

Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 2nd June 2025 at 7pm
in the Douglas Lounge, Springfield Church

Present

- Community Council Members:
William Sell (WS), Margaret Meikle (MM), Robert Frost (RF), Cameron Campbell (CC),
Craig Melville (CM), Ranald Cameron (RC), Pam Fraser (PF)
- Councillors:
Martin Greig (MG) and Ken McLeod (KM)

Apologies.

- Councillor John Cooke (JC), Caroline Walker (CW), Karen Reilly (KR), Keith Watson (KW), Duncan Laidlaw (DL).

Police Report

The Police report has been emailed to all members.

Minutes of the Meeting of 6th May 2025

- The minutes of the meeting of 6th May were adopted on a proposal by CC seconded by RC.

Treasurer's Report

CC advised the meeting that a bank statement of 15th May showed an account balance of **£1934.39**

- £92.20 was paid to WS for Zurich Insurance costs
- Banking services charge of £5.25 to Bank of Scotland (an increase from £4.25 last month).
- WS said we received a refund of £97.20 for Zoom for 2024. The CC resumed face-to-face meetings in the Douglas Lounge.
- Cheques for the Brownies and Boys Brigade (£100 each) have still to be deducted.
- After the cheques are deducted, the account balance will be £1734.39

CM - Should we move our banking to Royal Bank of Scotland, since they guarantee no service charges for 5 years at a minimum? CC to go an RBS branch to confirm this.

CM suggested that we may want to become a charity as there were advantages to this status e.g. cost of insurance and Zoom etc. Highland has 2 CCs who have charitable status and 1 CC in Sterling. It was agreed that this question should be raised by him at the Community Council forum.

CC reminded members to think of ideas for projects that our community council can fund in the coming year.

MG suggested tree pit, Hutton or Hazlehead park.

CC suggested asking Malcolm Allan for another donation of £300 for Xmas lights at the church for 2025 which would give us extra money to spend.

CM suggested putting solar lights on the trees at e.g. Johnstone Gardens, but MG informed us that permission would be required from ACC and since there may be damage to the trees caused by installing lights, it was likely to be refused.

CM also suggested providing park benches and/or picnic tables built by local trades people. (MG informed us of a new bench at Walker Dam).

Action: all members to send proposed bench locations to CM via Google maps.

CC said that several residents had previously expressed concerns about new benches located close to their homes. Their concerns were about young people gathering in these areas and potential noise and vandalism as a result.

Permission would be needed from ACC before our CC could go ahead with providing new benches.

MM suggested that a short leaflet (or information found on the web site) provided by ACC to summarise the information needed by ACC for any Community Council to be able to provide locally, lights, trees and/or benches, would be very helpful. The Council is always short of funding and all Community Councils want to fulfil residents' requests for improvement in their local areas where it is affordable and reasonable to do so.

Correspondence.

WS reported that all emailed items of correspondence had been forwarded to the CSCC members.

Matters arising from the Meeting of 6th May 2025

- Couper pond update: a meeting took place during which Alistair Cox agreed that McCauley will tidy up the area. The pond is silting up and the idea of a Wetland was mentioned. The pond will not return to how it used to be.
- Keith Watson has not yet circulated the first draft of the residents' survey re: concerns about speeding, buses etc. He is currently on holiday. CM plans to visit residents' houses using an iPad as part of the survey as well as it being available on-line. There are no plans to deliver paper copies of the survey.
- Walker Dam noticeboards. As yet, RF has been unable to contact Alan Davidson (Friends of Walker Dam) to ask to put up a poster to advertise our residents' survey.
- Springbank cemetery gates. KM informed us that the 1st specialist company failed to make any progress, and a 2nd company has now been found. The expected cost is £50k and work should be completed by 1st Nov 2025 (slipped from March 2025).
- Hazledene Rd / Queens Rd accident. MG reported that repair progress has been made to the wall and light.

Planning Officer's Report.

(See separate planning officer's report).

RF advised the meeting that there was nothing significant in May that warranted further discussion within the community council.

- Work begins on 15th May 2025 for the new Hazlehead Academy building. It is a 2&3 story edifice being built on the playing fields to accommodate 1600 pupils and is expected to be completed by 2027.
- James Hutton car park application to make the temporary car park permanent has been refused. It is in conflict with the local development plan.
- Hutton – 2 dead elm trees to be removed
- An application has been made to extend the cemetery at the Hazlehead Crematorium.

- An application has been made for a single story extension in the rear of a property in Woodburn Ave.

Matters for Discussion with Ward Councillors

- KM – now that it is illegal to park on pavements, business owners and residents have been asking Cllr McLeod what the situation is in the cobbled area at Seafield shops. ACC legal department and roads have confirmed it IS a pavement and so should **not** be parked upon. CC members said that that it has been parked upon since the early 1960s.

Since the Council have employed a 3rd party company who are crisscrossing the city on scooters and looking for pavement parking offenders, it is highly likely that residents and tradespeople will now be fined for parking at the Seafield shops. We request that either this cobbled area is made an exception **or** ACC put up signs informing motorists that the area IS a pavement and that they can be fined if parked there. No fines should be given out until appropriate signage is displayed.

There are only 3 designated parking spaces on the road outside the Seafield shops and the cobbled area is always full of parked cars. Local traders will probably suffer a decrease in revenue as a result if it remains defined as a pavement!

- Tall ships – what are the city doing to facilitate tourists? Are we considering shuttle buses, day passes, special park & ride at perhaps Kingswells and Torry?

A.O.C.B.

- RF - William Wallace water fountain feature. This matter was reserved until the August meeting.
- CM – water in McCauley Drive – is it related to long standing Dandara building works and the installation of new drainage in the Culter bypass Culter bypass?
- 6 houses in Viewfield Rd have asked for tree trimming to be done by ACC. The trees are owned by ACC but are encroaching into their properties. No progress, despite many residents enquires for an update of when it will be done.
- CM has emailed Traffic Management but had no response. He needs to forward these emails to new Councillors to draw attention to such poor communications by ACC.
- Can we move the plaques in Johnstone Gardens into one place? MG informed the meeting that it is not possible.
- CM - CPN (core path network). Is there a timescale for work to be done? MG replied that there is no timescale.
- MM asked why there were Glasgow first buses being used in the city. MG said all Hydrogen buses owned by Firstbus are shared in Scotland.
- MM expressed continued concerns that the no15 bus is again not turning up on occasion and that since they run only every 40 minutes, that amounts to 1hr and 20 minutes between buses. On a separate occasion, the bus left 5 minutes early (she was in good time and saw it leave) and so on both occasions she missed dentist appointments. KM and MG said the Council have no control over Firstbus. This is unacceptable.
- Susan Reader attended the meeting and has been made an associate member, proposed by WS and seconded by CM.

Date of Next Meeting. No meeting in July. Next meeting is Tue 5th Aug 2025 at 7pm in the Douglas Lounge, Springfield Church.