greig reported that he has asked for the gaps to be filled, but nothing has been done. He will follow this up again.

Heavy vehicles including concrete mixer lorries have been accessing the Dandara site from Hazledene Road. This is unacceptable. Is there any further progress with preventing this unwanted practice? - Councillor Greig followed this up with the developer. It was a mistake and the developer has admitted the error.

Advisory 20 mph speed limit not reinstated on the new road surface. - Councillor Greig reported that this has been recorded for action. He will pursue the matter with ACC.

Issues with the core path bordering the Dandara site: the path is supposed to be upgraded. - Councillor Greig reported that Dandara had done some remedial work. It has still to be upgraded into a core path.

Failed Street Lights at 16 and 18 Craigiebuckler Avenue. - Ainsley reported that the street light at No 16 is working, but the one at No 18 is still out.

Councillor Cooke advised the meeting that the Council Administration has cut its street lighting budget. Therefore, the Council is well behind on its street lighting maintenance programme.

Proposed 250 bedroom hotel, country club and equestrian centre to be accessed via Hazledene Road. Who will be responsible for the upgrade of the narrow Hazledene Road? - Councillor Greig is still waiting for an answer to this question. Neighbouring roads are due to be upgraded.

Festive Season funding application. - William Reported that the application was successful. The Community council has been awarded £206.50.

Treasurer's Report

Cameron Campbell reported that the bank balance, when we receive the operating grant, will be £1,639.16 excluding our Festive Season commitments.

A cheque for £300.00, made out to Aberdeen City Council, was handed to Councillor Greig to cover the cost of providing Christmas decorative lights on Springfield Road.

A cheque for £75.00, made out to Craigiebuckler Church Seniors Club, was handed to Aileen Brown to be presented to the Seniors Club as a contribution towards the cost of their Christmas party.

Cameron proposed that we offer £180 to the Church as a contribution towards the cost of buying a Christmas tree.

The proposal was seconded by Robert and the motion was carried.

William is to inform the Church of this offer by letter.

Cameron suggested that we allocate £100 for youth organisations to be identified at a later meeting.

Correspondence

All items of correspondence have been emailed to members.

William invited questions concerning any of the items of emailed correspondence.

No questions were forthcoming.

Discussion with City Councillors:

The condition of the area, where trees had been felled, behind the houses on the South side of Springfield Avenue was the subject of complaints by residents of that street.

Councillor Greig reported that the Arboricultural Officer is happy with the growth of the greenery. It is recovering.

Planning Report :

Robert reported that Carttera have submitted a pre-planning application to the council concerning their new plan to build a complex, consisting of 250 flats, a Bistro and a promenade, on the north side of Rubislaw Quarry.

The Developer's agent will host a public consultation event on 20th November in the Hilton Treetops from 12 to 7 pm. Robert told members that it is important to get along and view the plans.

Robert will advertise the event on Facebook and the website.

The proposed Hotel and Country Club. A detailed planning application has not yet been submitted to Aberdeen City Council.

Local Place Plan. This is an opportunity for local communities to create their own local place plan. Councillor Greig informed the meeting that Old Aberdeen CC have already produced their local place plan. It can be viewed on their website.

Council planners will help communities to create their place plans.

Traffic Report:

No issues reported.

Civic Forum Report:

No attendance

Community Council Forum Report:

No attendance

AOCB :

Cameron Campbell reported that the quality of repairs to the pavements where fibre broadband cables had been laid was poor. There will be long term damage to the pavements as a result. The repairs have not been sealed.

Next Meeting: 7.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall