

Old Aberdeen Community Council

Tuesday 20th September 2016
7.30pm

Old Aberdeen Townhouse

Minutes (Rev.1)

1. Present and apologies

Present: Gordon Mutch (chair), Isobel Aitken, Dewi Morgan, Alan Wight (UoA), Resident A, Lekky Shepherd, Claire Angus (city warden), James Freeland (city warden), Michael Hutchison (ACC), George Wood, Teressa Harwood, Rodolfo Hernandez, Lewis MacLeod (AUSA)

Apologies: Lorraine Grant, Ramsey Milne, Ross Grant

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes: proposed Isobel Aitken and seconded Dewi Morgan

3. Police update No one available

Wardens: Complaints in Seaton area, patrols in area. Antisocial behaviour Seaton Park, increased frequency of patrols no problems witnessed. Visits to schools continuing until October.

4. UoA update

Not much new happening. Science hub plans going to University Court.

Series of works, roof and window repairs on academic buildings.

AW was asked if there was surplus student accommodation and if student numbers had increased this year. AW will obtain this information for next meeting, The number of students for this academic year will be published next week. Doesn't seem to be shortage of accommodation this year.

GW approves of the blue colour of new signs. New boundary signs, Bedford Road, College Bounds and zoology building, new walls on King Street will have blue lettering once completed.

IA asked about repair of the Kings College clock chimes AW said this had been reported previously and he let us know if there had been progress at the next meeting.

5. AUSA reps update

Lewis: AUSA has moved into hub, increased footfall and now being used as the Union, with small bar.

There has been no reply to letter written to First Bus regarding change to no 20 bus service.

Freshers week went well with no written complaints from neighbours. Provisions were in place to ensure disturbance was kept to a minimum.

Community partnership meeting has been held, discussed, housing, transport, integrating students and wider community etc.

Plea from GW to LM remind the students not to cycle on pavements.

Students crawling on King Street! – hijinks of clubs, Sport president has this in hand.

6. Seaton Park update

Parkfest was very successful and an estimated 2,000 people attended. It was scheduled to last 3 hours but due to popular demand lasted 4 hours. Fantastic weather this year.

1 hour wait to get out of park at end of event due to traffic lights on King Street. This has been noted for future events. DM praised the organisation of Parkfest. LS, the committee have learnt great deal from the 2 Parkfests held to date, planning one for next year. All activities were free so that people know that it's their park. GM asked LS to pass on the thanks and congratulations of OACC.

Keep Scotland Beautiful Awards 2016. RHS Award for Overcoming Adversity was won by Seaton Park. It was presented at the awards ceremony held in the Beach Ballroom.

Britain in bloom awards 2016 , results will be announced 14th October and Seaton Park is part of the Aberdeen entry.

8th October 9.30-1pm– St Machar Academy, “Our Place Our Priority” consultation with the community, SIB area so resources can be targeted in the Seaton, Tillydrone, Woodside area.

7. Planning issues

Appeals

University road, appeal for new house in back garden – rejected.

Kings Crescent, student flats – rejected

HMO – spital, orchard walk, objection on number in area/ density. Going to Licencing committee Tuesday 25th October DM to attend.

177 Spital – Major internal works, UPVC windows objection by OACC, plans amended windows now comply with TAN, objection withdrawn.

Mission Hall – Pending, gate widening.

Orchard Cottage – Refused, not enough info for windows to comply with TAN

Old Aberdeen toilet – Pending, over use of tin cladding, OACC objected.

27 Kings crescent – windows

66 Tillydrone Ave – change of use from 5 bed house to 6 Bed HMO. Objection on planning issues, including the blocking of back door so only 1 exit. Car parking at rear of property, concerns expressed by local residents over access to each property. Discussion regarding ownership of rear lane AW will check University records.

14 Chanonry partial change of use to class 4 business. Comments by 23 September. AOCC acceptance with qualifications. Concern raised by a resident and a member of OACC about precedent and long term implications of consent.

Chapter House 247 Don Street, Retrospective application for window replacement.

Pending, No OACC comment.

44 Kings Crescent – granite fight factory: change of use to gym. Restarted due to building number error, comments by 28 September. OACC already objected on basis of parking and asked for limited opening hours.

6 Cheyne Road – small extension, big garage. Comments by 30 September. OACC will object. Already have a garage in garden, new one 5m x 9m, 2 windows, 2 roof lights. It will be difficult to access this garage from gate . Application stated no tree work, photographic evidence showed trees.

18 Chanonry – widen gate, using existing pillars and new gates. No objection

8 Cheyne road - HMO from 5-8 beds. OACC will object. Can challenge functionality of kitchen for 8 beds. Comments 11 October

20 Chanonry – front steps have been removed, as have gutters at side of road. No planning request for this work.

8. City councillors update MH

The bufferzone on Tillydrone Avenue still causing problems with cars parking on pavement. Ross Grant is to be walking route with contractors, and roads staff. Residents need to contact councillors.

City wardens say if no yellow lines they can't book people for parking on pavement. Problem with cyclists on pavement, no dropped kerbs for cyclists, no signage to tell cyclists to cross to west side of road for cycle path.

Zoology building problem of cars exiting car park and cyclists on pavement.

Lighting in University Road (LS) one of the posts cut and not been replaced, poor lighting in this area. LS ask MH when this lamp post will be replaced.

St Peter's RC school – GM attended consultation. The opinions of St. Peter's parents does not seem to be considered by ACC. The consultation was titled Consultation into school provision in Tillydrone. UoA Dunbar Halls of Residence site had been one of the options. No contact has been made with UoA. GM to contact Mrs Martin head teacher of St Peter's to get update.

9. Treasurer's report

£716.88 in account. Last invoice paid was £284 for last newsletter.

10. Next newsletter

Timing – to printers beginning of October. Cut number of pages, grant this year is smaller than in past. This edition will include an article about Parkfest.

11. Reports of other meetings

CC forum – new incinerator for Torry – concerns. Power and heating for local area. Pollution is a potential problem should processes fail. Emissions from chimney will affect large area, possibly as far south as Stonehaven. Vast quantity of data regarding this development and there are many differing opinions on similar projects. This incinerator will process waste from most of the north east.

12. Forthcoming meetings

CC forum planning group.

13. Correspondence

None

14. Date and venue for next meeting

Tuesday 18th October Old Aberdeen Town House, 7.30pm

15. AOCB

Tillydrone community development trust – Wallace tower letter of support for grant application. Plans available for community viewing soon.

A resident voiced concern over the effects of the Wallace Tower development on the nearby conservation area and the effects of the sensory trail on the nearby Motte.

Welcome to Teresa Harwood who has joined the Community Council, GM said it's always good to have a new member join our group.

X40 bus has been withdrawn without consultation.