

Old Aberdeen Community Council

7.30 pm on Tuesday 20th October via MS Teams

Minutes – final

1. Present and apologies
Present: Dewi Morgan (chair), Trevor Stack (minutes), Steven Berry, David Craik, Isobel Aitken, Elizabeth Hepburn, Ben Hendry, Local resident, Ronald Leith (OAHS), Alan Wight (UoA), Cllr. Michael Hutchison, Daniel Boal (Evening Express)
Apologies: Lekky Shepherd, Teresa Harwood, Eric Kiltie, Cllr. Alex McLellan
2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising
 - Minutes approved
 - No matters arising
3. UoA update (AW)
 - Asks if OACC has any issues they may wish to raise regarding any COVID issues on campus – OACC replies that no issues raised.
 - Johnston redevelopment project has now got planning consent.
 - On Kings Quarter, AW has nothing to add at this point. AW asks if any further images are required. Local resident raises concern about applicant joining discussion – AW replied that he is only there to provide further information. Local resident cited government guidance advising against discussion between community councils and planning applicants about the merits of their application. But community councillors feel that AW is only providing information, and not trying to intervene in the deliberation. DM clarified that actual deliberations regarding our possible submission to ACC would be conducted by emails as usual.
4. Seaton Park update
 - Seaton Park re-awarded Green Flag.
5. Planning issues
 - None discussed.
6. 'Community Vision for Old Aberdeen' - progress update including:
 - Wayfinder maps: UoA has secured some funds – next step is to submit planning application.
 - Public benches: Costed at £1000 - DC observes that this is high cost, but DM explains this is due to ACC minimum standards for bench, planning application, installation and foundation costs.
 - Dog mess: DC has ordered materials for signs.
 - Cycle routes: DM reports that a major issue is vagueness of Core Path legislation – next stage is to discuss with MSPs.
7. Other local issues
 - Don Street flooding: EK is awaiting response from ACC.
 - Beach avenue cycle lane: EK objects that parking lane creates hazards for cyclists and pedestrians.
 - Street lighting within the core conservation area of Old Aberdeen: DM observes that other Aberdeen conservation areas have pseudo-traditional lights, and has asked ACC to reconsider.

- ACC strategy for road condition report: ACC Roads has notified that the report was cancelled in early 2020.
8. City Councillors' update (not present)
- Missing College Bounds bus gate camera: reported in Evening Express.
 - Repair of Town House clock (mis-striking and light out): ACC informs that funds are available but officer responsible is on holiday. DM now has appropriate contact in ACC.
9. Treasurer's report
- GM reports that funds still available.
10. Consultations
- DM encourages councillors to submit Low Emissions Zone and Action Travel Plan returns.
 - Another ACC consultation proposes width restrictions for Golf Road to steer trucks onto King Street.
 - An ongoing Scottish Government consultation is proposing extensions to 'Permitted Development' legislation, parts of which will have impact on conservation areas. Dm will review then discuss with OACC.
11. Date for next meeting
- Tuesday 17th November at 7.30 pm
12. Any representations from members of the public and AOB.
- None