**CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4th October 2022.

**Present**

William Sell (WS), Craig Melvin (CM), Cameron Campbell (CC), Robert Frost (RF), Margaret Meikle (MM), Police Sergeant Rick Cooper (RC), Councillor Martin Greig (MG), Councillor John Cooke (JC) Councillor Jennifer Stewart (JS), Jane Ormerod (JO), Dana Blyth (DB), Karen Finch (KF), Community Council Liaison Officer.

**Apologies:**

Councillor Ken McLeod, Keith Watson.

**Police Report:** RC –

Anti-social Behaviour: Damage was caused to fencing, and a house window was broken – both incidents occurred in Burnieboozle Crescent.

Acquisitive Crime: No incidents to report.

Road Safety: No incidents to report.

Community Engagement: There has been a lot of problems with online crime, for example, phishing. Police Scotland have been doing a lot of work with the National Crime Agency to detect and deter the perpetrators

JS welcomed RC and reported that vehicles are parked close to pedestrian crossings. This is proving to be a concern. She also asked if the police deal with that matter. RC replied that the police try to educate rather than enforce. Zig zag lines come under the police’s remit, particularly outside schools. RC then described how such offences are dealt with.

CM asked what the correct procedure is if he receives a scam email. RC advised him not to click on it; block the number, then report it giving details.

MM asked, “who provides CCTV Cameras?” RC replied that CCTV is supplied in the city centre in conjunction with Aberdeen City Council. It must be supplied proportionately. The Burnieboozle play park is out of zone for existing CCTV. A roving van can be used, but it must be authorised. The police don't provide stand-alone cameras. Householders are allowed CCTV, but on their property.

**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of 6th September:**

The Minutes of the last regular meeting, having been forwarded by email to all members, were confirmed on a proposal by MM and seconded by CC.

**Treasurer’s Report**

CC reported that the bank balance is £957.91. So far, we have not planned to spend.

It was decided to donate £300 to the Council for decorative Christmas lights on Springfield Road; £300 to the Church for the provision of a Christmas tree with lights. A contribution to the Church’s Christmas celebration events is also included in that sum.

JS asked if we could reach out to the people, for example, through the Church, to give them something.

KF pointed out that the community council grant had not been paid yet. We are due to get £900. We will have excess funds by the year's end.

CC suggested spending on lights elsewhere.

JS informed the meeting that organising lights around Albion and Queens cross came to £2000. That gave us some idea about the costs we could be burdened with.

CC suggested that we decide to spend £650 pounds in total, whereby the Church will receive £50 extra for treats and we will have £300 for other things.

This was agreed on a proposal by RF, seconded by MM.

**Health and Wellbeing – Connecting with the Community**

JO - Locality Empowerment Groups. Connecting with the Community.

The health service is experiencing difficulties with service delivery. We represent the community. So, how do we communicate with the community regarding accessing primary care services?

Many people don't know how to access healthcare services. Is it our role to help them, and how do we do that?

A care strategy is being developed under new legislation and a draftt is to be presented to NHS Grampian. Communication is the main thing. What can we do?

CM Reported that he has learned through the Community Council Forum that changes have been taking place. He has been putting information on the website. He suggested that many people don't know that the Community Council exists. He also suggested that we could print posters and have them posted in shops, bus shelters etc.

JO suggested that, because of changes in how primary care is delivered, communication is challenging. It is an ongoing issue. If everyone of us informs some people, that would be a good start.

RC suggested that, if there were drop-in groups attending the community centre, we could try and get speakers, for example, a person from NHS or the Police for advice giving.

JO was of the view that we should be a conduit to facilitate information about NHS services, for example, informing people how to get an appointment with a general practitioner.

CC suggested that the website could provide a useful list of hyperlinks to primary care services.

JO informed the meeting that there is a leaflet with those links.

CM said that he would be happy to put them on the website, but cautioned the meeting that data can get out of date.

JO and CM will liaise regarding the strategy for the content on the website.

MM commented that this is a citywide problem. To be successful, citizens from Aberdeen all need to get the same information.

KF informed the meeting that she disseminates information throughout all Aberdeen community councils. Some community councils have regular newsletters. Others share information on Facebook.

RF thanked KF for forwarding the primary care information. He suggested that we could put the information on posters in the shops, and in the community centre.

JO suggested that we could contact GP practises to see if they have a patient forum.

**Correspondence**

All items of correspondence have already been forwarded to members.

**Matters Arising**

Residents Survey – The Summary Report Document, having been forwarded by email to all members. Its adoption was agreed, and it will be posted on the website.

WS reported that Steven Shaw, the Environmental Manager of ACC, has intimated that he will attend our November meeting. That will be an opportunity to discuss our proposals with him.

**Planning Officer’s Report**

RF screen shared the planning report. He informed the meeting that the Treetops development’s planning application has still to come before the City Council’s planning committee.

CC asked RF if planning permission has been granted for the sign at the Springfield Road shop. The sign is huge.

RF replied that he would cheque his spreadsheet to see if there was a planning application.

Members commented on the hoarding at the Dandara site. JS informed the meeting that the hoarding on the site is only temporary and will be moved again

**Matters for Discussion with Ward Councillors**

There were no matters for discussion.

**A.O.C.B.**

Littering Problem - WS reported that a bag of litter had been gathered from the Burnieboozle playing field after youths had been using the amenity.

MG has already asked for the presence of wardens in the area.

MM asked about the provision littering signs.

MG is exploring this suggestion.

**Date of Next Virtual Meeting:** Tuesday 1st November at 7.00 pm.