


## Old Aberdeen Community Council Minutes of Meeting

<b>Purpose</b> : <u>Ordinary Monthly Meeting – Dec '19</u>	<b>Meeting Date</b> : 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019																						
<b>Location</b> : Old Aberdeen Townhouse	<b>Time</b> : 19:30 → 21:45																						
<b>Minutes</b> : Eric Kiltie 	<b>Minutes Revision</b> : 03 ( <i>issued 21/01/20</i> )																						
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Present and Apologies</b>	
1.1	Attendees noted above.	
1.2	Apologies received from. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teresa Harwood</li> <li>• Cllr. Michael Hutchinson</li> <li>• Louise Henrard (AUSA)</li> </ul>	

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting / Matters Arising</b>	
2.1	Minutes from previous meeting approved for publication. No matters arising.	

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Police Update</b>	
3.1	Twelve crimes recorded in the area during last period – including the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis cultivation at property on King Street</li> <li>• Possession of cannabis in Seaton Park</li> <li>• Dealer quantity of cocaine and heroin</li> <li>• One drink driving case</li> <li>• One driving with no insurance case</li> <li>• Theft of tools from UoA</li> <li>• Theft of stones from display from UoA Department of History on Meston Walk</li> </ul>	

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<b>3.0</b>	<b>Police Update <i>cont.</i></b>	
3.2	Fire raising incident at OTC building on 05/11/19 remains undetected.	
3.3	There will be a follow up to the operation on Don Street between Seaton Park and Hillhead.	
3.4	A shoplifting prevention campaign is being planned for Tillydrone, Old Aberdeen and Seaton.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>University of Aberdeen</b>	
4.1	<p>AS attended to present UoA plans for Johnston Halls and King's Quarter. General notes as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Value of combined project will be some GBP £50million.</li> <li>• Planning application expected Spring 2020.</li> <li>• There may be further phases but none are currently under consideration.</li> <li>• Next project may be refurbishment of New King's but not yet sanctioned.</li> </ul>	
4.2	<p>Notes on Johnston Halls proposal as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan is to allow School of Business to locate in a single site.</li> <li>• This will not leave a vacuum in the MacRobert Building.</li> <li>• Johnston Halls building is of robust construction so can be converted.</li> <li>• Johnston Central building needs to be demolished and rebuilt.</li> <li>• Redevelopment of Johnston Halls building will be for staff offices and facilities.</li> <li>• Development will include a Bloomberg Suite and "collision space".</li> <li>• Johnston Central will be replaced by a pavilion.</li> <li>• New concrete will include a recycled content.</li> <li>• All steel removed from site will be recycled.</li> <li>• No trees will be removed but some pruning may be required.</li> <li>• Work planned to be complete mid-2022.</li> <li>• OACC interested to see plans for access for plant and materials.</li> </ul>	
4.3	<p>Notes on King's Quarter proposal as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan is to create a modern educational environment.</li> <li>• New entrance / access structure will be built alongside Senate Rooms.</li> <li>• All construction will be in the area bounded by Senate Rooms / Linklater.</li> <li>• New building might not be seen from Elphinstone Lawn or High Street – but this to be determined during project development.</li> <li>• Trees removed will be replanted at minimum ration of 2:1.</li> <li>• Printed material will be relocated off-site but available.</li> <li>• Work planned to be complete mid-2023</li> </ul>	
4.4	Completion of new science block on target for Easter 2021.	

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4.5	Designer for multi-sport games areas (King's and Hillhead) expected to be appointed in January. Discussions ongoing with KCTC.	
4.6	Hillhead signage to be replaced incorporating the term; <i>"Aberdeen Student Village"</i> .	
4.7	AW will provide technical specifications for new lights at Johnston Halls (191567/DPP refers).	AW 21/01/20
4.8	UoA planning application for east-west accessible route expected January 2020.	
4.9	Further plans for Hillhead include an outdoor social space (where polyhedron tent was) and a community garden on the unused ground just inside the entrance closest to Brig o' Balgownie (opposite area with skips).	
4.10	Noted that the Christmas tree on Elphinstone Lawn looks magnificent this year.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>AUSA Update</b>	
5.1	No update available.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Friends of Seaton Park</b>	
6.1	<i>"Festive Fare on the Fourth"</i> event held in Dunbar Street Hall on 04/12/19.	
6.2	No further updates available.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Planning Issues</b>	
7.1	New applications as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 191765/DPP – New handrails at King's playing fields (no OACC comment)</li> <li>• 191734/LBC – Internal alterations 104-106 High Street (no OACC comment)</li> </ul>	
7.2	Ongoing planning issues as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 191102/DPP – Flats and Retail Unit – 1 Mounthooly Way Pending (OACC had no comment)</li> <li>• 191481/DPP – Retrospective for door (and shed) at 39 King's Crescent Pending (OACC submitted objection)</li> <li>• 191702/DPP – Rebuilding wall at entrance to MacRobert Building Pending (OACC had no comment)</li> </ul>	

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<b>7.0</b>	<b>Planning Issues cont.</b>	
7.2 <i>cont.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 191316/DPP – Roof-top radio apparatus on MacRobert Building Approved</li> <li>• Sale of land around old Dunbar Hall and OTC site No further interest</li> </ul>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Community Vision for Old Aberdeen – update</b>	
8.1	<p>Progress last four weeks as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial discussion with ACC on procurement process for public benches (basic benches approximately £500 to procure / £1,000 installed).</li> <li>• Meeting with ACC tourism, ACC Archivist, Visit Aberdeenshire, St Machar’s Cathedral and OAHS.</li> <li>• OACC proposal for the Aberdeen finish of Tour of Britain (cycle race) to include the High Street – not considered feasible by the organisers due to the narrowness of the turnings.</li> <li>• Meeting with David Beattie, ACC Finance Director and designated representative for ‘Vision’ and tourism issues.</li> </ul>	
8.2	<p>Planned for coming weeks as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify streets with major problems with bins left on pavements.</li> <li>• Hold meeting between; Visit Aberdeen, UoA, OAHS, St Machar and OACC.</li> <li>• Seek costings for design and fabrication of way-finder boards.</li> <li>• Prepare and circulate a draft ‘<i>ideas paper</i>’ suggesting opportunities for public benches and bike racks.</li> <li>• Assemble team to develop a conservation area leaflet (OAHS, ACC, OACC).</li> </ul>	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Other Local Issues</b>	
9.1	Chanonry road surface between St Machar’s Cathedral and Don Street will be discussed at a meeting between OACC and local residents on 16/01/20.	
9.2	Consultation on local policing plans was completed collaboratively during the meeting. DM will submit response.	DM 18/12/19
<b>10.0</b>	<b>City Councillors’ Update</b>	
10.1	It was noted, with some disappointment, that no councillors were in attendance and only one apology received from Cllr. Hutchinson.	

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<b>10.0</b>	<b>City Councillors' Update cont.</b>	
10.2	No update from Cllr. Grant on ACC strategy for streets laid with granite setts. OACC sent a reminder / request for feedback. Comprehensive update will be expected at next meeting.	RG 21/01/20
10.3	<p>Regarding the College Bounds "Bus Gate" camera, Cllr. McLellan had sent an email on 16/12/19 stating the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACC have carried out a further survey which was inconclusive.</li> <li>• ACC are still looking at feasibility and options.</li> </ul> <p>This matter appears to be going backwards and OACC are losing patience. OACC are particularly dismayed given how this matter has been presented in previous meetings. The following previous minutes were read out during the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan '19 : College Bounds bus gate: AM reports this will be voted by committee.</li> <li>• Feb '19 : Alex McLellan: College Bounds bus gate will be completed within financial year.</li> <li>• Mar '19 : AM confirms that budget for College Bounds "Bus Gate" is safe but schedule is still to be confirmed.</li> <li>• Apr '19 : Update from Alex McLellan &amp; Jim Noble - Bus gate at south end of the High Street will be installed this summer.</li> <li>• May '19 : MH will ask Cllr. McLellan about status of College Bounds bus gate and request an update.</li> <li>• Oct '19 : Bus gate update – not known when camera will be provided. Meanwhile, drivers can rat-run with impunity.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr. McLellan will be requested to provide a comprehensive update at the next meeting.</p>	AM 21/01/20
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
11.1	Account balance £1,028.28	
11.2	Newsletter printing cost £288.00	
11.3	There will be a small additional expense shortly for re-registration of the website address.	

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<b>12.0</b>	<b>Other Meetings Attended / Forthcoming Meetings</b>									
12.1	<p>Past meetings as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20/11/19 – Meeting with ACC, Visit Aberdeen etc.</li> <li>• 16/12/19 – Meeting with UoA’s David Beattie</li> <li>• 04/12/19 – FoSP’s “Festive Fare on the Fourth”</li> <li>• 16/12/19 – Berryden Corridor consultation closed</li> </ul>									
12.2	<p>Forthcoming meetings as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civic Forum – last Tuesday in the month</li> <li>• Community Council Forum – first Monday in the month</li> </ul>									
12.3	EK to respond to Social Isolation Mapping Initiative invitation.	EK 21/01/20								
12.4	<p>The following consultations are currently open.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">• Aberdeen City Council Transfer List Consultation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20/12/19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• ELC Senior Practitioner Qualifications Survey</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20/12/19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Help Shape Our Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">31/12/19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Children's Rights Service Functional Review</td> <td style="text-align: right;">31/12/19</td> </tr> </table> <p>Link to ACC “Consultation Hub” – <a href="https://consultation.aberdeencity.gov.uk/">https://consultation.aberdeencity.gov.uk/</a></p>	• Aberdeen City Council Transfer List Consultation	20/12/19	• ELC Senior Practitioner Qualifications Survey	20/12/19	• Help Shape Our Services	31/12/19	• Children's Rights Service Functional Review	31/12/19	
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<b>13.0</b>	<b>Date and Venue for Next Meeting</b>									
13.1	Next meeting will be 21/01/20 at 19:30 in the Old Aberdeen Townhouse.									
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Dog Mess Initiative</b>									
14.1	<p>DC presented the idea of using stencils and chalk spray as a prompt for dog owners to pick up mess. OACC members support the idea and DC will go ahead and buy the materials. A test will be done to check stencilled image will be naturally removed by rainfall.</p> <p><b>Post Meeting Note :</b> <i>Following the meeting, RL wrote a piece in the Evening Express. OACC subsequently received an email from ACC’s Doug Ritchie demanding a number of conditions which OACC must fulfil. OACC are disappointed and frustrated. The matter will be raised with councillors.</i></p>	DC 21/01/20								
14.2	St Machar Drive between King Street and Bede House noted as being a problem area. Also Dunbar Street on the northern side of St Machar Drive.									

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<b>15.0</b>	<b>Representations from Members of the Public / AOB</b>	
15.1	<p>AC visited from Froghall, Powis and Sunnybank Community Council (FP&amp;SCC) and was welcomed to the meeting. AC wanted to highlight that a number of development contributions are currently on offer from ACC and applications are available on the ACC website. FP&amp;SCC recently secured funding for new play equipment in Sunnybank Park.</p> <p>AC was thanked for this advice. DM will investigate to see if any opportunities might exist for OACC.</p>	DM 21/01/20

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