**Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council**

**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Tuesday 5th December 2023**

**Present.**

William Sell (WS), Cameron Campbell (CC), Robert Frost (RF), Karen Reilly (KR), Craig Melville (CM), Keith Watson (KW), Margaret Meikle (MM), Dana Blyth (DB)

Councillor Martin Greig (MG), Councillor Ken McLeod (KM).

**Apologies.**

Councillor John Cooke, Jane Ormerod

**Police Report.**

Sergeant Ricky Burr was unable to attend. His emailed report was forwarded by WS to all members.

**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of 7th November 2023.**

The minutes were adopted on a proposal by CC, seconded by RF.

**Treasurer’s Report.**

CC reported a bank balance of £653.38 which is below the £1000.00 threshold stipulated by ACC fir the end of January ‘24.

There was the following expenditure in November which had been agreed during the November CSCC meeting:

* £110.00 for the Bon Accord Silver Band
* £100.00 towards Craigiebuckler Church’s Christmas tree.
* £100.00 towards Craigiebuckler Seniors Club’s Christmas Party on 2nd December.
* £300.00 towards the costs associated with the installation of Festive Season lights on Springfield Road.

It was agreed after some discussion that the CC should purchase dispensers for dog waste bags at the cost of £30-£35.00.

**Correspondence.**

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

He drew attention to the invitation to the AC Heritage Trust Annual Lecture on the evening of 12th December for anyone wishing to attend.

**Matters arising from the Virtual Meeting of 7th November 2023**

Setting up Instagram and X accounts to promote contact with more residents: -

CM reported that this would be completed on 6th December 2023.

**Planning Officer’s Report.**

Figment application for a major variation to their license to sell alcohol: -

It was confirmed that WS had responded on behalf of CSCC supporting the application as agreed at the last meeting in November and MG confirmed that it had been approved by the ACC Planning Committee on 30th November 2023.

RF provided a screen-shared summary of planning applications that had been issued since the last meeting.

* Rubislaw Park Care Home – Tree Work associated with 26 protected trees of various species.
* James Hutton Institute

There was extensive discussion about the planned extension to the James Hutton Institute. This is an extension to the existing building with a deadline of Friday 1st December for a letter of representation to be submitted. RF confirmed that the request for an extension to 11th December had been granted.

An aerial photograph, drawings and an artist’s rendering were shared with attendees. Opinions were mixed on whether the proposed extension was sympathetic to the existing buildings (no unified look) and in-keeping with the architecture in the area. It was also highlighted that the flat roof could attract nesting seagulls.

However, on balance, it was agreed that the CSCC would have no objections to what is being proposed and WS would write to confirm this and request confirmation that adequate provision would be made to avoid nesting birds.

**Matters for Discussion with Ward Councillors.**

* James Hutton Notice Boards – RF highlighted that the new Notice Boards could be utilised by CSCC for posters, Minutes etc. CM confirmed that he had already provided information to the JH Reception when he, WS and KW met with Alistair Cox during the summer, but it had obviously not happened.

MG confirmed that he would follow up with Alistair Cox

* CC raised the question of the big wooden fence next to the Nursery/Cunningham Building. He questioned whether planning permission was required.

MG agreed to follow-up and check that the necessary consent (if required) is in-place.

* RF asked about the Footpath Survey results.

CM agreed to share these.

* CC highlighted that the markings on the mixed-use path (pedestrians and cyclists) between Craigiebuckler Drive and Macauley Drive were confusing. After some discussion it was agreed that it would have been better if the lanes had been segregated i.e. one for pedestrians and one for cyclists. This can be reviewed as part of the 1st year of operation review.
* CC mentioned that there is potentially a site drainage issue which has been raised by Braeside residents.

MG agreed to follow-up to establish the reasons for the delay.

* Joint Treetops and Braeside Developments by Malcolm Allan – MG confirmed that the legal aspects were still being ironed out. He also confirmed that Malcolm Allan would be obligated as part of the planning consent to do something for the community. This can be followed-up once the legal aspects have been concluded and planning permission granted (or otherwise).

**A.O.C.B.**

There being no further business, WS thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

**Date of Next Meeting.** Tuesday 6th February 2024 – commencing online at 7.00 pm.