

Old Aberdeen Community Council

Tuesday 19th February 2013 at 7.30 pm

Old Aberdeen Town House

Minutes

1. Present and Apologies: Isobel Aitken (chair), George Wood, Lekky Shepherd, Dewi Morgan, Trevor Stack (minutes), Cllr Ramsay Milne, Patrick Birchley, Snezhana Shutova, Jack Calvert, PS Bryan Murray, Bill Stewart, Dot Fraser, Eva Cowie; Apologies: Gordon Mutch, Simon Barker, Abdul Latif, Ross Grant, Jim Noble, Christine Burgess, Karen Riddioch, James Martin, Albert Rodger
2. Minute of January Meeting and Matters Arising
 - Proposed GW and seconded DM
 - IA reports that Prof Rodger accepted invitation to March meeting
3. Police Update (and City Wardens)
 - Police sergeant
 - Gives details of few crimes reported in Old Aberdeen.
 - Policy surgery to be held at University Library on 28 Feb.
 - Ross Melton will visit OACC March meeting to talk about Neighbourhood Watch schemes.
 - Operation Rowan (to stop car drivers on High Street) has been very successful.
 - Inspector Forsyth to visit March meeting to explain new structures.
 - City Wardens
 - Explain remit, including attention to dog fouling, illegal drinking, parking etc.
 - Express concern about depth of floodwater in Seaton Park.
4. Position of OACC Planning spokesperson (DM)
 - LS says that can *assist* with planning but, due to changes in work commitments, can no longer take a lead. GW agrees to take responsibility, with assistance from DM.
5. Discussion on ACC web site content for OACC (DM)

DM explains that ACC is encouraging community councils to take responsibility for their section of ACC website. However, since OACC has its own website, DM would prefer just to

use page on ACC website as portal to OACC's own website.

6. Data Protection Act (DM)

DM explains guidelines about holding data.

7. Aberdeen Local Development Plan Scheme (DM)

DM explains that soon to enter consultation period for next Local Development Plan, including workshops to take place in April. Suggests notifying public in next newsletter.

8. ACC budget: relative allocations for Third Don Crossing and Old Aberdeen (GM)

- In response to comment submitted by email by GM, RM explains that, as minuted in last meeting, Labour had insufficient votes to challenge the inclusion of Third Don Crossing in ACC budget. Instead they included the Berryden Corridor in the budget, among other measures designed to alleviate traffic build-up this side of Don.
- GM also asked by email what was assigned in ACC budget to Old Aberdeen. RM will investigate what is included for Old Aberdeen, whether directly or indirectly.

9. Planning Matters

DM reports:

- 35-36 St Peter Street: proposed demolition and redevelopment as student studio accommodation – revised proposal submitted. Resident Patrick Birchley objects on behalf of neighbours on Spital: among other objections, there is lack of amenity for residents (most of site taken up with building); due to height it will overshadow neighbouring gardens; the company has no track record of building student accommodation; may be considering housing temporary workers in the building even though planning application for student accommodation. OACC councillors agree to look at plans on website, prior to deciding whether or not to register concern about a) issues raised by resident, and b) lack of notification from Planning about revised plans – OACC found out because of email from resident.
- 20 Chanonry: OACC withdraws objection to proposed garage since bollard removed from plans.

10. Treasurer's Report

GM gave apologies; IA reports no transactions since last month, and shows statement that will be reviewed by auditor.

11. Reports of Other Meetings

DM reports from Community Council Forum meeting:

- Dawn Bellamy is new Chair
- £15 membership to be refunded by ACC

- Karen Riddioch requested that CCs return insurance certificate – policy to be revised.
- extra CCF meeting scheduled for 28th Feb at 7 pm to discuss new Travellers' site and lack of consultation with community councils
- Draft Protocol still being revised (after 4 years)

12. Correspondence (TS)

- Karen Riddioch is requesting that OACC discuss and confirm its constitution, based on the model CC constitution provided. TS to check how current constitution compares to model constitution, prior to presenting for approval to April meeting.
- In response to email from Janet Stewart (St Peter's School Friend Association), expressing concern about RM explains:
 - ACC concern is primarily with future of other RC schools; consultation is ongoing.
 - In case of St Peter's, likely that temporary solution to over-subscription will be Portakabin-style classroom in playground area, prior to re-accommodating archive and/or laboratories to make room for classrooms.

13. Date and Venue for March meeting

AGM on 15 March at earlier time of 7.15 pm due to heavy agenda.

14. AOCB

- Angus Donaldson to be invited to May meeting to discuss University's strategic plan.
- DM receives Kings' Crescent resident's letter expressing concern about litter, noise pollution and visual aspect of back of First Bus, proposing greenery and other screening. TS to write to First Bus asking for more trees to be planted, as well as inviting general manager to give update on First Bus plans at future OACC meeting.