

Old Aberdeen Community Council Meeting

7.30 pm on Tuesday 20th November 2018 (Rev 2)
in Old Aberdeen Townhouse

MINUTES

1. Present and apologies
 - Present: Gordon Mutch (chair), Trevor Stack (minutes), Isobel Aitken, Dewi Morgan, Eric Kiltie, Iina Jaara, Daniel Warren, Michael Hutchison (ACC), Lina Nass (AUSA), Alan Wight (UoA), Alex Clubb (Souvlaki Aberdeen), Donna Zourelidou (Souvlaki Aberdeen), Aidan Nolan (Souvlaki Aberdeen), Local resident, Stephanie Brock, Marta Tomaszewska
 - Apologies: Lekky Shepherd, Dell Henrickson, David Craik, Alex McLellan, Teressa Harwood
2. Minutes of previous meeting (attached) and matters arising
 - Minutes approved with minor changes
 - No matters arising
3. Souvlaki Aberdeen proposal
 - Proposing student-oriented mobile food outlet within gazebo, positioned in Old Aberdeen when students present, ideally by Sir Duncan Rice Library.
 - Awaiting approval of street traders' license. DM clarifies that ACC will presumably make their proposal public for consultation. GM thanks for approaching OACC to explain, in the meantime.
 - DM notes that approval is likely to depend on location. For example, if smell of barbecued meat near residence, may bother people.
4. UoA update (if available) including plans for 15 High Street
 - AW introduces Accessible Route planned through campus. Tricky bit will be Douglas Lane. UoA proposes to replace one side of cobbles with granite flagstones elsewhere on campus, rather than using modern materials. Alternative is to use modern blocks, as in Belmont Street. Agreed that essential to retain character as far as possible. AW will return to next meeting after working up options.
 - Plans for multi-sports facility on site of unused tennis court at King's and courts at Hillhead.
 - Science Teaching Hub: now under construction
 - 15 High Street: currently no plans
 - UoA putting Dunbar Halls site on market
5. AUSA reps update (if available)
 - AUSA will take over Student Union bar, with same licensing hours and conditions
6. Seaton Park update (if available)
 - Annual get together on Thurs 6 December at Dunbar Halls (small hall) from 7-9pm
 - Awards in 2018 included Green Flag, Visit Scotland – 3 star Visitor Attraction (Quality Assurance Grading Report), It's Your Neighbourhood – "Outstanding" + Certificate of Distinction, Royal Horticultural Society, Britain in Bloom – Gold in the City Category, Royal Horticultural Society, Britain in Bloom – Judges Discretionary Award – Excellence in Growing Communities, and Eco-City Award

7. St Peter's School consultation
 - GM asks whether current consultation is genuine one
 - Stephanie Brock, parent of St Peter's pupil and on Education Committee, explains the consultation is on how much upgrading is needed to Riverside site to which school will move. SB points out that ACC has not clarified what funding will be available for upgrading. Agreed to find out about wording of consultation, and if possible have input into it.
8. Other local issues
 - Restoration of Don St / Cheyne Rd "Island Garden": Vycki Ritson has been on leave.
 - Proposal for a funding application to develop a Local Plan for Old Aberdeen: DM is working on it.
 - Missing bench on St Machar Drive: ACC reports that no funds to replace bench.
9. Planning issues
 - DM reports on ongoing planning issues, including wireless point with protruding arm on Taylor – AW will look into it.
10. City Councillors' update (Cllr. Hutchison)
 - College Bounds bus gate – going forward as Traffic Order
 - Lane on Kings Crescent – DM points out that owner should be responsible for rendering fire exit safe, and agreed that bollards should be removed before anything else done
 - High Street tarmac temporary repair – repair should be carried out within months
11. Treasurer's report: only expense in past month was newsletter
12. Reports of other meetings attended & forthcoming meetings
 - DM reports that Kevin Stewart MSP spoke to Community Council Forum about new planning bill in Scottish Parliament, supposed to allow locals to participate in decision-making
 - IA praises recent Confucius Institute festival, which also well-attended
 - Resident reports on recent Local Heat and Energy Efficiency meeting, which informative.
13. Date and venue for next meeting
 - Tuesday 18th December at 7.30 in Old Aberdeen Townhouse
14. Representations from members of the public and AOB
 - Resident responds to Auld Toon News article on grit bins, noting that none on University Road – ACC has said will not install any more
 - DM asks ACC for new bulb in clock about OA Townhouse
 - Stephanie Brock asks if possible to get School road sign on Dunbar Street in vicinity of St Peter's School
15. Co-optation of new members
 - Agreed to co-opt Trevor Stack and Erik Rosljajee

16. Election of Office Bearers for the OACC

- Chair Dewi Morgan
- Vice Chair Isobel Aitken
- Minutes secretary Trevor Stack
- Treasurer To be voted at next month's meeting
– Teresa Harwood or Erik Rosljajee

- Planning officer Eric Kiltie with Dewi Morgan
- Webadmin Daniel Warren
- Newsletter lina Nass
- Rest to be decided at next meeting