

# Old Aberdeen Community Council Minutes of Meeting

<b>Purpose</b> : <u>Ordinary Monthly Meeting – March</u>	<b>Meeting Date</b> : 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
<b>Location</b> : Old Aberdeen Townhouse	<b>Time</b> : 19:30 → 21:45
<b>Minutes</b> : Eric Kiltie	<b>Issue</b> : 2 approved 16/4/2019
<b>Attendees</b> :	
<u>OACC</u>	<u>Guests / Visitors</u>
Eric Kiltie (EK)	Alan Wight (AW) University of Aberdeen
Dewi Morgan (DM)	Sgt. Rae Christie (RC) Police Scotland
Gordon Mutch (GM)	Michael Hutchinson (MH) Aberdeen City Council
David Craik (DC)	Dell Henrickson (DH) Aberdeen City Council
Lekky Shepherd (AS)	Alex McLennan (AM) Aberdeen City Council
Isobel Aitken (IA)	Iftiker Mian (IM) West Coast Estates
Daniel Warren (DW)	Steven Park (SP) Liberty Park
Teresa Harwood (TH)	Local Resident (LR) Local Resident
	Ian Leask (IL) Local Resident
	Elizabeth Hepburn (EH) Local Resident

Item	Minute	Action
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Present and Apologies</b>	
1.1	Attendees noted above.	
1.2	Apologies received from. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iina Jaara</li> <li>• Trevor Stack</li> </ul>	

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting / Matters Arising</b>	
2.1	Minutes approved (proposed by EK, seconded by GM).	
2.2	No matters arising.	
2.3	The following process is proposed moving forward. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Minutes issued DRAFT to OACC members following meeting.</li> <li>2) OACC members have opportunity to respond with any comments within one week.</li> <li>3) 10 – 14 days ahead of next meeting, final minutes and draft agenda issued.</li> <li>4) Final minutes / new agenda issued 7 days before next meeting - both posted on website.</li> <li>5) Late agenda items may be added up to start of next meeting.</li> <li>6) Minutes reviewed during meeting, any additional comments added and revision noted if required and website copy will be updated.</li> <li>7) Only final (last revision) minutes will be saved on website.</li> </ol>	

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<b>3.0</b>	<b>Police Update</b>	
3.1	Sergeant Christie introduced himself. He has been based at Tillydrone since October 2018.	
3.2	A new inspector (Lee Jardine) will start at Tillydrone shortly. Recent high turnover has been acknowledged and it is hoped this will be a long term appointment.	
3.3	RC considers Old Aberdeen to be a relatively safe area. Police Scotland liaises with UoA security staff.	
3.4	During this period, thirteen crimes were recorded (8 detected, 7 ongoing).	
3.5	Patrols are continuing in Seaton Park following recent incidents of indecent exposure.	
3.6	A recent campaign has targeted speeding on Hayton Road.	
3.7	RC acknowledges OACC contact regarding dog mess problem on St Machar Drive and officers have been made aware (see also 9.3).	
3.8	GM had reported a smashed car window during this last period. Police officers had visited in response. RC hadn't been aware of this incident.	
3.9	It is noted that RC's area of responsibility does not extend over the entire Old Aberdeen Community Council Area. He will endeavour to check with colleagues ahead of future meetings to ensure all issues are communicated.	RC 16/04/19

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Presentation from "<i>Liberty One Communications</i>"</b>	
4.1	West Coast Estates propose to develop the former Fire & Rescue Control Centre at 1 Mounthooly Way. The likely plan is a residential development of between six and twelve one or two bedroom flats.	
4.2	IM believes they will most likely retain the properties and rent them out to the private market. IM stated that West Coast Properties will not be a <i>hands-off</i> landlord and will manage the property responsibly.	
4.3	A sewer runs directly beneath the curtilage and this limits options for its redevelopment.	
4.4	It was noted that parking is likely to be a key issue.	
4.5	The general OACC consensus was that this will represent a positive development bringing people into the community.	
4.6	West Coast Estates' development plan for the site adjacent to the Bobbin Mill is currently on hold. It had been consented for student accommodation. There may be some movement with this site later in the year.	

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<b>5.0</b>	<b>University of Aberdeen</b>	
5.1	UoA's plans for the cross campus <i>Accessible Route</i> were discussed again with Douglas Lane being the only significant area of question. UoA's preference is for a solution with flagstones laid in the centre and granite setts at either side. Images of some other local lanes with this configuration were presented. AW stated that regulations require a 1.5m flat area such that a wheelchair and pedestrian can pass. LR highlighted the historical significance of Douglas Lane.	
5.2	AW will email a draft Design Statement which will detail dimensions of the proposed layout and reference governing regulations / legislation.	AW 16/04/19
5.3	The issue of plans to convert the single King's tennis court into a multi-sport facility were discussed again. It was noted that ownership of the area of the King's College Tennis Club single court is not clear and is currently disputed by the Club. Ownership of the KCTC clubhouse, maintained by the club, appears not to be in dispute (though its right to be there is still in dispute). It was further suggested that tennis facilities are scarce in the area. Current and past members of KCTC present spoke of the Club having provided a community facility encouraging coaching and play in the area. It was noted that Aberdeen Sports Village has no tennis courts.  AW was asked to confirm whether the proposed changes will allow for tennis to be played and what will be the position re access to the KCTC clubhouse.	AW 16/04/19
5.4	UoA have a number of planning applications to be submitted in the near term – mostly signage and wireless access points. EK will meet with AW to discuss such that OACC are informed prior to applications being published on ACC website.	EK 16/04/19

<b>6.0</b>	<b>AUSA Update</b>	
6.1	No representative attending.	

<b>7.0</b>	<b>Friends of Seaton Park</b>	
7.1	Cakefest was a huge success with around 45 cakes entered. This has now become such a popular community event that FoSP are looking at alternative (larger) venues for the future.	
7.2	UoA Woodland Society organised a tree planting and conservation event in Seaton Park on 17/03/19. The society will be holding similar future events which are supported by FoSP and participation is encouraged.	

<b>8.0</b>	<b>Planning Issues</b>	
8.1	New planning applications as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 190446/TCA – Tree work at 78 Don Street.</li> </ul>	

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8.2	Noted that application 190446/TCA above is submitted by EK so he is unable to make a recommendation to OACC due to conflict of interest. DM will take the lead for this item.	DM 16/04/19
8.3	<p>Ongoing planning issues as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 190233/DPP – Replacement front door – 66 Tillydrone Avenue, AB24 2TN <b>OACC sent letter of objection 15/03/19</b></li> <li>• 190116/DPP – Single story extension – 3 Cheyne Road, AB24 1UA <b>Approved</b></li> <li>• 182116/DPP – French doors etc. – 6 St Machar Place, AB24 3SF <b>Approved</b></li> <li>• 182150/DPP – Replacement windows &amp; door – 45 Spital, AB24 3HX <b>Approved</b></li> </ul>	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Other Local Issues</b>	
9.1	<p>ACC's "Main Issues Report" associated with the Local Development Plan was discussed at length. Specific local matters as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of 152 Don Street – former Officers' Training Corps</li> <li>• Development of land behind Lidl / Lord Hayes Grove</li> </ul> <p>A response needs to be submitted early May. DM will organise but needs input from all. There will be a series of ACC facilitated meetings and workshops (TBA) but, in the meantime, it is important for OACC members to read and understand this document and provide comments.</p> <p>DM provided a comprehensive summary and highlighted the following areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Centre Masterplan</li> <li>• Quality Places - Minimum Internal Space standards</li> <li>• Transport and Infrastructure</li> <li>• Affordable Housing</li> <li>• Sustainable Mixed Communities</li> </ul>	OACC 16/04/19
9.2	Planning for "Community Vision for Old Aberdeen" events is in hand. EK to post reminder in Facebook group and phone media contacts as time allows.	EK 22/03/19
9.3	<p>Problem of dog mess on St Machar Drive discussed as raised in previous meeting. The following have been actioned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Wardens made aware and have alerted officers.</li> <li>• Dog warden made aware.</li> <li>• Police made aware.</li> <li>• Dialogue with Cllr. Ross Grant regarding experience in Tillydrone.</li> </ul> <p>City Wardens advise against placing signs but Police Scotland believe this would likely be acceptable as long as signs can be removed.</p> <p>EK to follow up as time allows.</p>	EK 16/04/19

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9.4	No update on Don Street / Cheyne Road " <i>Garden Island</i> ". Vycki Ritson had been expected to provide plans and schedule (timeline) prior to or at this meeting but plans have not progressed.  AM will expedite. EK advises that if plans and schedule (timeline) are not available before next meeting, OACC will seek to escalate the matter.	AM 16/04/19
9.5	The notion of having an OACC logo has been raised and there is general acceptance that this would be a good idea. EK to follow up.	EK 16/04/19
9.6	Work to trees in St. Peter's cemetery was discussed and OACC believe ACC have failed to follow process. No application / notification was published on the ACC website and no representation was made to engage with and advise the community. EK pointed out this has become a pattern with the Don Street / Cheyne Road " <i>Garden Island</i> " incident and work conducted on trees in Meston Walk as discussed in previous meeting. There is also some doubt / dispute over the health of the trees cut down – which could have been avoided had ACC followed process.  AM to follow up. Ideally, OACC would like an ACC representative to attend next meeting and explain the circumstances.	AM 16/04/19
9.7	Regarding ACC's consultation for closure / relocation of St. Peter's School – GM will submit OACC's response.	GM 16/04/19

10.0	<b>City Councillors' Update</b>	
10.1	The recent ACC budget was discussed at some length.	
10.2	AM confirms that budget for College Bounds " <i>Bus Gate</i> " is safe but schedule is still to be confirmed.	AM 16/04/19
10.3	DM highlighted that permanent repair to College Bounds road surface (removal of tar) was promised by 30/06/19. AM to confirm if this is still on schedule.	AM 16/04/19

11.0	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
11.1	Bank balance £467.96 at time of meeting.	

12.0	<b>Other Meetings Attended / Forthcoming Meetings</b>	
12.1	IA and DW attended the Community Council Forum on 04/03/19.	
12.2	DW also attended the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common Weal Development Day.</li> <li>• Civic Forum.</li> <li>• Scottish Flood Forum.</li> <li>• Tenants and Residents Forum.</li> <li>• Planning and Transport Subcommittee.</li> <li>• Events and Communication Group.</li> </ul>	

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12.3	EK will attend planning officer training on 27/03/19.	

13.0	Date and Venue for Next Meeting	
13.1	Next meeting will be 16/04/19 at 19:30 in the Old Aberdeen Townhouse.	

14.0	Representations from Members of the Public / AOB	
14.1	<p>IL highlighted the following issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight consecutive street lights not working in King Street (towards Mounthooly Way).</li> <li>• Poor state of road surface (potholes) around Mounthooly.</li> <li>• Gully drains blocked around Mounthooly leading to flooding.</li> </ul> <p>DH to investigate and revert.</p>	<p>DH 16/04/19</p>

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