

Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council
Minute of the Virtual Meeting of Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Present.

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

Apologies.

Keith Watson, Councillor John Cooke.

Police Report.

The LTP's report was circulated to all members by email.

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of 5th March 2024.

The draft minutes were very recently circulated.
Therefore, their approval was deferred until the meeting on 7th May.

Treasurer's Report.

CC reported that the closing balance at the end of the financial year was £1552.16. He explained that we can be penalised for having over £1,000 in our account, but he informed the meeting that £800.00 was outstanding in uncleared donation cheques.

The balance on 31.03.2024 was £663.38.

On 25th April our grant from Aberdeen City Council will be £991.54.

2023 was a busy year in terms of monetary outlays (which he detailed), but we are financially robust and can now go ahead with

electronic banking.

WS and CC are to agree a date to arrange electronic banking at the bank.

Correspondence.

All items of correspondence were forwarded to the members by email.

Matters arising from the Virtual Meeting of 5th March 2024.

Speeding Traffic on Springfield Road – Follow-up with the Police.

The following text was narrated by WS: -

Keith Watson, by email, reported that the single biggest concern that is raised with his neighbours and near neighbours when he speaks to them is the speeding traffic on Springfield Road.

He explained that it would be good to know that the conclusions from the survey are based on representative and meaningful data. His regular and short duration observations of the electronic speed sign on Springfield Road is that approximately 75% of drivers heading South are exceeding the 30mph speed limit, and that's with the sign acting as a deterrent!

In his report, Keith recalls that Councillor Martin Greig is also following up on the urgent replacement of the beacon on the traffic island opposite the BP filling station. He reminds us that the island has been run over once that we know for sure (when the keep left sign and beacon were destroyed) and a further two times anecdotally! It is his recollection that the initial incident happened on 19th December 2023, and he points out that this has been outstanding for some time and needs to be expedited for the safety of pedestrians crossing at this location, especially in the dark.

Keith has raised the following questions which WS referred to MG: -

WS - Was it during the day and, if so, what time of day?

WS - What was the duration of the survey?

MG - The speed test result is going through a process. The duration of the survey was 2 days. Ongoing actions are needed, especially near schools. He will continue to fight this problem.

WS - Why was average speed cited rather than % or the number of drivers exceeding the 30-mph speed limit?

MG – There is a standard way of reporting driver behaviour. That's why it is done in that format.

WS - Was there a visible police presence during the sample period?

MG – Yes

WS – The visible presence of a Police officer would have caused drivers to brake and reduce their speeds. This would make the survey results inaccurate.

WS – The use of data from 2019: Is it representative and is it relevant?

MG – Speed survey work is overdue. A more accurate picture is needed of driver habits.

CM reported that the crossings at the schools in the area are hazardous because of parents parking in the close vicinity.

MG – This is an ongoing problem.

Planning Officer's Report.

RF screen-shared the legal agreement pertaining to the Treetops development site dated 4th March 2024.

MG informed the meeting that the block of flats will be visible from McCaulay gardens. He also provided a link to the legal agreement.

MG - a lot of short-term let's are being processed by the council because of licencing requirements. He screen-shared a list of these.

RF reported that the James Hutton new road is well advanced in its construction.

MG reported that the temporary car park for the Hutton employees will be removed in June or July, and the surface will be restored to its original condition. The Hutton Institute did not go through the planning process for the temporary car park. Planning did not take enforcement action on condition that the ground would be restored to its original condition.

There is also temporary car parking on McCaulay drive.

MG will follow up regarding the permissions for this.

Matters for Discussion with Ward Councillors.

Following the Fatal RTC on Seafield Road on 6th March involving a 68-year-old man, can we be informed of the outcome of Police enquiries when they are available and is any action proposed by the Police/Council as a result?

MG – We would get a report on the incident from Police Sergeant Ricky Burr.

CM reported that the main gate at the cemetery has been down for months.

MG will follow up this matter.

CM Reported that the computers in the library are being left on.

MG Already asked for them to be switched off but will follow up this matter.

A.O.C.B.

There being no further business, WS thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday, 7th May 2024 – commencing online at 7.00 pm.