

CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Tuesday 10th January 2023.

Present

William Sell (WS), Margaret Meikle (MM), Cameron Campbell (CC), Robert Frost (RF), Craig Melvin (CM), Keith Watson (KW), Cllr Martin Greig (MG), Cllr Ken McLeod (KM), Sergeant Ricky Burr Local Police Team Leader (RB). Two Residents.

Apologies

Steven Shaw, Jane Ormerod, Karen Reilly, Cllr John Cooke.

Police Report

RB –

Antisocial Behaviour: incidents of snowball throwing have been reported.

Reports have been received concerning anti-social motorcycling in Hazlehead Park.

RF there is a report posted in Facebook concerning antisocial behaviour in the Seafield area. Two boys were ringing doorbells, but were caught on camera. He asked RB if he ever had the situation where such images have been posted on social media.

RB replied that this type of image is very useful to police.

CC Reported anti-social motorcycling and asked if the police could apprehend the motorcyclists.

RB replied that the police are not allowed to pursue motorbikes. He will circulate these reports amongst the police.

KW reported that a bus was waiting for a lengthy time at the bus stop outside the site of the former Treetops Hotel. During that time, he counted 11 cars going round the keep left sign to pass the waiting bus.

KM commented that bus drivers should not be allowed to stop at bus stops for a lengthy time.

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of 6th December 2022

Proposed by RF

Seconded by MM

There being no amendments, the adoption of the minutes was agreed.

Treasurer's Report

CC reported that the three cheques which were donated to Aberdeen City Council have been cashed. The current balance is £752.16 pence, but £74.00 has to be deducted for the cost of the website's domain name, leaving us with a balance of £680.00. The balance will be £1,500.00 when Aberdeen City Council's grant is received.

Domain name: CC thank CM for advice regarding the domain name for the website. He intimated that he had to put the costs in his name, and he is the contact point because it is his bank account from which the money has been withdrawn. He will send a cheque to WS for countersigning to refund his costs.

CM suggested that he and RF should have access to the password. CC will pass it on to them. The website title is 'craigiebucklerseafield.org'.

CC informed the meeting that he will progress online banking. He asked for ideas for the February meeting about how to spend the remaining money in our bank account from the previous financial year.

Correspondence

Email from Steven Shaw, Environmental Manager – Due to weather, the completion of the path works has been delayed, but the work will be completed as soon as possible. He had a walk through the area, and he was pleased to see how the path was progressing.

Steven intimated by email that he wishes to confirm that his service has matched our donations to Johnston Gardens and Pets Corner. Orders for plants have been placed.

Matters Arising from the Meeting of 6th December 2022

MM addressed her query to MG pertaining to the flooding problem in the driveway of her property. She has asked the Council on several occasions about what they intend to do about the flood water from her property flowing over the pavement. 'It runs like a river'. She asked if the Council would take the appropriate action to prevent an accident involving a pedestrian, for example, residents falling foul of the icy pavement.

MG replied to the effect that he will follow this up and make the Council aware that it's responsible because it allowed for the diversion of water from the Dandara site.

Planning Officer's Report

RF screenshared his current planning report, which included this community council's letter of representation pertaining to the following planning application.

Reference: 221419/DPP

The James Hutton Institute, Countesswells Road, Aberdeen, AB15 8QH.

Proposal: Formation of Access Road, Amended Car Parking and Associated Drainage.

RF used screen sharing to relate the history of this planning application. He reported that there were 44 letters of objection. One of the residents considered that the community council's consultation letter covered a lot of what she wrote in her objection letter. She explained that the speed of traffic on the road is now an issue. On several occasions, she had received verbal abuse from drivers when she tried to access her drive. There are safety concerns because of speeding traffic in relation to residents trying to access their driveways from Countesswells Road.

The resident asked if there is a precedent in planning whereby an application to form a junction can be rejected for reasons of road safety because of its proximity to driveways.

MG replied that it would be useful to bear in mind the background reasons for the construction of the road and the formation of its junction. The Applicant is looking to construct renewable energy-related buildings in that field where the road is proposed to be constructed. Each application will be considered on its own merits.

KW Asked who takes an overview of the cumulative effects of all the developments in an area.

MG replied that there is no strategic overview of development.

MG informed the meeting that the Council's Roads Team will assess the safety implications of building the road. They will follow national guidance in evaluating risks.

Matters for Discussion with Ward Councillors

RF reported that the core path behind Burnieboozle Terrace is in a poor state. MG reported that the path near Monymusk Terrace is in a very dangerous condition.

RF recalled that Dandara had given assurances that they would make the path two metres wide.

MG will ask that question of Dandara. It's a planning condition that they provide a decent path with the aim that it will be adopted by the Council.

A.O.C.B.

CM reported that he met online with WS and RF to discuss a domain name for the website. It was an action taken on behalf of the Community Council.

MM pointed out that, as a member with workplace experience of IT, she would have contributed to the meeting if she had been invited.

WS apologised for that omission, which was regretted.

No agreement could be reached about the domain name because there were insufficient numbers in attendance to adopt it.

Broken dog waste bin. This was repaired. MM thanked MG for getting the dog waste bin fixed so quickly.

WS reported that there is a row of potholes on Craigiebuckler Avenue which pose a risk of severe damage to motor vehicles and a danger to cyclists. He suggested that they should be hived off by cones.

MG will draw the attention of the Roads Team to them.

MM commented on the lack of response from the Council regarding her complaint about the risk to pedestrians posed by ice on the surface of the path which is caused by floodwater, which flows from her driveway and freezes.

MG has raised this with the Council. A responding officer has been allocated.

Clearly there has been no progress in dealing with this issue. He will follow it up again.

Date of Next Virtual Meeting. Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.00 pm.