

Old Aberdeen Community Council

Tuesday 17th June 2008

Minutes

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Present: Christine Burgess, Simon Barker, Isobel Aitken, Graham Abraham, David Hutchison, Clive Kemp, Cllr Noble, Robertson, Peter Reid, Dr Trevor Stack, Angus Donaldson, Keith Patterson, Dewi Morgan

Apologies: Morag Paterson, Gordon Mutch, Cllr Collie, Professor Gane, Shaunagh Kirby, Helen Rushmore

1. Minutes of May meeting were approved

1. Matters arising:

June 11th application for relevant demolition at 21-23 High Street to render the building safe has been submitted. We have 21 days from 11th June for representation. CB to write.

CB had rung and emailed police to make contact to ensure presence at the meeting but no response.

TS and IA attended the Neighbourhood Network meeting on May 29. It was a well attended and well run meeting though dominated by matters arising in Seaton and Tillydrone, particularly relating to drugs misuse and rehabilitation.

CB had talked to Steven Shaw regarding the Old Aberdeen walk which is to take place on Friday at 9.30 a.m. Councillors to report back.

CB had written re Haudagain consultation and the three options re-stating that all three options were subject to a Third Don Crossing and had received an email response from Ken Neil at the City Council. There was a brief discussion and general agreement that this was the Third Don Crossing by the back door.

IA distributed the year end Jan – Dec 2007 financial statement and we are in a healthy financial state.

Community Council Code of Conduct needs to be looked at over the summer as our response to the Scottish Government is due by 1 August

2. University update

Fraser Noble – working on-going and we will soon begin to see an improvement in this building. AD reassured that the green open space will be re-instated. CB raised the question of the plans and elevation and AD and CB to look at once the work is finished.

Sports Centre – on target – swimming pool endorsed subject to Court approval.

Crown Tower – work on-going and AD issued an invitation to OACC to climb the tower and view the work.

University Nursery Provision – feasibility study underway concerning potential physical replacement. No decision as yet.
Reminder about City Heritage Trust lecture on Tuesday 24 June
No update on University Road/College Bounds junction – CB reminded everyone it was on the reserve list. AD to email Alan Whyte.
New Carnegie Court will be completed in time for the new intake.
Interest has been shown in the University shop as a potential small coffee shop. Matters will have moved on within the next 4 weeks.
CPZ : still with the Council – AD re-iterated that a fair and reasonable sum had been put on the table.
Dunbar Hall – no decision had been taken – still land-banked.
Marischal College – revised plans for rear car park at St Nicholas House.

3. Police update

No representation.

4. Neighbourhood Planning and Engagement: Old Aberdeen Plan

Keith had prepared a more discursive plan this time round though it was not complete. Simon had reduced all the categories to four major themes: Community, Conservation, Traffic Management and Safety to which CB had added Health and Environment. KP was given SB's more thematic schema

Draft Structure Plan is due to be published and distributed shortly with a consultation period of 6 – 9 weeks. This was regarded as insufficient with it being over the summer holiday period. KP to investigate. It will be available in the libraries and on-line.

Reminder that the Consultation on the Berryden Corridor was Wed 18, Thurs 19 , Friday 20 June in the Town House.

5. Planning update

Nothing to report

6. Treasurer's report

Had been covered in matters arising

7. Web-site

Web-site up and running – text and copy needed. Clive to send Dewi weekly planning précis for insertion.

8. Correspondence

letter Charles Lowe Data Protection Act – CB handed to DM
Chapel St Multi storey car park
Invite to Aberdeen City Heritage Trust Annual Lecture 24 June 7 – 9.15

Constitution consultation from Assos of Scottish Community Councils
Minutes of Standing Committees 4/3 – 17/4
Chief Exec's Progress Report
Notification of Tenants' Open Day

9. AOCB

OACC constitution – to be discussed over the summer

David – St Peter's

St Peter's concerned that the school is once again under threat and the Parents' Association is considering producing an Advocacy document to highlight the school's good practice and stay one step ahead. Production costs around £250 and would OACC consider helping with a £150 contribution.

Cllr Robertson suggested that he contact Cllr Jennifer Stewart who would know more about what was planned for the future. OACC gave a reassurance that St Peter's has its full support.

Newsletter and web-site.

DM has drafted a newsletter highlighting the web-site and current issues which is to be finalized and distributed over the summer, possibly in time for the August meeting. CB suggested having making this meeting a more open one and holding it in Dunbar Street Hall with refreshments. CB to check out hall availability.

Core Paths

Graham had been in discussion with Stephen Webley from the Forestry Commission re available funds for the Heritage Walk. This fits in with City Council's core paths. Mr Webley to be invited to August meeting.

Date of next meeting is 19 August 2008.

Venue to be confirmed.