

Old Aberdeen Community Council

Minute of the meeting held on **Tuesday 11th December, 2012** at Old Aberdeen Town House, Old Aberdeen.

1. Present

Isobel Aitken (Chair), Christine Burgess, Dewi Morgan (Newsletter Ed & Website), Lekky Shepherd, George Wood.

Also Present

Cllr Ramsay Milne, PC Ryan Harrison (Grampian Police), Jacinta Birchley (Resident).

Apologies

Trevor Stack, Gordon Mutch, Cllr Jim Noble

2. Minute of November Meeting and Matters Arising

IA welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. There were a few slight adjustments and the minutes were subsequently adopted (prop'd CB, sec'd LS)

3. Police update

PC Ryan Harrison presented the police update with tables showing the number and breakdown of Storm incidents and Crimefile offences for 20.11.2012 – 11.12.2012 for Old Aberdeen (+Woodside and Tillydrone) and Froghall. These were compared with tables for the same period for 2011. The Storm incidents (Motorcycle, drugs/substance misuse, fires and public nuisance) recorded for Old Aberdeen were zero, compared with 5 for the comparable period of 2011. The figures for Woodside and Tillydrone were also much reduced. Froghall figures were down by one from 8 to 7. The Crimefile offence figures were halved for Old Aberdeen, three (of vandalism) as opposed to six in 2011. Detection for these was ongoing. The crimefile figures for Froghall were also down (17 to 8) half of these had been detected. Vandalism and drug offences were the principle ones.

Operation Rowan has been ongoing for monitoring the ignoring of traffic lights at the College Bounds end of the High St. This is moving into the enforcement phase when tickets will be issued. Rush-hour will be targeted, as will the weekend period particularly the end of football matches.

GW raised the recent problems of parking in the Mosque area when a funeral was taking place. LPD Kittybrewster will raise this.

IA thanked PC Harrison for his contribution.

4. New OACC and co-option

The new OACC and office bearers were approved. Co-options were deferred until the next meeting.

5. Planning Matters

Planning Applications DM presented a list and status of the ongoing planning applications:

121695	Balgownie Hall Cottage, Don Street. Remove 2 Sycamore, 1 Fir	Open for comments until 24/12
121587	90 High St. Change of use from police station to shop. Big Manny Barbers Ltd, Mr Philip Adams	Pending [OACC no objections Nov 2012]
121347	Hanging sign outside 25 High St – Chaplaincy Centre	Approved
120998	Noticeboard outside Lidl. Application closed in July	Pending
120946	34-36 St Peter St. Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site to provide student residential studio accommodation.	Pending
120165	Extension – 29 St Machar Drive	OACC objected. Ignored. Approved
120477 120516	Creation of garage, extensions and refurb – Chaplain’s Court – 20 Chanonry	Revised 29/11 for comments
111465	22-24 St Peter St. Proposed 28-unit flatted development on site of existing industrial premises, builder’s yard and vacant land.	Pending

- a) [120165] 29, St Machar Drive: A letter expressing OACC’s concern over a precedent being set by approval of this development has still to be sent. LS to draft for approval **[Action]**.
- b) [120477; 120516] 20 Chaplains Court: revised application for house alterations and garage plus traffic calming island. There was continued discussion of the provision for a traffic calming island and bollard in the Chanonry. DM advised that the road in this area is unadopted and has enquired again what is the legal position with regards the island and bollard for an unadopted road.

JB asked when amendments had been made to a planning application when did updates of these appear on the website. There appears to be no required time-scale to cover the posting of amended applications.

6. Treasurer’s Report

As the new Treasurer (TS) was absent [in Africa] IA reported in his stead to the committee. The current balance remains at £514.70. The lump sum coming to the CC from ACC will alter slightly this year as the new boundaries mean the per capita sum will change.

7. Reports of Other Meetings

Friends of Seaton Park (FoSP) had held two sessions of bulb planting. These Bulbathons were attended by a few hardy individuals planting in the Rock Garden area and the Walled Garden.

The Community Council Forum met in the City Town House. The Protocol between the City and the CCs was discussed. This still awaits (after 4 years) signing off by Chief Executive. Response time for consultations has veered from 6 to 2 weeks whilst the Scottish Document guidelines recommend 12 weeks.

21 out of 30 CCs are active. Froghall and Craigiebuckler are trying to reform. The Association of CCs is now defunct. CC pages on the Aberdeen City website do not exist at the moment. New pages should be up soon.

The Civic Forum meets quarterly and its next meeting is in February. A representative from

OACC to attend this will be decided at the January meeting.

8. Correspondence

Aberdeen City Council: copies of the Community Council Handbook had been received.

9. AOCB

i) Advocates Road. First Bus have adopted this road and placed double yellow lines there with the apparent intention of issuing tickets. Some local objections had been raised. JB will monitor developments for OACC.

ii) Aberdeen City Strategic Development Plan (for the City and Shire) has been approved and goes out for consultation. August is the date for final approval.

iii) There was some discussion on the Third Don Crossing and the Labour group's opposition to the current proposals.

iv) Concern was expressed as to the state of pavements in the recent icy weather, in particular the stretch of St Machar Drive from Bede House Court down to the Post Office. Secretary (TS) to write/email Hugh Murdoch with concerns about this, with copies to the warden of Bede House Court. **[Action]**

v) Irene Henderson had been thanked at the November meeting for her work of minute taking. It was decided that IA should purchase a £30 John Lewis token and flowers as a further mark of thanks **[Action]**

10. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Old Aberdeen Community Council will take place at Old Aberdeen Town House on Tuesday 15th January.