

Old Aberdeen Community Council

Minute of Meeting

20th September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Old Town House

Sederunt: Christine Burgess (Chair), Dewi Morgan, Hilda Mears, George Wood, Gordon Mutch, Simon Barker, WPC Rhona Davie (Police).

Apologies: Isobel Aitken, Trevor Stack

1. The Meeting was opened with a welcome from the Chair.
2. The minute of the previous meeting was approved with typographical corrections – proposed by Gordon Mutch & seconded by Dewi Morgan.
3. Matters arising:
 - a. Professor Rodgers was noted to be the new community liaison with the University
 - b. ACC had been contacted with regard to Seaton Park playground and the new rough wood chippings on the surface and broken swinger and swing.
 - c. A minutes secretary is still sought with an honorarium of £30 per meeting
4. Police update
 - a. With regret it was noted that the High St office had now closed and officers are based in Tillydrone.
 - b. It was noted that the issue of cyclists using High St contra the one-way system due to ambiguous signage was referred to the Council roads dept.
 - c. Although crime stats were available for most of the area, sunnybank figures are still missing.
 - d. OACC asked the police to reemphasise the ‘safe route’ to Hillhead for students – ie avoiding Seaton Park at night.
5. Planning
 - a. The CPZ was noted to be up and running but yellow lines were of poor quality
 - b. 3rd Don crossing – Gordon had attended a meeting where compulsory purchase orders had been considered. Gordon would contact Angus for the University since they had not been represented at the meeting.
 - c. The application for a bus turning circle had been objected to as it was unnecessary
 - d. Extra parking bays on Elphinstone Rd were for disabled. It was unclear why the original library application had not included sufficient provision.
 - e. An objection to 2 flats on Orchard St was pending on grounds of scale.
 - f. It was noted that the AURIS building roof profile had been altered without planning process so far as we are aware – this would be checked with the planners.

6. Roads
 - a. Dual-flow operating at College Bounds/University Road jcn for freshers week causing confusion again. This is despite Roads Dept assuring us this would not happen again.
 - b. Concern raised about sets on High St – not laid properly and verging on dangerous in places. Assurance to be sought that this historical corridor would not be ‘tarmaced’.
7. Sunnybank Park – Hilda updated that recent AGM went well
8. Treasurers report – noted £585.83 in the account, further details deferred in absence of treasurer.
9. Hilda informed us of an informative exhibition on Hiroshima at Central library
10. Grampian Senior Citizens Forum meets monthly at Portland club – details from Hilda
11. Fotprints Aberdeen – an organisation to help older folk with internet access was noted
12. Newsletter
 - a. Articles sought
 - b. DM to coordinate
13. Meeting closed