

## **Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council**

**Minute of the Virtual Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

### **Present.**

William Sell (WS), Margaret Meikle (MM), Jane Ormerod (JO), Craig Melville (CM), Cameron Campbell (CC), Karen Reilly (KR), Robert Frost (RF), Councillor Martin Greig (MG), Councillor John Cooke (JC) Councillor Ken McLeod (KM)

### **Apologies.**

Keith Watson, Dana Blyth.

### **Police Report.**

No Police Officers were present.

### **Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

CM proposed the following amendments to the minutes:

“There were 2 votes and only one has been recorded.”

“Margaret raised concerns about using Google Forms before we went to a vote.”

“QR Code for Walker Dam what website will it link to, and will it be aligned with the Johnston Gardens and Gordon Highlander's Museum plans?”

Conditional upon the minutes being amended, the adoption of the April minutes was proposed as follows -

Proposed by RF

Seconded by KR

### **Treasurer's Report.**

CC - Our bank balance is £698.31. The accounts have been submitted and accepted by Aberdeen City Council. He was pleased to inform the meeting that a grant of £991.54 will be received. £1689.85 is now our balance. After our due bills are paid, £1500.02 will be the remaining balance.

CC also reported that the coronation commemorative tree has been planted.

### **Correspondence.**

All items of emailed correspondence have been forwarded to members.

### **Matters arising from the Virtual Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

- Community Council Website. Suggested Website Builders.

CM audibly presented an extensive comparison report with the aid of screen sharing. The report was titled ‘Domain and Web Hosting’. It began with the costings associated with ‘NetWise’, which were sequentially itemised.

Other providers were named by MM, based on information she received from

Aberdeen City Council's Community Council Liaison Officer in the presence of WS. One example was Station House Media Unit.

Further discussion on the subject was deferred until the Community Council's June Meeting.

- Securing Funding for Core Paths Improvements, from the Scottish Government, in Partnership with the City Council (the Applicant for a financial contribution from the 'Paths for All' fund.)

A lengthy debate ensued, concerning the best strategy to complete this project in the mutual interests of both partner organisations.

Three sections of Aberdeen's core path system, within the area of this Community Council, have been identified for improvements by the Council. The Community Council's contribution to the City Council's funding application is to obtain data, via a questionnaire, about resident's views concerning how they would like to see the paths improved, and the prioritisation of the sections for the implementation of the improvements.

Streets, in the vicinity of the three core path sections, were already identified as locations where the questionnaires would be distributed.

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A sample of the questionnaire had already been provided by CM.

An agreement was reached to approve the questionnaire, which included a QR code linked to a Google form for completion on the Community Council's website. Partial completion of the questionnaire could be saved to facilitate its entire completion at a time convenient to the respondent.

It was agreed that the questionnaire would be printed by the proprietors of 'West End' magazine and delivered to homes in the selected streets.

The project will be managed by CM who already had presented it to the Community Council.

The following agenda items were deferred until the June meeting:

Replacing dog fouling notices.

Dogs Running Free in the Garden of Remembrance.

Renaming the "Culter Bypass".

Erection of Notice Boards at the Entrances of the Core Paths.

Contacting Friends of Walker Dam.

Report by the Member who Attended the Meeting of Friends of Johnston Gardens.

Securing a Laminated Notice, with a QR Coded Link to the History of Walker Dam, at the site of the Dam.

**Planning Officer's Report.**

RF screenshared the report in which he informed the meeting that the planning applications by the house builder, Malcolm Allan (to build homes on the site of the former Treetops Hotel), and the James Hutton Institute (to build an access road linking their site to Countesswells Road), had not yet been heard by the Council's Planning Committee.

Other planning applications were for works on a protected tree on Burnieboozle Crescent, and a single extension to a home on Countesswells Avenue.

**Matters for Discussion with Ward Councillors.**

All Councillors announced their departures from the meeting, which finished late. They were thanked for their attendance by WS.

**A.O.C.B.** There being no further business, WS thanked the members for their attendance.

**Date of Next Virtual Meeting.**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.00 pm.