

Old Aberdeen Community Council

Tuesday 18th August 2015 at 7.30 pm

Old Aberdeen Townhouse

Minutes

1. Present: Isobel Aitken (chair), Trevor Stack (minutes), George Wood, Gordon Mutch, Christine Burgess, Inspector Darren Bruce (Police Scotland), Alan Wight (UoA), Genna Clarke (AUSA)

Apologies: Dewi Morgan, Simon Barker, Cllr. Ross Grant, Cllr. Ramsay Milne, Cllr. Jim Noble, Holly Bruce (AUSA)

2. Minutes of previous meeting: Approved

Matters arising: Update on planning matters.

3. Police update

- Few crimes and most were shoplifting and traffic offences, except one burglary.
- One ASBO put in place in Brig of Balgownie area.
- Currently dealing with domestic abuse in neighbourhoods.
- Seems that no graffiti in Seaton Park since May, but will keep an eye for it.

4. Community Council elections

Deadline for nominations is 1 October, to be advertised.

5. Seaton Park update (including Parkfest)

CB advises that ParkFest (geared toward children) to be held on 12 September, 1-4 pm.

6. Technical Advice Notes (including Aberdeen Airport and Student Accommodation)

Initial discussion of Student Accommodation TAN – to be discussed further via email. Appears to be solely about new purpose-built student accommodation.

7. HMO update

- RM to report on forthcoming meeting on HMO provision.
- CB proposes OACC submit a letter querying use of pre-application discussions, which appear to lead to confusion about what modifications have been approved to properties.
- GW reports that other neighbourhoods such as Garthdee are starting to report issues with HMO overprovision.

8. Planning issues

- 17 University Road: proposal to build house in back garden, although now included in Conservation Zone.
- 39 King's Crescent: OACC to submit letter objecting to bridge and gateposts, on grounds that materials are out of character.
- CB reports application for HMO license for 4 flats on St Peter's Square, which were supposed to be affordable family housing. Proposes letter objecting on grounds of HMO overprovision, copied to Kevin Stewart MSP. DM has said he will also be writing to Garthdee to seek common front.

9. AUSA reps update (including Butchart)

- GC reports that will be forthcoming meeting on Student Community Partnership, and will invite OACC representative.
- AUSA has moved out of Butchart while construction underway, though AM reports that will be at least a year before construction starts. Will apply for drinks license, since students have indicated this is what they want, though GM reminds that University Road residents will object.

10. University update

- Court approved 10-year plan and can now proceed with design, but Court will review specific planning applications, including proposed Science/Energy building and CASS building refurbishment, as well as Dunbar Halls site (which will be targeted at PhD and young academics with families) and new student residence building at Hillhead.
- Tillydrone Avenue properties: will be accommodating gables due to safety issue.
- New nursery opening this week.

11. City Councillors' update

Sent apologies. RM reported by email that UoA application for smoking shelters has been turned down, after he made objection on behalf of OACC and OAHS.

12. Treasurer's report

Enough in budget for one more newsletter.

13. Reports of other meetings

IA enjoyed AUSA disbursement ceremony, and attended Community Council Forum.

14. Forthcoming meetings

- Aberdeen City Heritage Trust Annual Lecture will take place on 15 September at 7 in Town House: Una Richards, Scottish Heritage Buildings Trust.
- Civic Reception for all Community Council Members in Aberdeen: invitations will be sent out once confirmed.

15. Correspondence

Information sent about Masjid Alhikmah community facility at 41 Nelson St.

16. Date and venue for next meeting

Tuesday 15th September at 7 in Old Aberdeen Townhouse

17. AOCB