

Old Aberdeen Community Council

Tuesday 17th September 2013 at 7.30 pm

New King's 7

(New King's is the building which faces King's College Chapel
across Elphinstone Lawn in the University)

Minutes

1. Present: Isobel Aitken (Chair), James Martin, George Wood, Dewi Morgan, Gordon Mutch, Lekky Shepherd, Trevor Stack (Minutes), PC Kirsty Macdonald, Lidia Revello de Toro. Apologies: Simon Barker, Christine Burgess, Abdul Latif, Sgt. Brian Murray
2. Minute of August Meeting (attached) and Matters Arising
 - Minute approved by GM and seconded by DM.
 - Matters Arising
 - Little heed paid to OACC submission to HMO consultation, noting possible overprovision of HMOs in Old Aberdeen.
 - Awaiting response to letter to University about lighting on sculptures.
 - Lekky has continued to pursue possibility of display boards at Seaton Park with map and information about history and wildlife.
3. Police Update
 - Arrest of men stealing lead from Bank of Scotland.
 - Will be police presence around University during Freshers' Week.
4. Old Aberdeen Conservation Area review (George Wood)
 - GW proposes to add St Peter's Cemetery to Conservation Area.
 - Heritage Society proposes to add area north of St Machar Drive between Dunbar Street and King Street, but OACC has difficulty in seeing merit of proposal.
 - GW proposes removing from Conservation Area the area around Hillhead and bordering on Seaton Park, except for cotton mill by River Don. DM suggests that might be interesting to have separate Conservation Area along banks of Don, including industrial heritage.
 - DM queries point of Conservation Area since mainly only listed buildings are being protected.
 - To return to topic in October meeting.

5. Old Aberdeen Town House change of use (Isobel Aitken)

- IA met with Neil Curtis, director of King's Museum, which is moving into Townhouse. Townhouse room is booked for OACC meetings for rest of year. Museum will be only on ground floor, with museum offices in middle floor, with an educational annexe in old police station.
- Neil Curtis to be invited to January meeting.

6. Planning Matters (George Wood)

- Appeal to Scottish Government lodged with regard to 34/36 St Peters Street.

7. Treasurer's Report

- GM reports no money in or out.

8. Reports of Other Meetings

- GW attended Civic Forum as well as Planning Training course with Jacinta Birchley.

9. Correspondence

- Scottish Fire & Rescue Services will be giving presentation at Townhouse.
- Guide Group looking for project in city – OACC suggested that they could help with Seaton Park.
- Consultation on Litter Free Scotland, due on 27 September.
- Street Audit training event on 8 October.

10. Date and Venue for October meeting

- 7.30 pm on 15 October in Townhouse.
- We look forward to seeing our councillors at our October meeting.

11. AOCB

- GM to write to councillors to draw attention to poor maintenance of graveyard at St Machars Cathedral.
- To ask University whether going to do anything to commemorate WWI centenary, and whether have plans for chimes on King's College Crown Tower.