

Old Aberdeen Community Council ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 17th March 2015 @ 7.30 p.m.
Old Aberdeen Townhouse

MINUTES

1. **Present:** - Gordon Mutch (Deputy Chair), George Wood, Dewi Morgan, Christine Burgess, Cllr. Ramsey Milne, Cllr. Jim Noble, Alan Wight (UoA), Jenny Waters (A.U.S.A.), Emily Beever (A.U.S.A.), Paul Foy and a local resident.

Apologies: - Isobel Aitken, Simon Baker, Trevor Stack, Lekky Shepherd and Cllr. Ross Grant

In the absence of the Chairman, Gordon Mutch assumed the Chair.

2. **Previous Minutes:** - The Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting (previously circulated) were reviewed without. The Minutes were then proposed by George Wood and seconded by Gordon Mutch.
3. **Chairman's Report**
The Chairman's report was read by the Deputy Chair.

Old Aberdeen Community Council Annual Report – March 2015 (Year from January - December 2014)

Meetings

The Community Council met throughout the year on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Old Town House. OACC was also represented on the City's Community Council Forum which met mostly bi-monthly and on the Civic Forum. As such we also had input into city-wide issues and had a forum to highlight our issues which may be of wider concern.

From time to time our Aberdeen City Council elected members have attended and given us updates. Karen Riddoch, the Community Council Liaison Officer, attended our May meeting.

Representatives from Aberdeen University gave us updates on Student Accommodation; the Butchart development; the University's interest in joining discussion re. Seaton Park, and the Pre-Application Consultation on the proposed Science Block at the corner of Bedford Road and St Machar Drive.

Cllr Ross Grant and architect George Douglas gave a presentation on the future use of Wallace Tower. Historic Scotland will be happy with the minimalistic extension!

Gordon Mutch attended 'Remembrance Sunday' at Schoolhill as our official representative.

Newsletter and Web-site

Keeping in contact with our local community is a key priority and much of the year's business centred around reviewing and commenting on the community planning issues; Seaton Park; the Character Appraisal for Old Aberdeen, and HMO issues in Old Aberdeen. A number of residents have commented on the quality and informative articles of the Newsletter.

Further information on planning issues affecting Old Aberdeen and other local news is published on our web-site www.oldaberdeen.org.uk.

OACC had a very enlightening talk from Dr Neil Curtis, Curator and Head of the Museum. Aberdeen University has the 5th largest collection in Scotland (National Audit, 2002).

Housing, Multiple Occupancy (HMOS)

Discussion continued to take place throughout the year regarding the huge rise in applications for multiple occupancies. The OACC has worked tirelessly on this, assisting individual residents and in the general community. It continues to be a major issue for the OACC.

Old Aberdeen Conservation Area Appraisal

In April, Dunbar Hall hosted a drop-in session on the Draft Appraisal Report. Unfortunately, flaws have been cited throughout. We hope to have a 'good outcome'.

Policing

We had a regular monthly report from Police Scotland officers, who are based at Tillydrone Police Station. They have a presence at Freshers Week and when staffing permits, the police are continuing to implement 'Operation Rowan'. Our local officers from Police Scotland are informative and ready to engage with local issues.

Friends of Seaton Park

The City Council supported the creation of a Friends of Seaton Park and a webpage and facebook page has been hosted to support their activities. This group will ensure that ACC will continue to take good care of the park. The group held a very successful Cake Fest in Dunbar Hall.

There was extensive discussion regarding the flooding in Seaton Park. This is clearly an ongoing problem which OACC is keen to keep under review.

And lastly a thank you

Thanks to all the members of the Community Council, who willingly gave up their time to read documents, attend meetings, write letters, and distribute the newsletters. We are definitely making a difference.

Isobel M. Aitken
Chairman

The meeting moved that the reference to "Operation Rowan" should be clarified.
This is the ongoing Police Scotland operation aimed at detecting motorists who misuse the bus gate at the south entrance to High Street.

The report was then approved by the meeting.

4. **Treasurer's Report** (appended)
The Treasurer reviewed his report and this was accepted by the Members present.
5. **Confirmation of Auditor**
The continuing appointment of the current auditor was accepted by the Members present.
6. **A.O.C.B.**
No other business was raised.
7. The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Old Aberdeen Community Council

Accounts 1st January 2014 - 31st December 2014

Income

Grant from Aberdeen City Council	847.27	£847.25
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Expenditure

Web hosting	79.95	
Domain names	16.76	
Information Commission	35.00	
Newsletter printing	692.00	
photocopying	25.00	
	<hr/>	£848.71

deficit for year -£1.46

Opening balance 1st January 2014 £726.16

Closing balance 31st December 2014 £724.70

-£1.46


Gordon Mutch
Treasurer
Old Aberdeen Community Council


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