

Old Aberdeen Community Council

Tuesday 23rd October 2007
The Old Town House
7.25 for 7.30 p.m.

Minutes

1. Apologies: Simon Barker, Morag Paterson, David Hutchinson, Cllrs Collie and Richardson. *Richardson*
2. Minutes of September meeting were passed with the amendment that the "garage" at Orchard cottage was been 'withdrawn'

Matters arising:

- agreed that clarification needed on what exactly a controlled parking zone (CPZ) was and now this differed from Residents' Parking –
Action: explore possibility of speaker from Council at next meeting
 - Street lighting in the High Street – question as to whether anyone had seen the proposed new lighting or been consulted.
Action: contact Allan Adam to have more information about design and schedule of work
3. Neighbourhood Networks - update by Keith Patterson originally the networks were about bringing together community representatives and front-line representatives. Now there are four key partners in the neighbourhood planning process: community representatives, elected members, operational staff such as the police and tasking group, the senior managers from City Council, all of whom will be involved in moving neighbourhood planning forward. Keith stressed the key role of community councils in representing local people. He then had to leave but urged us to decide on our neighbourhood priorities and submit them in time for the Central Area's Priorities Event to be held on Tuesday, 30th October. Christine to submit and attend.
 4. University update: none this month
 5. Police update:
Results of University Road/College Bounds junction monitoring
17 – 23 Sept: 485 cars or motorbikes cautioned between 7.45 am and 6 pm
1 – 7 October: 170 fixed penalties of £30
Subsequent vehicle monitoring over 3 day period indicated 300 infringements
Over past month sneak thefts up.
Sgt Bruce presented his thinking on what could be done to increase safety in the area in terms of intelligence, prevention and enforcement, and asked for suggestions. University agreed to work with him There are proposals for increased patrols.

- 6 Planning update
Nothing to report – sign for Machar Bar OK
- 7 Treasurer's report – same sum in the bank
Agreed to postpone update on Dunbar Hall and our contribution to the refurbishment until next meeting.
8. Correspondence
 - a. Remembrance Sunday
 - b. Chief Executive's Report
 - c. Acknowledgement of our letter re New Library
 - d. Aberdeen Local Housing Strategy 2006 – 2011
 - e. Scotland's Living Landscapes – report from the Scottish Landscape Forum
9. Discussion and decision on the priorities to be submitted:
 - provide more high quality CCTV and more police patrols
 - retain the presence of St Peter's Primary School within the neighbourhood and within the existing neighbourhood and community boundaries
 - improve public transport service to this area and increase investment in it
 - develop Dunbar Street Hall into a Community Centre for our Old Aberdeen community
 - recognise and build on the cultural heritage of Old Aberdeen

City-wide: No to the Third Don Crossing
- 10 Date of next meeting" Tuesday 20th November 2007