

# Aberdeen City Community Council Craigiebuckler and Seafield

## Minutes of the Meeting

**Date:** 05/08/2025

**Time:** 19:00-21:00

**Location:** Aberdeen Springfield Church (formerly Craigiebuckler Parish Church), Douglas Lounge, 185 Springfield Road, Aberdeen, Grampian, AB15 8AA

### 1. Attendees

- **Community Council Members Present:**

• William Sell ( <b>WS</b> ) (Chair)	• Keith Watson ( <b>KW</b> ) (Member)
• Margaret Meikle ( <b>MM</b> ) (Deputy Chair)	• Ranald Cameron ( <b>RC</b> ) (Member)
• Craig Melville ( <b>CM</b> ) (Secretary)	• Pamela Fraser ( <b>PF</b> ) (Member)
• Cameron Campbell ( <b>CC</b> ) (Treasurer)	• Duncan Laidlaw ( <b>DL</b> ) (Member)
• Robert Frost ( <b>RF</b> ) (Planning)	• Susan?

- **City Councillors Present:**

• Martin Greig ( <b>MG</b> )	• Ken McLeod ( <b>KM</b> )
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- **Apologies for Absence:**

- None

- **In Attendance (non-members):**

- June Reid (**JR**) (Resident)

### 2. Welcome and Introductions

- **WS** Chair, welcomed all attendees.

### 3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 03/06/2025 were circulated in advance.

- Proposed by **PF**
- Seconded by **RF**.
- Approved as a true and accurate record.

#### 4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- **Item 01 - Bank Account Review**
  - **CM**, suggested switching banks to save £60/year.
  - **CC**, noted RBS offers free banking for at least 5 years but no action taken yet as he is satisfied with Bank of Scotland.
  - **Action: CC** (No action decided by council member?).
- **Item 02 - Charity Status**
  - **CM**, to raise with Karen Finch (CCLO) at the Community Council Forum on 01/09/2025.
  - **Action: CM**
- **Item 03 - Project Ideas**
  - Treepit at James Hutton Institute or Hazlehead Park.
  - **Action: MG**
  - Benches/picnic tables: **CM** contacted local companies.
  - Members can send locations with maps via email. **CM** suggested a site opposite the Scout hut in Springfield Meadows.
  - Council permission to be sought once locations are confirmed.
  - **Action: CM**
- **Item 04 - Community Council Project Guidance**
  - **MM** suggested a website/email address for guidance on projects (e.g. lights, trees, benches).
  - Concern raised about poor City Council response and unclear contacts.
  - **Action: MG** to investigate.
- **Item 05 - Residents' Survey 2025**
  - First draft circulated. Sub-group: **KW, CM, WS, MM** and **RF**.
  - **WS** to arrange an online meeting.
  - Survey to be presented at a future meeting.
  - **Action: KW**
- **Item 06 - Walker Dam Noticeboard**
  - **RF** to gain access and update content.
  - Alan Davidson (custodian) unreachable.
  - **MG** has been in contact and will follow up.
  - **Action: RF**

## 5. Financial Report

### Treasurer Report **CC**

- **Current Balance:** £1895.14 (as of 02/06/2025)
- **Income:** £0
- **Expenditure:** £39.25
  - £35.00 cheque for Honorarium.
  - £4.25 bank service charge.
  - £100.00 cheque for the Brownies **(Not been cashed)**.
  - £100.00 cheque for the Boys Brigade **(Not been cashed)**.
  - £150.00 cheque for Friend's of Johnston Garden's **(Not been cashed)**.

### Other Items:

- Need to allocate £800–£900 within the next four months.
- **CM** awaiting feedback on bench locations (see Item 03).
- **CC** to request £300 Xmas light donation from Malcolm Allan.
- **CM** suggested solar lights for general/Xmas use (per community survey).
- Support for novelty frog litter bin at Johnston Gardens:
  - Total cost: £450. Charity organising.  
Community Council contribution: £150
  - Proposed by **RF**, seconded by **KW**
  - Supported by: **WS, CC, DB, KW, RC**

**Decision:** Approved £150 donation.

## 6. Matters for Discussion with Ward Councillors

- **Topic 1 - FirstBus/City Council Local Transport Consultation**

- Confidential transportation changes shared with members.
- Concerns raised over limited time for consultation.
- Changes postponed and being revised.

**Action:** Await updated maps/diagrams.

- **Topic 2 - Community Communication**

- JR unaware of communication methods; noted no leaflets.
- CM explained that the website and Facebook are used.

**Decision:** Ongoing

**Action:** This is integrated into the Community Survey

- **Topic 3 - Greenspace Maintenance**

- **JR** raised concerns about Den Wood contractor mess and path damage.
- Fallen trees blocking Core Path Network.
- Work approved by Aberdeen City Council and Forestry Scotland.
- Trees to be planted post-clearance.
- **RC** noted poor grass maintenance around tree bases across several areas.
- **MG** confirmed edge trimming scheduled.
- **JR** highlighted hogweed, ticks, stagnant burn, poor signage, and inadequate grass cutting frequency.
- **Decision:** Follow up required.
- **Action:** **MG**

- **Topic 4 - The Tall Ships Aberdeen, July 19-22 2025**

- Report on how good this was for the City?

## 7. Planning Applications ([08 2025 Planning Report](#))

### James Hutton Institute

- Retrospective planning for a temporary car park refused.
- Local Review Body appeal submitted.
- **WS** submitted a Letter of Representation opposing it (contravenes Local Development Plan).
- Concerns over parking on Macaulay Drive around access and safety.

### Aberdeen Local Development Plan Consultation (2028–2038)

- Martin Hunt, sent out an email regarding the LDP Aberdeen City Council inviting local residents, businesses, landowners, developers and community organisations to contribute ideas and identify future development sites for the next development plan between 2028-2038, we have until the 20th October to give feedback.
  - Areas to consider: Hayfield, Grazing fields, Somebody Cares vacant site off Hazledene Road. Classification to be changed from Development to Greenspace.

#### Other Updates:

- Den Wood: Forestry maintenance work ongoing.
- Dandara Hazlewood Development: Final 49 units, including a 9-unit, 3-storey flat block.
- General house extensions see Planning Report.
- Hazlehead Academy: New low-carbon heat source at former janitors' houses on Groat's Rd.

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## 8. Correspondence

- **Incoming:**
  - No Community Policing Report was provided (**follow-up required?**).
- **Outgoing:**
  - [Agenda](#), circulated to members.
  - [Minutes of the Meeting](#) held on 03/06/2025, circulated to members.
  - **Letter/Email of Representation** to ACC regarding the James Hutton Institute planning application.

## 9. Matters For Discussion with Ward Councillors

- **CM**, Damaged gates at Springfield Cemetery. **Action: KM** movement expected in November.
  - **CM**, Hazlehead Park playground work. **Action: KM** Repairs, wear and tear no date for completion.
  - **JR**, Obscured/dirty road signs. **Action: MG** Report via the City Council website or contact your local Councillor..
  - **JR**, Foliage obstructing paths (Hazledene Rd, Queens Rd). **Action: MG** Follow up.
  - **CM**, Hazlehead Park dog/model aircraft area. **Action: KM** information unknown
  - **MM**, waste collection disruption due to pavement parking. **Action: MG** consider double yellow lines.
  - **JR**, Parking issues (Monymusk Terrace, Burnieboozle) **Action: MG** follow-up.
  - **JR**, Pavement parking opposite Coop on Countesswells Rd
  - Exemption currently under review. Was raised at committee a couple of weeks back to start the process and will return to committee on final decision. It is a pavement and enforcement will be carried out. **Action: MG** Enforcement in effect until review of exception and confirmed as exempt.
  - **RC**, 20MPH speed limits in residential areas. **MG** Still going through the consultation process. Great Western Rd will not be reduced to 20MPH. Seafield Rd from Countesswells Rd to Anderson Dr will be part of a 20MPH experiment. Roughly 50 objections noted for our area.
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## 11. Any Other Business (AOB)

- **Topic 1. William Wallace Water Fountain Feature**
    - **RF**, initiate discussion postponed over two previous meetings.
  - **Topic 2. Paid minute-taker**
    - **WS**, proposed a paid minute-taker (£400 annual fee).
      - Proposed by **MM**
      - Seconded by **KW**.
    - **CC**, objected to £40-£50 per meeting.
      - Seconded by **RF**.
      - Vote for: 3 | Vote against: 5.
      - **Decision:** Motion rejected.
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## 12. Date of Next Meeting

- Next meeting: **02/09/2025 at 19:00-21:00**
  - Location: **Aberdeen Springfield Church (formerly Craigiebuckler Parish Church), Douglas Lounge, 185 Springfield Road, Aberdeen, AB15 8AA.** Close of Meeting
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## Close of Meeting

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21:00.

**@AberdeenCCward10** (Social media account user tag)