

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Tuesday 4th June 2024

Present.

William Sell (WS), Robert Frost (RF), Cameron Campbell (CC), Karen Reilly (KR), Councillors Ken McLeod (KM), and Martin Greig (MG).

Apologies.

John Cooke, Jane Ormerod

Police Report.

Forwarded by WS to all members.

Minutes of the Virtual meeting of 7th May

Adopted on a proposal by WS, seconded by CC.

Treasurer's Report.

CC reported that the operating grant of £1,642.22 has been received from Aberdeen City Council.

Considering the purchase of dog waste bins for £32.80, the working total is £1,609.42.

CC reported that the Diamond Jubilee Tree, in the Springfield Church grounds, has not taken to leaf. He visited the supplier, Elliot Mair at the Raemoir Garden Centre, with a sample cutting taken from the Tree. From an examination of the sample, Elliot concluded that the tree was not doing well. We may have to replace it.

MG spoke to the Church Team. They will follow any recommendations.

CC informed the meeting that Elliot Mair expressed surprise that the other two commemorative trees on the same site are doing well.

A decision concerning the replacement of the tree will be taken at the August meeting.

During the May meeting, WS had expressed his concern that the Zoom facility, which is due to be renewed in July, would cause public money to be wasted if the Community Council became dormant after the October elections. A decision on this matter was deferred until this meeting when it was agreed not to continue to subscribe to Zoom. It was agreed to resume face-to-face meetings in August, in the

Douglas Lounge, Springfield Church. WS will contact the Church Secretary to reserve the Douglas Lounge for 7.00pm on Tuesday 6th August.

Correspondence.

WS stated that all items of emailed correspondence had been forwarded to the membership.

Matters arising from the Virtual Meeting of 7th May 2024.

Arrange payment of £30.00 to the Accounts Auditor.

CC reported that the cheque for £30.00 has been issued, but not yet cashed.

Reimburse William Sell for his payment of £97.20 for the Community Council's annual insurance premium.

WS reported that he had been fully refunded.

William Sell and Cameron Campbell are to agree a date w/c 13/05 to arrange electronic banking at the bank.

Electronic banking has been arranged.

Computers in the Airyhall Library are being left on.

CM will check the library to see that they are switched off.

CSCC members to propose areas within the CS area that would benefit from tree planting, and this can be directed to the relevant department within ACC for consideration.

MG commented that Alders would be desirable

Craig Melville highlighted that there were several Apple Trees in the Hazlehead Nursery that had been there for some time. He enquired if these could be planted in the Springfield Meadows.

MG replied that there had been concerns expressed by some members of the community that this area should be kept open for safety and security reasons.

CSCC Members to propose a prioritised list of path upgrades in the area (see minutes of May meeting).

MG advised the Community Council to use its data from the 2022 survey to list paths according to their priority for upgrading. He asked if the Community Council would be willing to apply for Lottery funding to upgrade the paths and suggested that WS and CC complete the application.

Vehicle Speeding and Traffic Safety in the Area: - Councillor Greig advised that in addition to contacting the Police for their feedback and help, he has also been in discussions with the Council team about any further action that can be taken. He undertook to provide CSCC Members with an update as and when available.

MG reported that Police Sergeant Ricky Burr along with a police team equipped with hand-held speed detection devices monitored the traffic on Countesswells Road. No instances of speeding were detected. When more officers are available, he will repeat the exercise on Countesswells Road.

CM suggested installing temporary CCTV to view the pedestrian refuge island on Springfield Road.

The issue of Speeding on Springfield Road will continue to be listed on the agendas of future meetings.

Request for signs warning traffic that there are deer in the area: - Councillor Greig to relay the outcome of the request for deer warning signs once known.

MG followed up this request with Aberdeen City Council. The reply was: - “You already have a ‘duck sign’ to alert drivers that there is wildlife in the area.”

Craig Melville highlighted that there was a broken boundary fence on Anderson Drive at the Kepplestone Buildings. Councillor Greig to check the status of the fence and report.

MG reported that the whole site is private and there is a factor.

Protected trees felled by a developer on the site of the former Treetops hotel. William Sell to follow-up with David Dunne, ACC’s Chief Officer for Strategic Planning, to establish details.

WS reported that, on 12th May 2024, he emailed Mr David Dunne, ACC’s Chief Officer for Strategic Planning, concerning the removal of trees on the site of the following housing development: - Planning application reference 211528/DPP. The location is 161 Springfield Road.

The project is a residential development of 77 units comprising 44 houses and 33 flats (6 storey block); also associated infrastructure

He read out the following email, which he sent on 12/05/24 at 22.11

To

David Dunne

Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning

CC Angela Scott, Chief Executive; PDMC Committee Clerk - Lynsey McBain.

“On behalf of Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council, I respectfully request information pertaining to the removal of trees in the above referenced site, as follows: -

How many of those trees were protected by Aberdeen City Council under Section 160 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997?

Did Aberdeen City Council consent to the removal of any of those protected trees?”

WS reported that he had no reply from Mr Dunne. MG informed him that he should have received an acknowledgement. A reply to the email should have been received within 12 days of its receipt.

He will follow up this complaint with Mr Dunne.

Planning Officer’s Report.

RF drew the attention of the meeting to Planning Application Reference 240614/DPP; Installation of a grid battery energy storage facility on land at Newton of Pitfodells. This development is close to our area and worth monitoring. RF screenshared details of the application. Details of four planning applications to construct single storey extensions to homes were screenshared and discussed.

Matters for Discussion with Ward Councillors.

There were no matters for discussion.

A.O.C.B.

MG reported that there will be a series of public consultations pertaining to the planned replacement of Hazlehead Academy’s building.

CM reported that Countesswells New Town has its new primary school. 50 pupils are to attend Hazlehead Academy.

Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday, 6th August 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Douglas Lounge,
Springfield Church.