

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Present

William Sell (WS), Cameron Campbell (CC), Robert Frost (RF), Ainsley Mitchell (AM), Karen Reilly (KR), Jim Flett (JF), Dana Blyth (DB), Margaret Meikle (MM), Councillor John Cooke (JC), John McOuat (Police Scotland).

Apologies

Councillor Claire Imrie, Councillor Martin Greig, Councillor Jennifer Stewart.

Police Report

Sergeant McOuat had been attempting to join the meeting to make his report. Unfortunately, a connection could not be made.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of 6th October

Proposed by RF and seconded by AM.

There being no amendments, the motion to adopt the minutes was carried.

Treasurer's Report

CC reported that the bank balance was unchanged since our last meeting. One cheque for £100 remains to be cashed by a youth group.

A cheque for £300 is to be given to Councillor Martin Greig as payment of our contribution towards the cost of installing decorative festive lights on Springfield Road. Our bank balance will be £1,640 when the cheque is cleared.

A cheque for £230 is to be delivered by WS to Craigiebuckler Church. CC It is suggested that £170 is to be allocated for the purchase of a Christmas tree and the remaining £60 allocated for Christmas treats for the Craigiebuckler Seniors Club.

The cost of purchasing a dog waste bin is inhibitive high (£360). It was agreed to withdraw the decision to purchase the dog waste bin.

Matters Arising from the Meeting of 6th October 2020.

Local flooding issues: RF reported that he contacted an official from the Hazlewood Development. RF asked questions pertaining to flood water from the site entering the gardens of properties in Burnieboozle Crescent which border the development.

Improvements to the bunding of the south retention pond were made to prevent it from overflowing, otherwise answers to the questions seemed to be inconclusive.

In reply to the question about the maintenance of the row of trees, which screen the back gardens of the houses of Burnieboozle Crescent, on the opposite side of the path from Dandara's boundary fence, the Representative replied that maintenance was an on-going process. There are several dead trees there which should be removed.

In response to an enquiry from MM about the ownership of the trees, JC will follow up this question with the Council. He will also check when Scottish Water will take responsibility for the drainage of the Dandara site.

The Dandara Representative's replies will be emailed to all members.

WS reported his decision to research the extent of the flooding of properties in Burnieboozle, Pinewood and Craigiebuckler, which border the Hazlewood site.

Research would be facilitated by delivering leaflets to properties in those areas, which ask if the properties have been flooded and where the occupiers thought the source of the flooding was located. The leaflets would also provide WS' contact details and a link to the Community Council's website.

Copies of the leaflet will be emailed to Ward Councillors.

RF will post our contact details on the website.

Purchase of notice boards:

Lottery funding is not available for this purpose. MM cited the lack of information available to the public concerning the date, time and place of our meetings and suggested that we ask the Church if we can display our agendas in their notice board. She will follow this up with the Church.

Discussion with City Councillors:

Members discussed local issues with Councillor John Cooke.

Spaces for People - The Council had little input into this city-wide project.

Cycle lanes – there is a cycle lane from Kingswells to Queens Road proposed.

Q. Is there a delay in fitting new traffic lights at the top of Seafield Road?

A. There is no delay, but JC will find out why it is taking so long.

Q. Do the Council regularly sort out blocked street drains?

A. Yes, but because of Covid, councillors have been asked not to contact the Flood Team about leaves. Routine maintenance is done according to a schedule.

Residents are having a problem with the No 15 bus. They can't get off at their long-established bus stops in town because they are disappearing. Examples of gaps in the route were quoted. This causes difficulties for people with mobility issues. JC will follow up this problem.

Planning Report:

RF gave an update on the Rubislaw planning application appeal. Another Reporter has been assigned to the case. We will have to wait until after the site visit for the decision.

The remainder of the report included minor planning applications.

There is a planning application for the erection of an illuminated sign on Countesswells Road at the site of the proposed ALDI store.

AOCB:

Complaints about noise on the Treetops Hotel demolition site and young people entering it despite the perimeter security fence.

JC will follow up these issues.

MM asked us to consider advertising our meetings on the media site, "Next Door".

RF will post details of our next meeting on "Next Door".

Next online meeting:

7.00 pm on Tuesday 1st December 2020.

