

# Old Aberdeen Community Council

7.30 pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
in Old Aberdeen Townhouse

## Minutes

### Present and apologies

Present: OACC; Gordon Mutch (chair), Isobel Aitken, Dewi Morgan,  
Cllrs. Jim Noble  
Alan Wight (UoA), M. Stephen (Police Scotland),  
Derek Gardiner, A, McPherson, Ronald Leith, a Local Resident

Apologies: OACC; Lekky Shepherd, Teresa Harwood,  
Cllr. Dell Henrickson, Cllr. Alex McLellan, Cllr. Sandra MacDonald,  
Lewis MacDonald (AUSA), George Wood

### Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Short discussion on no.20 bus route and loss of Hillhead from its destination

Short discussion on Elphinstone Rd and ownership of the back lane

Minutes approved by DM and GM.

### Police update

Four shoplifting cases plus an incident where suitcases were stolen from the doorstep while folk were in process of arriving home.

No major crimes.

### UoA update

Brief discussion on parking in front of Elphinstone Hall; a local resident concerned about visual impact.

In reply to a question, AW advised that there were presently no plans for Crombie and Johnstone Halls.

Two UOA students present gave an overview of some topical issues relevant to the locality;

- It was noted that the staff strike had caused some disruption to the teaching
- The desire for a24hr library was a common theme on the campus – but not for them!
- The idea of Seaton Park lighting was another theme regarding the locality amongst students.  
GM reminded us that the police are quite clear that Don Street is the safest route to Hillhead and that a narrow lit corridor would not enhance safety.

### AUSA reps update (Lewis Macleod)

Not available.

### Seaton Park update

A new sign has been designed to advertise and describe the community orchard, planted in 2017 to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council purchasing the park.

Early warning; ParkFest will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Planning issues including proposed pub at 15 High Street**

No new planning applications this month (some tree work though)

Wireless access point on Taylor Building. OACC objection was withdrawn once further installation details were provided and confirmed that units will be painted grey.

Handrails in Dunbar St and Regents building - no OACC objection – approved

91 High St – conversion of former bank into HMO property. OACC objected to inadequate focus on sound attenuation. Application is expected to go to committee this month.

15 High St – conversion of domestic house into a student pub. OACC objected on several counts, but particularly proximity to Chaplaincy. Application is expected to go to committee this month.

## **Other local issues**

### **Street Lighting**

DM has been seeking a formal response from ACC as to whether any inspections of street lighting occur. A reply now received – no inspections – faulty lighting will only be repaired if members of the public call in the fault (by phone or website).

Council is in process of changing out all street lights to LED for major cost saving

Lights at Brig o' Balgownie are gas lamp style and in poor condition. DM concerned that the Street Lighting Dept could just replace with modern LED units without warning, but has been told that they are attempting to source LED lamps to fit inside the existing units.

OACC keen to be involved in consultation on the style of any replacement light units for heritage areas.

### **Litter behind Lidl**

Although unsightly, DM does not feel this is any worse than usual, just very visible due to lack of leaves on trees, but would still benefit from an 'in-depth' litter pick. This is private land though, with public access and the owner has been invited to help with a litter pick.

## **Treasurer's report**

No movements in or out

## **Reports of other meetings attended & forthcoming meetings**

Next Community Council Forum on 7<sup>th</sup> May

## **Date and venue for next meeting**

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in Old Aberdeen Townhouse

## **Representations from members of the public and AOB**

No items

Meeting closed at 2050hrs.

*Minutes by IA & DM*