

Old Aberdeen Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Purpose : Ordinary Monthly Meeting – Sept	Meeting Date : 17 th September 2019
Location : Old Aberdeen Townhouse	Time : 19:30 → 21:45
Minutes : Eric Kiltie	Minutes Revision : Approved 16/10/19
Attendees :	
<u>OACC</u>	<u>Guests / Visitors</u>
Eric Kiltie (EK)	Alan Wight (AW) University of Aberdeen
Dewi Morgan (DM)	Insp. Lee Jardine (LJ) Police Scotland
David Craik (DC)	Michael Hutchinson (MH) Aberdeen City Council
Isobel Aitken (IA)	Dell Henrickson (DH) Aberdeen City Council
Daniel Warren (DW)	Local Resident (LR) Local Resident
	Ian Leask (IL) Local Resident
	Elizabeth Hepburn (EH) Local Resident
	Daniel Boal (DB) Press & Journal
	Ross Grant (RG) Aberdeen City Council

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1.0	Present and Apologies	
1.1	Attendees noted above.	
1.2	Apologies received from. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Harwood • Trevor Stack • Gordon Mutch • Lekky Shepherd • Cllr. Alex McLellan • Erik Roslyayev 	

2.0	Minutes of Previous Meeting / Matters Arising	
2.1	Minutes approved (proposed by DM, seconded by EK).	
2.2	No matters arising.	

3.0	Police Update	
3.1	Sixteen crimes recorded in the area during last period.	
3.2	One break-in on Seaton Place in daylight hours under investigation.	

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3.0	Police Update <i>cont.</i>	
3.3	During recent speeding initiative on Don Street (Seaton Park entrance to Brig o' Balgownie), twenty one drivers were stopped with a number being reported to the Procurator Fiscal. 37mph was the highest recorded speed (20mph limit). There will be another similar campaign in due course.	
3.4	Discussion regarding what OACC might be able to do to combat speeding. Consideration ongoing.	
3.5	Dog fouling – OACC contact and concerns noted.	
3.6	Issue of Police visibility discussed – new initiative in Tillydrone to increase foot patrols may be extended.	
3.7	TillydroneSeatonOldAberdeenCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk remains the contact email address for community Police matters.	
4.0	University of Aberdeen	
4.1	Central campus area will have nine new bins installed shortly with receptacles for general waste and mixed recycling. Welcomed and supported by OACC.	
4.2	Discussions still ongoing with King's College Tennis Club.	
4.3	Planning application for new signs at entrance to Hillhead Halls is imminent.	
4.4	Substantial tower crane will shortly be erected at the site of the new Science Hub.	
5.0	AUSA Update	
5.1	No representative attending.	
6.0	Friends of Seaton Park	
6.1	2,000 bulbs received from ACC – date for planting TBA.	
6.2	There was some graffiti on a side wall of the bothy – reported and removed.	
6.3	EK to let DH know nature of graffiti – in case related to other local instances.	EK 18/09/19
6.4	<i>Able Deen</i> have been in the park with mobility scooters for the use of visitors with particular needs. They now have a generator for charging etc. Fantastic initiative – OACC congratulates those behind it.	

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6.0	Friends of Seaton Park <i>cont.</i>	
6.5	On 20/09/19, Waste Aware will be in the park again to join TAMS near the fountain.	
6.6	On 28/09/19, the Countryside Ranger Service will host an event entitled “A Wild Night In Seaton Park!” This will include setting up sugar and light traps to attract moths – which we will release unharmed after identification – and the use of ultrasonic bat detectors. Booking is essential.	
7.0	Planning Issues	
7.1	<p>New planning applications as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 191103/DPP – Food and drink outlet in Mounthooly Place (no OACC comment) • 191316/DPP – Radio apparatus atop MacRobert Building (no OACC comment) • 191310/DPP – Various modifications to Mosque in the Spital (see below) • 191311/TCA – Tree works at Johnston Hall (OACC objects due to poor plan) • 191356/DPP – New AC units behind 23 St Machar Drive (no OACC comment) • 191355/ADV – New illuminated sign at Hillhead Halls (no OACC comment) 	
7.2	Regarding 191310/DPP, agreed that OACC will object on the grounds that insufficient information has been provided to assess impact on traffic constraints and noise.	EK 22/09/10
7.3	<p>Ongoing planning issues as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 190927/DPP – Re-paving at Balgownie Hall Cottage Paving material revised following OACC objection – now accepted. • 191102/DPP – Flats and Retail Unit – 1 Mounthooly Way Pending (OACC had no comment) • 191066/DPP – Seating outside Shelter Café Will go before committee – officers recommend approval • Sale of land around old Dunbar Hall and OTC site There has been some interest in the OTC site. 	
8.0	Other Local Issues	
8.1	<p>Don Street / Cheyne Road “<i>garden island</i>” – ACC have advised that planting will commence within three weeks.</p> <p>Noted that, if weather isn’t kind, ACC will have to replant in the spring.</p>	

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8.0	Other Local Issues <i>cont.</i>	
8.2	Fly-tipping in Dunbar Street – RG still to provide update / statement on commitment for regular refuse crews to report fly tipping observed during rounds. RG will attend a meeting on this matter on 31/10/19.	RG 15/10/19
8.3	Bins on pavements – RG still to provide update regarding what action can be taken against those who choose to leave bins out on the pavement.	RG 15/10/19
8.4	ACC strategy and medium / long-term plan for streets laid with granite setts. RG confirms survey underway and plan will be put in place. RG will provide update including forwarding a related email.	RG 15/10/19
8.5	State of Chanonry between St Machar’s Cathedral and Don Street – OACC will not establish ownership / title circumstances for ACC. Intransigence on ACC’s part has led to OACC deciding to assess the situation in the background in order to decide best course of action. OACC’s position is that ACC will adopt this stretch of road.	
8.6	DM provided comprehensive update on progress related to main issues report.	
8.7	DM provided comprehensive update on progress related to “ <i>Vision for Old Aberdeen</i> ”. Some items still require a champion and OACC members are encouraged to volunteer. Meetings planned as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/09/19 – Aberdeen Cycle Forum • 08/10/19 – Prof. Boyne (UoA Principal) • 31/10/19 – Old Aberdeen councillors • TBA – Richard Sweetnam (ACC Growth Officer). 	OACC 22/09/19
8.8	Discussion regarding First Aberdeen’s decision to cut number 20 service to one per hour on days when there are no University classes. Attendees were unanimous in condemning the decision. RG confirmed ACC are looking at alternatives including cross-subsidisation and subsidising certain services. RG will provide update at next meeting.	RG 15/10/19
8.9	AW will ask if UoA might be prepared to contribute in some way to subsidising the number 20 service.	AW 15/10/19
8.10	Discussion on refurbishment of granite setts on College Bounds – gaps between setts were clearly outwith specification. The look of the refurbished section is completely different to the rest of the street. OACC are very disappointed in the finished job. RG to discuss with officers and revert.	RG 15/10/19

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8.11	First Aberdeen's communication of arrangements for the number 20 service during the College Bounds works might have been better. LR reports there was some inconvenience. RG has emailed First Aberdeen.	
8.12	Discussion on HMOs and ACC's reluctance to engage in discussion. EK stated that he felt uncomfortable with some derogatory language being used in connection with HMO residents.	
9.0 City Councillors' Update		
9.1	RG will forward email regarding ACC strategy and medium / long-term plan for streets laid with granite setts (see also item 8.4). Surveys are currently underway. Streets in the poorest condition will be prioritised.	RG 15/10/19
9.2	DH reports instances of graffiti featuring the "Kilroy" image and motto. Residents are asked to report any other sightings to DH.	
9.3	MH stated that work in granite setts on College Bounds was a "trial" and an improved method of working with setts is being sought (see also 8.10).	
10.0 Treasurer's Report		
10.1	No change since last meeting.	
11.0 Other Meetings Attended / Forthcoming Meetings		
11.1	Past meetings as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 02/09/19 – Community Council Forum (incl. Union Terrace Gardens update). • 15/09/19 – In town without your car day. • 16/09/19 – Community Council Forum – Planning & Transport sub-group 	
11.2	Forthcoming meetings as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/09/19 – Civic Forum • 07/10/19 – Community Council Forum • 08/10/19 – "Grow, Cook, Connect" in Town House (Broad Street) • 28/09/19 – "Stepping Forward in the Park" – Westburn Park (for older people) • Various – Funding Surgery 	

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11.3	Community Festive Fund now open for applications. There appears to be no appetite on OACC.	
11.4	EK to respond to Social Isolation Mapping Initiative invitation.	EK 15/10/19

12.0	Date and Venue for Next Meeting	
13.1	Next meeting will be 15/10/19 at 19:30 in the Old Aberdeen Townhouse.	

13.0	Representations from Members of the Public / AOB	
13.1	DH will investigate accumulated litter in basement areas of (ACC controlled) tenements in King's Crescent and revert.	DH 15/10/19
13.2	DH will investigate poor condition of gutters on (ACC controlled) tenements in King's Crescent and revert.	DH 15/10/19
13.3	Old fencing from tenant's carpark on Canal Street has been left. MH will arrange for uplift.	MH 15/10/19
13.4	Old bicycle frame still padlocked to streetlamp on Canal Street / Jute Street – MH to investigate.	MH 15/10/19
13.5	IL notes some ineffective street sweeping around King's Crescent – noted by councillors.	

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