

## **Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council**

Minute of the Virtual Meeting of Tuesday 6th June 2023

### **Present**

William Sell (WS), (MM), Cameron Campbell (CC), Robert Frost (RF), Keith Watson (KW), Craig Melville (CM), Sergeant Ricky Burr – Local Policing Team (RB), Karen Finch (Community Council Liaison Officer) Ward Councillors - Martin Greig (MG), John Cooke (JC), Ken McLeod (KM), 1 Local Resident Jim Flett (JF)

### **Apologies**

Councillor Jennifer Stewart, Margaret Meikle, Karen Reilly, Jane Ormerod (JO), Keith Watson

### **Police Report**

Sergeant Ricky Burr stated that our community council is a safe area but there was a report of an assault on 9th May of a pedestrian who was punched by a cyclist on Woodend Road.

Fires have been started in open outdoor areas with bushes and trees set alight.

Report of theft at Filling station on Springfield Road on 6th May, when approached by staff the thief became aggressive and this has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Letters have been received by local residents from PCC Ltd offering insurance of underground utility cables. There have been numerous scams taking place and one local resident rafter receiving a text saying it was their daughter who had lost her phone and asking for a payment of £800 which on this occasion was paid with the money lost to the scammers.

Discussion took place on various scams that are circulating,

MG asked whether some shops don't report low level thefts as they factor this into their business, RB confirmed this is the case but encourages business to report all theft so that the data can be used to identify trends and it might lead to thieves being prosecuted.

RB forwarded a copy of Regional Crime Alert Divisional overview of Crimes including scams and sextortion.

JF enquired about electric mopeds, motorbikes going through red lights at speed. RB said these were mostly power assisted bikes, pedal bikes powered by battery used by delivery drivers, these bikes travel at speed and are silent which is a hazard to pedestrians and other road users. The current legislation doesn't adequately cover these types of vehicles.

## **Adoption of the Minute of the Meeting of 7th February 2023**

Proposed by CC

Seconded by RF

There being no amendments, the minutes were adopted.

## **Treasurer's Report**

CC reported that the balance is £1,689.85 and since then four sums have been spent:

£72.89 for a commemorative plaque

£89.50 for the commemorative tree (with discount and includes planting)

£65.00 for printing 1000 core path survey leaflets at RGU (CC obtained discount on normal external rate)

CC asked for approval to offer an honorarium of £30 to Catherine MacKay for auditing our annual accounts. This was approved at the meeting.

The total remaining after spending £257.49 is £1,432.36

It was suggested donating £100 to three youth groups in our area.

## **Correspondence**

WS stated that all items of emailed correspondence were forwarded to the members.

## **Matters Arising from the Meeting of 2nd May 2023**

Community Council Website: A discussion took place on the best way to progress the new website, WS suggested delaying a decision until the August meeting but it was pointed out by CM that this issue has been discussed at length since September 2022, to recap at our CC meeting in August 2022 it was agreed to purchase Hostinger (website provider and domain name host) and this was bought for approximately £72 in late 2022.

Karen Finch was asked for her advice, she stated as the issue has dragged on for over 6 months then a clear decision is required, it was decided that as there had been no detail provided to support the alternative proposal a vote on the proposal to accept Hostinger as our website provider and domain name host was taken. The vote to accept the proposal was four votes to nil therefore the proposal was carried.

Coronation Commemorative Tree – CC reported that the tree planting ceremony went well.

Core Path System – All survey forms have now been delivered, so far 82 people have returned survey forms, either paper forms or on-line survey forms. Posters advertising the survey have been placed in local shops, church noticeboard, the parks department have not responded yet. The transport department also have not responded about displaying posters on bus stops.

Location of Bus Stops: A discussion took place on lack of bus stops at the Aldi store on Countesswells Road, the Council are proposing new bus stops on either side of road beside the Aldi store, the council has to agree locations of bus stops but First Bus have an opportunity to comment on suitability of bus stop locations.

James Hutton: MG stated that three new noticeboards had been installed and community council posters could possibly be welcomed and agreed to take 3 of our posters.

Friends of Walker Dam group were contacted but no response.

Dog Fouling notices- official council signs are faded and need to be replaced- CM has identified locations of where signs need to be replaced

Garden of Remembrance: Discussion took place on the problem of dog owners exercising their dogs in the memorial garden, there is signage stating that dogs should be kept on a lead. A larger sign is needed to try and discourage the garden of remembrance being used as a dog walking area.

Renaming of Culter Bypass – Steven Shaw is following up

Noticeboards on the entrance to corepaths- Parks department could be key holders

### **Discussion with City Councillors.**

Discussion on cruise ship tourist trail, Gordon Highlanders museum is taking groups from the ships, it was suggested that Johnston Gardens would be a suitable place to visit as it is a hidden gem close to the museum.

### **Planning Report (screen shared)**

RF reported the issue of the community council not been notified of a significant change to Treetops Hotel planning application. The planning committee was postponed by one week to allow us to engage with our local community before submitting a letter of representation. A site visit is to take place at the Braeside development and Treerops on Thursday 8th June. See planning report for details.

### **AOCB**

RF reported the sad state of the ornamental ponds in Hazlehead Park, Steven Shaw was contacted, the pond outside the cafe is the responsibility of the cafe and once a drainage issue has been resolved it is hoped the pond and fountain can be operational again. The pond in the Queen Mother Rose garden is problematic, Steven Shaw will get more information on whether the pond can be put back into use.

WS thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

**Next Hybrid Meeting:** 7.0 pm on Tuesday 2nd August 2023.