Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Springfield Church.

Present
William Sell, Margaret Meikle, Keith Watson, Ranald Cameron, Cameron Campbell, Susan Reader, Martin Roberts.
Councillors Martin Greig, Ken McLeod, Jennifer Stewart.
Residents Jim Flett and Christine Boylan.
Lauren Taylor, Journalist and Features Writer for the 'Press and Journal".

Apologies
Pamela Fraser, Councillor John Cooke, Robert Frost, Craig Melville.

Police Report
Nil report

Minutes of the Meeting of 1st September 2026
The minutes of the meeting of 1st September were adopted on a proposal by Margaret Meikle, seconded by Cameron Campbell.

Treasurer's Report
Cameron Campbell provided the following report: -

Community Account: Craigiebuckler & Seafield Community Council

14 August 2026 - Statement opening balance 2026: £1763.93

25 August 2026 - Cheque no.010211 cashed; Reimbursement to C.A Campbell for Zurich Insurance premium £97.20
01 September 2026 - Bank service charges Ref: 494349422: £4.25
10 September 2026 - Cheque no.010213 cashed: Donation payment to Mrs Murray's Cat & Dog charity - £100.00

10 September 2026 - Statement closing balance £1,562.48

Paid in £0.00
Paid out: ££201.45

Suggestions/Project Ideas requiring possible funding
A donation of £100.00 was agreed for December's Festive of Light.

Funding festive lights on Countesswells Road: Martin Greig confirmed that, as agreed at the September meeting, the Council's Lighting Engineer will install the festive lights on Countesswells Road, with our Community Council covering the costs.

As Countesswells Road lies on Braeside/Mannofield Community Council's northern boundary, it was agreed to ask that Community Council to share the installation costs. William will email its secretary with the request.

Funding Christmas lights on Springfield Road. Members asked whether house builders Malcolm Allan would fund the festive lights on Springfield Road. Following discussion, it was agreed that our Community Council would cover the installation cost, which was £300 in previous years, if Malcolm Allan declined to pay.

Donations to Youth Groups. It was agreed to donate £100 each to the Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Boys Brigade

Secretary's Report
Craig Melville sent his apologies because he is unable to attend this meeting.

Planning Officer's Report
Robert frost sent his apologies because he is on holiday.

Matters for Discussion with Ward Councillors
Martin Roberts Commented that, on the website, there was an opportunity To comment on the traffic situation on Countesswells Road. He suggested that they install an island and reduce the speed to 20 mph.

Martin Greig Explained that the 20 miles-an-hour speed limit is being rolled out throughout the city.

Jennifer Stewart stated that is coming in the summer of 2027

Councillor Martin Gregg explained that this will involve a cultural change in driving throughout the whole city.

Jim Flett referred to what he called "a lack of paint on the road"—an indirect reference to road markings.

Councillor Jennifer Stewart reported that she had been told that all road-marking work would be completed in November. She also identified sections of road scheduled for resurfacing.

Councillor Stewart read out a statement detailing the timescale for the 20-mph speed limit being legally enforceable.

She announced that she had meetings with senior police officers regarding the attendances of police officers at community council meetings and was informed that their attendances would be 2 per year.

Jim Flett enquired about Council activities in the Grove Nursery.

In his reply, Martin Greig explained that the Council is removing trees to facilitate a new amenity. There will be tree planting. The objective is to turn it into a more sustainable woodland.

Jim Flett recalled that when the recycling centre was mooted, there was to be further recycling facilities, e.g., stripping the wire from electronic devices.

Former member of this community council, Christine Boylan, said that, during the planning application process and subsequent planning consent she did not recall any such condition.

Martin Greig informed the meeting that the collection centre in the Grove Nursery Recycling Centre is very successful.

Jim Flett expressed his concern that the Scottish Government has proposed a major overhaul that would replace Scotland's 32 current local councils with a larger, two-tier structure consisting of 6 to 10 strategic regional authorities and 120 to 160 smaller community authorities.

He asked if community councils have any say in these proposals.

In his reply, Martin Greig informed him that the stage of these proposals is too early for Council involvement.

AOCB

Susan Reader expressed her thanks to everyone who participated in the litter pick of 26th September. 4 bags of litter were collected.
She had been informed that the Council has daffodil bulbs available for planting.

Susan Reader and Martin Roberts identified two hotspots for litter: A grassy bank beside ALDI on Countesswells Road, where there is no bin, and the bus shelter on Countesswells Avenue.

Susan recommended that we write to ALDI asking them to put a litter bin on their land. She also attributed the presence of litter there to the students at Robert Gordons College whose playing fields are on the opposite side of Countesswells Avenue. She also recommended that we write a letter to get them involved in being tidy.

Martin Roberts commented on the dirty condition of the bus shelter on Countesswells Avenue and suggested that we clean it as a project, as well as the dirty signage in the area.

Margaret Meikle asked if there is a company who would clean the bus shelter. Martin Greig informed Margaret that the Council does the cleaning.

Margaret Meikle mentioned that news broadcasters make frequent references to young people being jobless. She asked if the Council could do something to employ them.

Martin Greig answered that, potentially, would get them started. It is worth exploring.

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

Date of the Next Meeting
7.00 pm on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 in the Douglas Lounge, Springfield Church.