

Old Aberdeen Community Council

Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 7.30 pm
Old Aberdeen Townhouse

Agenda

Minutes of Meeting Revision 1

1. Present and apologies

Present: Isobel Aitken (chair), Trevor Stack (minutes), Gordon Mutch, Christine Burgess, Jacinta Birchley, Alan Wight (UoA), Genna Clarke (AUSA), Holly Bruce (AUSA), Sam Ether (Police Scotland) Dewi Morgan

Apologies: Lekky Shepherd, Simon Barker, George Wood, Cllr. Ramsay Milne, Cllr. Ross Grant

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes approved.

3. Police update (if able to attend)

- With regard to double yellow lines on High Street, which queried at previous meeting, have requested to be done in cream instead, which done today.
- Only 2 or 3 crimes reported in area (and none related to Freshers Week).

4. Community Council elections

Nomination forms distributed. Close of nominations on Thurs 1 October, 4 pm.

5. Technical Advice Notes (Student Accommodation)

Response received to OACC letter, stating that TAN applies only to purpose-built student accommodation and not HMOs more generally. CB to reply expressing OACC's concern that the conversion of family housing to HMO accommodation for student use is not being included in the TAN.

6. Planning issues

- Noted pre-application for student accommodation beside First Bus depot.
- 7 St Machar Place: Under appeal, reporter will visit on Tues 6 Oct at 2 pm. Concern is with concentration of HMOs – 50% of properties in that cul-de-sac are now HMOs.

7. UoA update (including Freshers' Week)

- UoA currently revisiting plans for Butchart and reviewing Energy Building and other major projects.
- Investigating whether possible to restore chime on King's College clock, as well as ensuring that keeps time.

- Resident expresses concern about broken glass etc. during Freshers Week. GC says that for next year will remind students to be more aware of surrounding community.

8. AUSA reps update (including Butchart)

- No incidents in Freshers Week, and made effort to open events to community, including Red Hot Chilli Pipers.
- Continuing with plans to apply for drinks license for Butchart, though concerned to keep engaging with community.
- Invites to next Community Partnership meeting will be held at 10.30 on Wed 8 October in Johnstone Hall.

9. Seaton Park update

- Park won Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Trophy, and has won other awards.
- Kevin Stewart MP obtains parliamentary motion praising Friends of Seaton Park.
- Funding has been approved provisionally for drainage works to be completed in summer 2016.
- Friends will be applying for Charity status to secure further funding.
- HB points out that if obtain Charity status, could also apply to AUSA for funding. Meanwhile AUSA would be happy to supply volunteers for garden work.
- City is keen to put forward Seaton Park for Green Flag status.

10. City Councillors' update

None present.

11. Treasurer's report

No income or expenditure.

12. Reports of other meetings

IA reports on Community Council Forum, where new Aberdeen Waste Strategy was discussed.

13. Forthcoming meetings

14. Correspondence

Forwarded by email.

15. Date and venue for next meeting

Tuesday 20 October at 7.30 pm in Old Aberdeen Townhouse.

16. AOCB

- Missed consultation period on Bedford Road busgate but since Powis and Sunnybank have made representations, there may be further consultation on any changes. Concern expressed about prohibition of right turn onto Dunbar Street and Elphinstone Road. Will pursue with Cllr. Ross Grant. AW will also pursue on behalf of UoA.
- HMO update (including CHI report): Appendix 3 of Private Sector Management report will go out on consultation document on HMOs.
- AUSA has introduced safe taxi scheme so that students can present student card if have no cash at night.