

# **CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Present:** William Sell (WS), Robert Frost (RF), Ainsley Mitchell (AM), James Flett (JF), Cameron Campbell (CC), Karen Reilly (KR), Margaret Meikle (MM), Dana Blyth (DB), Councillor John Cooke (Cllr JC), Councillor Martin Greig (Cllr MG) Sergeant John McOuat Police Scotland LPT (JM) and 2 Residents

## **Apologies:**

**Police Report:** JM – Now that we are in lockdown there is a need to police compliance with the rules. There has been no breach of the rules in the LTP area during the reporting period

Youth problems are on-going. Enquiries are continuing into the Hazlehead Restaurant fire on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

A report was received concerning two males who were acting suspiciously on Woodburn Avenue. They were apprehended.

There has been no road safety crime in the reporting period and the road safety campaign is continuing.

Fraud continues to be an issue across the country during Covid.

**Adoption of the minute of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020:** Proposed by AM and Seconded by JF.

The minutes were adopted subject to the following amendment to line 6 of the Planning Report: Insert “Reporter” after “Scottish Government”.

**Treasurer’s Report:** CC reported that the available cash to date is £1,360.92.

This is a notional balance because all cheques issued have not been cashed.

## **Matters arising from the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020:**

Local flooding issues – Flooding of domestic properties in Burnieboozle, Craigiebuckler and Pinewood remains a distressing issue. It is believed that some long-term area residents may have drainage pumps in their house basements.

Cllr MG has raised the complaints about flooding with the Council, to little or no effect.

Cllr JC is in the same situation with his follow up of the flooding issues in the area.

MM received a delivery of council sandbags after Cllr JC had spoken with council officers about the danger of run-off water freezing on the footpath.

Two residents from Pinewood and Burnieboozle attending the meeting outlined their difficulties with flooding and in one case detailed issues with nearby possibly protected trees.

Both residents were asked to provide to WS details of their concerns and what actions they had taken when and with whom in order obtain satisfactory solutions. They were requested to provide authority for the community council to act and seek help on their behalf and to ask any neighbours similarly affected to do likewise.

Cllr MG has received complaints from several residents in Burnieboozle and Craigiebuckler concerning the flooding of their properties. It is believed that the flooding has worsened since the natural underground drainage was affected during the development of the Hazelwood site.

Cllr JC reported that all the trees bordering the core path behind Burnieboozle Crescent are the responsibility of Dandara.

RF offered to pass on Dandara's contact details so that any tree work required could be reported.

Local Place Plan by Community Councils and their Communities: As previously agreed, this item will remain on the agendas of all future meetings until the end of social distancing.

Projects: Planting Trees in Johnston Gardens- WS will attend a meeting in Johnston Gardens on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January with the Parks Officers to discuss the types and locations.

Planting wildflowers to turn open space (i.e. the 'Culter Bypass') into a meadow- RF reported that he contacted the Environmental Manager about this project. Planting may take a long time to establish. The aim is to create an area of biodiversity. The impact of planting meadow flowers will not be immediately apparent. The site of the project is the belt of green space which extends from Countesswells Avenue to Springfield Road. There will be areas for play and a footpath. There is a need for drainage to facilitate the provision of the footpath (that can be incorporated in the project).

Recalling an earlier presentation to the community council by Hutton Institution staff, JF suggested contacting them in order to enlist their help. RF offered to do this.

Attendance at the Countesswells Development Phase 2 Masterplan Virtual Consultation – WS reported that he attended this online event.

The Phase 2 Masterplan will build upon the key design principles of the Phase 1 Masterplan. There is a mix of uses planned for a new neighbourhood centre. Phase 2 also establishes the phasing of approximately 1,300 homes. The masterplan will be submitted to the Council early this year.

So far, 375 homes are occupied. Planning permissions have also been approved for the first primary school and a local supermarket.

**Correspondence:** The items of correspondence throughout the previous month have been forwarded to all members.

Karen Finch of Aberdeen City Council has reminded all community councils of the requirement to hold AGMs between January and March.

**Discussion with City Councillors:**

AM reported on the icy condition of the Burnieboozle Crescent road surface and queried the frequency of gritting non bus route minor roads.

Cllr MG will seek information in this regard.

Other items discussed were the condition of the Hazledene Road, Queens Road junction and the poorly aligned signage at Springfield Road, Queens Road junction causing potential errors from drivers turning right into Springfield Road.

**Planning Report:** RF reported on his online attendance at the Countesswells Development Phase 2 Masterplan Virtual Consultation. The Developers have set up a website which can provide all the necessary details as if it were a standard public consultation.

His report also detailed works to protected trees and minor planning applications.

Dandara have submitted a planning application to alter some house types in zones B and C of its Hazelwood Development.

**AOCB:** There being no further business, WS thanked all present for their attendance.

**Date of next virtual meeting:** 7.00 pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.