

Old Aberdeen Community Council

Tuesday 20th May 2008

Minutes of the meeting

Present:: Christine Burgess, Simon Barker, Isobel Aitken, Gordon Mutch, Valerie Morgan, Graham McKechnie, Helen Rushmore, Dr Trevor Stack, Arthur Alexander, Peter Reid, Hamish Mackay, Professor Gane, Shaunaugh Kirby, Cllrs Collie, Noble and Robertson

Apologies: Angela Fraser, Morag Paterson, Graham Abraham, David Hutchison Dewi Morgan.

Minutes of April meeting approved subject to Professor Gane's name being corrected and Dewi Morgan being noted as present

Matters arising

- High Street lighting stalled due to present lack of electricians but this is being chased up and work will be completed asap
- Email from Allan Whyte informing us that the installation of a retractable bollard had gone through Central Area Committee and is on the reserve list for the current year

University update

- Successful Word festival "useful addition to cultural scene in Old Aberdeen
- Regional Sports Centre on target
- Exhibitions now being held on middle floor of Old Town House
- New Library – tendering late summer with construction planned to start September 2009
- Plan to move Marischal Museum to the former Clydesdale Bank and therefore planning application to take down the unsafe parts of 21-23 High Street to make safe the building to allow for disabled access
This prompted some lively discussion with regard to the length of time the building has lain derelict and questions were asked as to the long-term plans of the University for this building as well as the other surrounding empty ones
- CPZ – still on-going discussions with regard to cost and scope.
- Sustainable transport strategy has been approved by the Court and the parking charges on University sites will be introduced coinciding with the CPZ

Police update

No representation this month

Neighbourhood Planning and Engagement : Old Aberdeen Plan

Draft document presented which drew on previous 2006 plan, previous priorities from 31 October meeting last year and our recent additions. Members to read and comment and finalise at next meeting

Neighbourhood Network Monitoring Event on 29 May
Isobel and Trevor to attend

Walkabout on 20 June – time to be confirmed (9.30 Fri @ St M's)

Planning

One house extension in Don Street
Police applying for dedicated parking space on High Street outside police station
Haudagain consultation – all 3 options are subject to there being a Third Don Crossing. Christine to write stating objections.
It was decided not to make any representation re Trump application

Treasurer's report

Accounts have been audited and are in order.
Statements available at next meeting.

Web-site

With many thanks to Dewi, Old Aberdeen web-site is now up and running with Community Council business as one major section
www.oldaberdeen.org.uk

Correspondence

EcoCity Awards
Notice of Intention to Adopt the Local Plan
Consultation on Draft Model Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils and code of conduct for Community Councillors
Neighbourhood Network Event 29 May 2008
Review of Community Councils' Development Programme
Draft Refreshed Community Plan
Consultation on the Education Amendment Bill 2008

AOCB

Nothing to report at the moment on Dunbar Street Hall

Conservation Area Maintenance Guide received from East Ayrshire Council. It was agreed some kind of similar handbook would be very useful for Old Aberdeen and this could be a future project.

Date of next meeting : 17 June 2008