

Old Aberdeen Community Council

Tuesday 15th January 2013 at 7.30 pm

Old Aberdeen Town House

Minutes

1. Present: Isobel Aitken (chair), George Wood, Gordon Mutch, Dewi Morgan, Jacinta Birchley, Christine Burgess, Cllr Ramsay Milne, Trevor Stack (minutes); Apologies: Simon Barker, Lekky Shepherd, Ross Grant, Abdul Latif

2. Minute of December Meeting and Matters Arising: Proposed GW and seconded DM.

Under Matters Arising, CB proposed emailing Hugh Murdoch to request that the stretch of St Machar Drive from Bede House Court down to the Post Office should be gritted.

[Action: TS to send email]

3. Police Update: PC Hugh Elder

Reads out statistics provided for Old Aberdeen.

JB asks about Operation Rowan: several tickets have been issued, and will continue until end of February.

4. Seaton Park: flooding and other issues

CB reports unprecedented flooding and asks to be brought to Council's attention. RM agrees to look into possibility of Common Good funding and flood-specific funding, as well as requesting survey of flooding in Seaton Park. RM argues that flooding problem across City is due to weather but GM points out that likely to be problem with field drains since getting progressively worse. DW reports that Friends of Seaton Park have flagged as priority and will be pursuing. CB suggests raising as health and safety issue.

[Action: RM]

5. Third Don Crossing: update

GM requests update on Council's position from RM. RM states that discussions still ongoing and Labour group is still investigating alternative options, although acknowledges that only 19 votes now opposed out of 43 and that it would be difficult to obtain sufficient funding for alternative project at this stage. GM and CB regret that property-owner was denied funding for legal action against expropriation of property. CB also notes that OACC have previously noted lack of roads on this side of Don to feed the bridge at the proposed site; RM agrees that would shift traffic problem to this side of Don. GW observes that delaying the decision is only likely to make the final project more expensive.

6. Planning Matters

34-36 St Peter Street: JB reports that, after original objection, developers have not returned with revised plans.

20 Chanonry: JB reports that Planning have asked if OACC would withdraw objection if bollard and step-out are removed from plan; OACC agrees. CB requests that OACC is notified if any further changes.

[Action DW/JB]

JB reported concerns to Planning about the ongoing works in ex-St Margarets on Spital; Planning director has since visited the site and noted a number of issues, which Planning will pursue. CB asks JB to request that Duncan McGregor checks whether elm trees, currently marked with X, are to be felled.

[Action JB]

7. Treasurer's Report

GM notifies of single expense during month (on flowers).

8. Reports of Other Meetings

No meetings to report.

IA asks for volunteers to sit on Community Council Forum and Civic Forum.

Community Council Forum: DW notes that OACC can have 4 representatives (of which 2 votes). DW to continue attending CCF unless others wish to attend.

Civic Forum: DW notes that we are entitled to 3 representatives – GW agrees to attend February meeting if in Aberdeen. IA to contact ACC about date.

[Action IA]

9. Correspondence

- a. DW forwarded email from Aberdeen Kayak Club to Friends of Seaton to seek funding to replace the storage containers with a more permanent and secure alternative, extend the work already done on pathways and access to the water, and repair/stabilise the river banks on both sides of the channel where the slalom course is located.
- b. Keep Scotland Beautiful sent letter advertising grants for reducing carbon footprints.
- c. OACC's certificate of insurance has been received.
- d. Invitation to Artist Talk & Discussion on 19 January.
- e. Request to nominate couple to attend Garden Party on 2 July: Agreed that DM and partner to be nominated. [Action TS]

10. Date and Venue for January meeting

7.30 pm on 3rd Tuesday of February in Townhouse

11. AOCB

CB raises possibility of additional OACC members: IA to contact James Martin to ask if still wants to be co-opted, and to ask Hazel Christie for contact details.

[Action IA]

GW asks RM to inform on 6-month consultation on CPZ. OACC agree that GW to contact city wardens to invite to report at next meeting.

[Action RM and GW]

RM notifies that Buildings of Multiple Occupancy Report will come forward in May.

IA to invite Prof Rodger to March or April OACC meeting to get update from University.

[Action IA]