

Old Aberdeen Community Council Meeting

7.30 pm on Tuesday 16th October 2018

in Old Aberdeen Townhouse

MINUTES

1. Present and apologies
Present: Gordon Mutch (chair), Trevor Stack (minutes), Dewi Morgan, Isobel Aitken, Lekky Shepherd, Daniel Warren, Eric Kiltie, Ronald Leith (OAHS), Local Resident, Bruce Adams, Teresa Harwood, Alex McLellan (ACC), Michael Hutchison (ACC)
Apologies: David Craik, Ross Grant
2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising
 - Minutes approved with minor changes
 - Matters arising
 - Vycki Ritson sent information about the Council's plans for the traffic island at Cheyne Road/Don Street.
3. Police update (if available)
 - No police in attendance
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4. UoA update (if available)
 - No UoA in attendance
5. AUSA reps update (if available)
 - No AUSA reps in attendance
6. Seaton Park update
 - Festive Thursday planned for Dunbar Hall on Thurs 6th December
7. Planning issues
 - Reported that 15 High Street pub application rejected by ACC, on grounds it could be refurbished as a house which would be in keeping with the residential character of the area. Resident points out by implication that UoA should now refurbish the building as a house.
8. Other local issues
 - Restoration of Don St / Cheyne Rd "Island Garden" – dealt with under Matters Arising
 - Funding application to develop Local Plan for Old Aberdeen – to be submitted this week
 - Resident reported missing bench on St Machar Drive – Council have been asked to restore it
 - Letter received from Aberdeen Cycle Forum regarding option of a segregated bike path on King St – acknowledged though some concerns raised about whether space for cycle lane would be taken from the pavement

- Invitation to OACC to 5th anniversary celebration of the Confucius Institute – received with thanks
9. City Councillors' update including, where applicable:
- Removal of illicit gate off Kings Crescent (Cllr. Hutchison): owner has not removed posts, which could still be chained to obstruct access
 - College Bounds bus gate – ineffective traffic control (Cllrs. Grant / McLellan): going to statutory consultation on replacing traffic light with Bedford Road-style bus gate, including proposal for contraflow cycling on Elphinstone Road and Meston Walk
10. Treasurer's report
- Finances still healthy
11. Reports of other meetings attended & forthcoming meetings
- Community Council Forum: presentation by City Fibre about proposed full-fibre network
12. Date and venue for next meeting: Tues 20th November at 7.30 pm, Old Aberdeen Townhouse
13. Representations from members of the public and AOB
- Resident reports faulty gutters of 15 High Street and some other listed buildings in the row, causing damp problems at front.
 - Resident notes that King's College has been mentioned as a possible alternative venue for City Council meetings, objecting there is not space for offices or parking in the vicinity of King's College.
 - Eric Kiltie proposes requesting ACC to remove tar from College Bounds to ensure on schedule to complete repair when promised by Roads.

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Discussion re Election of Office Bearers for the Old Aberdeen Community Council

- Some discussion of office bearers prior to decision to be taken at next meeting.