

## **CRAIGIEBUCKLER AND SEAFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church.

**Welcome** – Aileen welcomed Councillors Claire Imrie, Martin Greig, John Cooke, and Jennifer Stewart; Police Scotland Inspector Ian McKinnon; Community Councillors Aileen Brown, William Sell, Cameron Campbell, Robert Frost, Ainsley Mitchell, Dana Blyth, Karen Reilly and Caroline Walker.

**Apologies** – Apologies were received from Rhona McCallan and Joe McCallan.

**Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 01 August 2017** – Proposed by Robert Frost and seconded by William Sell.

**Police Report** – The police report was given by Inspector Ian McKinnon. There has been very little crime during the reporting period and no crime for this area. There was only one incident of anti social behaviour and it was outside this Community Council boundary. It was caused by kids who had been drinking. They were returned to their parents. This was done to give parents the opportunity to intervene before their children offend. Early intervention with pre-sixteens who have been drinking and playing music will prevent their behaviour from becoming a bigger problem

Inspector McKinnon advised us to keep 'phoning in if we have problems caused by youngsters who are behaving in an anti social manner because it helps the police to have early intervention. It is not intended to criminalise kids.

In the Western Road area there was a theft from a motor vehicle. Therefore the advice is to lock your vehicle to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

This area compares favourably with neighbouring areas in respect of low crime.

Doors get tried at night by criminals. But doors that are always locked don't get targeted.

There is a downturn in the amount of acquisitive crime across the West End.

Police officers are patrolling around schools at drop off and pick up times.

Inspector McKinnon also gave advice about how to contact the Police.

**Matters Arising from Meeting of 01 August 2017:** Choked drain on Seafield Drive West - Since our last meeting Councillor Cooke has arranged for the drain to be cleared. The brander height is to be reset in 2 to 3 months' time.

Rogue parking on single yellow line on Craigiebuckler Avenue, opposite the hairdresser's and the entrance to the Springfield Road Co-op. -

William reported that, in an email, he complained to the Wardens about the frequency of rogue parking at this location. Photographs of vehicles parked on the yellow line were attached to the email. Aileen commented on the lack of traffic wardens.

**Correspondence:** Emailed request by The Gordon Highlander's Museum for funding - A decision on this request was deferred to this meeting. William asked if we can make a donation and if so, how much shall we donate? Aileen commented that the museum has lost revenue from oil related functions.

Councillor Grieg informed the meeting that the museum's planned construction of a WW1 trench has just come on to the planning list. Councillor Cooke mentioned fund raising events by museum. Councillor Imrie said that they were trying to promote the hire of their function room. Councillor Greig said that they would be pleased with a gesture of support. Perhaps they may clarify if there is anything we could support them with. We should go and see them when we agree to a sum.

Aileen proposed that we visit the museum and present a cheque for £100.

The proposal was seconded by Dana. There being no amendments, the motion was carried.

Noise from the Dandara construction site. - Robert explained that this can be reported via the Council website.

**Treasurers Report – Cameron Campbell.**

The current balance carried forward is £943.30. Cameron reported that he and William are registered as signatories. The process was done efficiently by the Bank of Scotland Manager. Cameron advised that there were updates to our business a/c , e.g., changes to unpaid item fees. Further changes were explained. There is a 23% charge for unauthorised borrowing.

Aileen thanked Cameron for taking the role of Treasurer. Aileen then advised that we use our grant to to its full extent.

Cameron informed the meeting that the annual accounts had been accepted by the Council. We received a grant £852 for the current financial year. Payment was made on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

It is anticipated that our donation towards the costs of the Christmas lights will be £300. The subject of local Christmas festivities are to be be put on the agenda for our October meeting.

**Planning Officer's Report and Planning Matters – Robert Frost**

The first item on the report was the proposed 81 bedroom care home planned for the North end of the Dandara site. Councillor Greig informed the meeting that a drainage assessment was required. A request for additional information had also been made to Council Officers prior to the application being submitted for consideration by the Planning Committee. Councillor Stewart asked for site visit. The Committee had agreed that Planning Officers did not have sufficient information on drainage.

Councillor Stewart asked for the site visit be deferred until the information was available.

Councillor Stewart questioned whether the age limit of 55 for retirement homes would continue to apply if they were inherited. Caroline explained, from professional experience, that the age limit for their occupation remains in the events of resale and death, etc. Tenants renting them have to be over 55.

Zone B is now opened up. The site is being cleared for infrastructure. Dandara are still still digging up faulty drains.

Ainsley commented that the poor state of the north retention pond on the Dandara site will render it unable cope when there is heavy rain.

Weekly planning list – Gordon Highlander Museum's planning application to construct a replica World War 1 trench near the bridge over the burn.- The plan was discussed.

Rubislaw care home – works on protected trees. Pruning work is to be carried out on one tree which is overhanging a garden. Aileen asked for clarification on the situation with a dangerous tree on the lane adjacent to Johnson Gardens which is not council owned.

There is an application to work on a protected beech tree in Macaulay Drive, i.e., pruning. Martin explained that a decision will be taken by planning officials. The tree belongs to a private householder.

Robert is to find out about the above mentioned trees and report back at next meeting.

**Forum for Members of the Public.** - There were no members of the public in attendance.

**A.O.C.B.** - Dana mentioned the eventual phasing out of petrol and diesel cars and asked what is being done about increasing the number charging points. Councillor Cooke replied that a bill to that effect will come through the Scottish Parliament. Dana suggested that a charging point could be located at Johnson gardens.

The Community Health Partnership. - Aileen explained that meetings on this subject started about 5 years ago in the Townhouse. Now, suddenly, this is law.

Aileen initially attended meeting at Caimhill School, but it was irrelevant to our part of the city. She also attended another at Woodend. The West of city areas are Coulter Beildside, Cults and Queen's Cross. Aileen attended a meeting last week at Cults Academy. There is so much going on at the Partnership – for instance, tackling the problems associated with bed blocking. There is not much we can do until things

things settle down.

In many areas there is a lot going on, but Craigiebuckler is forgotten about. Waiting times for hospital admissions are a problem by slowing up care because of delayed hospital discharges. There is a need for some activities for the elderly. Care in the community is more problematic because VSA has a closed home at Kingsgate. Aileen will report back on her attendance at future meetings. Her report highlighted the amount of single elderly people in this area who are socially isolated.

Dana commented that this has been well recognised as a big problem in the area and something has to be done about it. Aileen said that this situation is unique to this area. Cameron asked if we could 'piggy back' into the facilities of neighbouring areas. Dana said that they may have a problem with the capacity of their facilities. Cameron then suggested that we could look at how some of the neighbouring parishes facilitate socialising for the elderly.

Councillor Stewart advised us to incorporate what everyone has said about tackling isolation, particularly in relation to Christmas.

It was agreed that there is a need to identify our socially isolated elderly residents so that they can benefit from the Christmas festivities and other regular community social events.

**Next Meeting.** - Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Douglas Lounge, Craigiebuckler Church Hall.