

# Old Aberdeen Community Council Meeting

7.30 pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

in Old Aberdeen Townhouse

## MINUTES

1. Present and apologies

Present: Dewi Morgan (chair), Trevor Stack (minutes), Isobel Aitken, Gordon Mutch, Daniel Warren, David Craik, Teresa Harwood, Eric Kiltie, Erik Rosljajev, Cllrs. Dell Henrickson, Michael Hutchison, Alex McLellan, Jim Noble, Ross Grant, Karen Finch (Council officer), Fraser Robertson (Police Scotland), Local resident, Elizabeth Hepburn, Stephanie Brock  
Apologies: Lekky Shepherd, Iina Jaara

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

- Minutes approved, adding post-meeting note from Maria Thies
- No matters arising

3. Police update

- Only 12 reported crimes this month.
- Noted that police car had been seen going through Bedford Road and College Bounds bus gates – not as an urgent activity.
- Resident of Dunbar Street around St Peter's School had noted that vehicles were blocking street at school pick-up time, including by parking where double-yellow lines. Has alerted City Wardens but so far to no avail.
- Resident notes that a car is parking in way that blocks pavement on King's Crescent. Officer confirms that they should alert City Wardens.
- Tillydrone police inspector is being replaced in March.

4. UoA update (Alan Wight)

- With regard to Douglas Lane, AW reports that he investigated options and has found that, though it is not possible to plane stones flat in situ, it is possible to remove them for planing. He has sought advice about whether the Council and Historic Environment Scotland will consider this as conservation, and also whether planing and replacing the stones would give a smooth enough surface. The University continues to prefer removing flagstones from elsewhere on campus, even though this appears more expensive, since it appears that this will be the firmest surface. Local resident prefers if possible to plane the existing set since it is a 15th-century lane.

5. Seaton Park update (via email from Lekky Shepherd)

- Cakefest will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March
- A Cedrus deodara has been sourced (from Northern Italy), financed from fund-raising by FoSP, for planting at the end of the Long walk in the Park to replace the tree which fell in the high winds of winter. Aberdeen University Woodlands Society are aiming to do some tree-planting (oak and beech) in a specific area of the park (supported by Woodland Trust) under control and guidance of ACC officers and in consultation with FoSP.

6. Planning issues (Eric Kiltie)
  - 3 Cheyne Road: proposed changes not visible from the street, therefore decided not to comment.
  - Meston Walk: EK notes that ACC failed to advise OACC about work done to protected trees, despite previous issues concerning Don Street traffic island.
  - 66 Tillydrone Ave: has applied for retrospective permission for replacement of front door, arguing the owner was unaware of the need to request permission - OACC expresses concern since it appears the owner was indeed aware of the requirement.
7. Other local issues
  - Old Aberdeen Vision workshop: Last comments requested on newsletter announcement, which is going to print this week.
  - Clean-up of land behind Lidl: Aberdeen University Conservation Society has carried out clean-up.
  - St Peters School consultation meetings: First is at St Peter's School on 4th March at 2-3 pm. GM has asked Education to provide map of where pupils currently come from, to get a sense of how far will have to walk to Riverbank site – it would appear that many come from Seaton. Ross Grant will prompt Maria Thies for the information.
8. City Councillors' update
  - Alex McLellan: Officers will leaflet streets where fly-tipping reported at last meeting. Will also look at flooding reported at corner of Dunbar Street and St Machar Drive. College Bounds bus gate will be completed within financial year.
  - Dell Henrickson reports that, in response to query about installing communal bulk refuse bins on King's Crescent, officers have replied to say this is not feasible and that there is space to store bins in their back yards. Observed that bins are currently being placed outside living room of ground-floor flat.
9. Treasurer's report
  - GM confirms that bank is in process of transferring access to ER.
10. Reports of other meetings attended & forthcoming meetings
  - Attended Community Council Forum and Local Heat & Energy meetings.
  - Main Issues Report for 2021 LDP will be out for consultation in March. Tackling Flooding free event on 9<sup>th</sup> March.
11. Date and venue for next meeting: Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in Old Aberdeen Townhouse
12. Representations from members of the public and AOB
  - Resident reports dog fouling pavement on St Machar Drive. DM advises to speak to City Wardens, though generally hard to detect.
  - Potholes reported on Elphinstone Road. Ross Grant to enquire with officers.