

# Old Aberdeen Community Council

Tuesday 22nd January 2008

## Minutes of the meeting

Present: Christine Burgess, Simon Barker, Isobel Aitken, Graham Abraham, Cllrs Noble and Robertson, Shaunaugh Kirby, Dewi Morgan, Helen Rushmore, Hamish Mackay  
Apologies: Cllr Collie, Angela Fraser, Gordon Mutch, Morag Paterson, PC Steven MacKenzie, Angus Donaldson

Minutes of December meeting

The University requested that the wording "University to put in £500,000 towards the CPZ" be changed to "University anticipating in-putting in the region of £500,000 towards the CPZ."

Matters arising

**CPZ** – Doug Ritchie now coming next month – after the meeting with the University on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan and the councillors on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan.

### Street Lighting

1. Report on the Don Street Walkthrough on 4<sup>th</sup> December.  
A full and detailed report indicating the lighting required and the areas of trees and vegetation that required cutting back. SB acknowledged this was in the interests of safety but requested that this should be sensitively handled. Cllrs had been active and Darren to meet with Head Lighting Engineer and Head of Road to discuss report and the improvements.
2. Christine reported on walkabout in High Street 19<sup>th</sup> December  
No changes to what was proposed. However lighting to be changed only in College Bounds and High Street. The Chanonry on the horizon but not at the moment. Elphinstone Road and other side streets not included. David Manzie agreed to review lighting in the University owned areas after High Street completed. Shields to be requested by residents in 1 and 5 High Street for the new lighting in Meston Walk.

### Neighbourhood Network Conference 12/12/07

Christine had attended this all day conference and indicated the seven top priorities for the city – safety, homes, children, learning, environment, locality planning and transport. Civic Forum Lead Group had written with concerns re day-time scheduling of this event.

### Reminder about Traffic meeting on 1 February.

Christine reported she had written on behalf of OACC to Andrew Stokes at the City Council supporting the University's request for the no 20 to extend to the bus/rail station. Acknowledgement received.  
20 mph speed limits on College Bounds, University Road, Orchard Road Orchard Place, Orchard Walk, Spital Walk and Spital. Speed cushions to be established on University Road and Orchard Road.

Shell Community Fund

CB had written to see if possible to have monies for web-site based news. No reply yet from Dave Valentine.

Final Draft Aberdeen Local Transport Strategy

Strongly worded copy of letter re the above received from Milltimber, Cults and Bieldside CC very concerned re lack of planning, deadlines etc. Clive to review and write. CB pointed out that Civic Forum had also written along similar lines.

### 3. University update

Meeting with Doug Ritchie re CPZ Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. Momentum to be kept up on safety, lighting, traffic and no 20.  
Toilets on the High Street are not the responsibility of the University.

### 4 Police update

An upturn in sneak thefts. Patrols identified almost 30 ground floor student flats with open windows. Warning leaflets were left. Plain clothes patrols augmented from forces elsewhere in the city in operation as well as on-going high visibility strategy.

### 5 Planning update

Nothing to report Reply had been received re Clive's letter re Planning putting plans on the web. Nothing possible imminent – possibly problem of size.

Proposed modifications to the finalized local Aberdeen plan now available for inspection in hard copy, on CD or on the Council's web-site.. Consultative Core paths – plans for the area looked at. Graham concerned about possible widespread tarmacking of these paths to make them disabled friendly. He had contacted relevant office in Council – they had been unable to tell him the proposed surface outside Netherdon. Graham to keep OACC informed.

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### 6 Dunbar Hall

Quotes are being obtained and they are going to start with the kitchen. They are getting Council backing.

### 7 Web-site

Dewi slowly taking over the mechanics of the site. Domain name re-registered.

### 8 Treasurer's report

£1808.19 in bank after latest invoices settled.  
General agreement that we needed to spend some of this quickly so that we would not lose it. Possible projects to be earmarked for future spending this year to safeguard the money. Bede House Court? Children's events? Word festival? Decision to be taken next month.

### 9 Correspondence

Invitation to the garden party at Holyrood – Christine to attend.

### 10 AOCB

Cllr Collie pursuing Town House bells

Date of next meeting : 19 February 2008

