

# Old Aberdeen Community Council

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016

7:30 pm

Old Aberdeen Townhouse

## Minutes Rev 1.

### 1 Present and Apologies

Present: Alan Wight, Dewi Morgan, George Wood, PC J Baty, Jenny Killin, Isobel Aitkin, Gordon Mutch (Chair), Finlay Archibald (Minutes) Danny McKay, Cllr. Ramsay Milne, Cllr. Michael Hutchison

Apologies: Lecky Shepherd, Lorraine Grant, Cllr. Ross Grant

### 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

6. AUSA Reps Update: After *Landlords* add *for larger premises*

9. Change *still pursuing* to *has submitted request to*

Minutes were approved: Proposed Gordon Mutch, seconded Isobel Aitkin.

### 3 Police Update

PC J Baty: 9 detected and 9 undetected crimes. Of undetected crimes these included 8 thefts and one indecent assault in Seaton Park.

Gordon Mutch asked what measures police were taking in response to Seaton Park incident.

PC Baty gave assurances that police would take appropriate action.

### 4 University of Aberdeen update

Alan Wight: Works on Regent Walk entrance now complete.

New science building: Paper went through operational board and will thus be going to University Court at its next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

Scottish Funding Council has allocated £1million for maintenance works, which would potentially include upgrading lighting.

Isobel Aitkin asked about King's College clock chimes, Alan Wight to take comments back to UoA.

## 5 AUSA reps update

Jenny Killin: In response to the recent incidents in Seaton Park, AUSA is urging students to use alternate routes, publicising the use of the "safezone" personal security app, and has requested extra university security in the area.

Outreach to local schools going ahead.

Shared Planet café is now open to the public on Wednesday afternoons in the chaplaincy on High Street.

AUSA is applying for climate challenge funding to open a community garden, went through to 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, will update community council next meeting

AUSA is setting up community impact group to tackle binge drinking.

AUSA's priority campaign for 2016/17 will be stopping compulsory redundancies at Aberdeen University.

## 6 Seaton Park Update

Lecky Shepherd sent update, which was read out.

70 year anniversary, update meeting and craft fest on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## 7 Primary School Provision Plans for Tillydrone/St Peters'

Gordon Mutch attended meeting at St Peter's regarding provision of schooling.

Council proposed a new-build on the old St Machar Primary School site to be shared between St Peter's and the River bank School children, or for St Peter's to go into a refurbished Riverbank School, with the Riverbank children moving to a new build at the St Machar Primary site.

St Peters' parents feel engagement has not been done properly by council and there was some discussion of council proposals.

Gordon Mutch asked why the Dunbar Hall site had not been progressed. Ramsay Milne replied that the site was not big enough, which was to do with external space requirements for the Curriculum for Excellence.

Gordon Mutch said he would like a more detailed explanation before the site was discounted, as it was the most popular option with parents.

## 8 Planning Issues

Dewi Morgan: HMO application: 37 Spital Walk. Objection on basis of gross overprovision, but application was approved by ACC Licencing Committee.

Concern raised over not all letters of concern being logged.

44 Kings Crescent, pending. It was suggested that OACC retains its objection while asking for limited opening hours.

113 high street, replacement second floor windows plus a new roof light, concern was raised over the look. Community Council agreed to voice concerns but not object.

### 9 City Councillors Update

Ramsay Milne: "Keep Scotland Beautiful" awards, Aberdeen is doing exceptionally well, Seaton Park got an "outstanding" award, college bounds also received an award.

Michael Hutchison: Spital/Sunnybank rubbish. Kings Crescent update. Sunnybank Orchard provisional dates for replacement lighting in February. Merkland/Spital Road was resurfaced mid-November.

George Wood asked about the gravestones in St Machar being taped off and the leaves on King Street and elsewhere not being cleared. Ramsay Milne: leaves are an ongoing issue across city, will take it up.

### 10 Treasurer's Report

£443.88 in the bank.

Expenditure: Newsletter £273

### 11 Reports of other meetings attended & forthcoming meetings.

Dewi Morgan attended Community Councils forum, mentioned that there could be up to 3% increase in council tax on the horizon.

Gordon Mutch attended Tillydrone community development trust, hopefully some movement on Wallace Tower.

Forthcoming meetings: Gordon Mutch to attend community council forum - boundaries sub group

### 13 Date and venue for next meeting.

20<sup>th</sup> December, Old Town House

### 14 AOCB

George Wood attended conference on community heritage.