**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting 14th November 2017**

**7pm @ Inchgarth Community Centre**

1. **Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Andrew Murray, Sam Harris, Gordon Townson, Jo Duthie, Ian Yuill, Douglas Lumsden, Frank Robertson, Arthur Allan, Ana de Silva, David Adam First Bus, Rab Murchie

1. **Apologies:**

Irene Buchan, Ross and Katherine Campbell.

1. **Police Report:**

Overview of crime results given. Some of these instances include minor vandalism, and breach of ASBO.

A small operation in local Nigg office team took place.

Paul raised confidential matters with police representative.

The community council were advised of the Kincorth/Cove/Loirston email address so that residents can send any emails or queries, this will be directed to them.

Paul raised the police box at Kaimhill, asking what is happening with it. The community council were advised it has had a recent software update on the equipment there.

Gordon raised issues with disturbances in and around Asda.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

Proposed by Arthur Allan

Seconded by Paul O’Connor

1. **Matters Arising:**

No further update on harassment issues at amenity housing in the area.

Bus stop at RGU - Paul has emailed around timescales at compromised position of moving bus stops on Garthdee road.

Pitmedden Road- the trees have been removed from the pavements. Trees are due to be replanted.

Karen was emailed re the objection to the boundary change near the allotments.

Com council governance- Paul has contacted Karen regarding this.

1. **Correspondence:**

First Bus- Dave is now working for operations network for Scotland.

Police Scotland- crime reduction unit- correspondence.

Email from Yvonne Mcleod thanking the the community council and Inchgarth for the promotion of the new playpark.

Beautiful Scotland newsletter correspondence from ACC.

Boundary changes- Karen

Agenda for civic forum

Police hate crimes awareness campaign.

Fiona Grant- CAN day training and networking event.

1. **By election and promotion update:**

1800 flyers for the community council were delivered.

11 nominations so far for the community council. If more than 12 nominations, there will be an election. Paul will keep us updated.

1. **Proposed Garthdee cycle path:**

There are proposals for a cycle path between Bridge of Dee and RGU. Paul has been invited to a point scoring system. Discussion held.

There will be a public consultation held.

Discussion held around the bus stop on Garthdee road at the Craigievar Road junction.

Ian is going to look into requesting a keep clear or box junction on Garthdee road to allow access to and from Craigievar Road.

1. **Kaimhill primary school update:**

 Young defenders- Paul attended an assembly to hear about this new excellent initiative

 and hand

 out certificates to the children relating to their achievements.

 Head teacher position- Susie Webster has been given the permanent headteacher

 position.

 Garthdee community council agrees that this is tremendous news for our children and

 community.

 Kaimhill school Christmas Fayre 30th Nov 5.30 pm- donation? perhaps could be agreed

 with the

 new community council is formed.

1. **Garthdee Parish church:**

Hilda unfortunately was unable to attend. The church attendances are starting to pick up. The church has now been separated from Ruthrieston West. It was agreed that the success of the Garthdee Parish church is vital for our community.

1. **Community open day 18th Dec 5pm-7pm:**

37 stalls booked in so far, and everything is ready. Paul issued flyers to the community council members- please refer to flyer issued, which will also be delivered around the doors in Garthdee. Garthdee community council is delighted to be supporting this excellent community information open day and celebration. An expected 400 attendance will see numerous community groups gain important promotional benefits.

1. **New community website update:**

Jules has been working on this, and the website is live- [www.garthdee.info](http://www.garthdee.info).

More and more events are being added to the website. There was an issue with a duplicate site being produced, which is now resolved. A6 flyers will be organised and distributed around every door in the community.

1. **Business cards for all community council members:**

Paul spoke to Karen regarding this. The community council agreed to the ordering business cards.

1. **The way ahead- ideas for future meetings:**

The community council agreed that the way ahead and ideas for future meetings would be best discussed once the new community council had been elected. This will take place in December and following meetings.

1. **Monthly accounts:**

Andy presented the accounts and statement to the members.

proposed by: Rab Murchie

seconded by; Frank Robertson

1. **Planning Officers Report:**

No report to present.

1. **Councillors reports:**

Gordon Townson- all 3 councillors are involved with Harlaw Academy with a visit to full council and debate to be held in December- date to be confirmed. Ian will be convening it, It will be hosted in RGU. Some P7 pupils will be invited to attend the debate.

Douglas Lumsden- Has received a call re issues time people waited for buses in the area. The resident also queried bench seats in the shelters. Car pool cars- linked to the development at the Caledon.

14th December- budget received from Scottish Government, and the council budget will be set on 19th Feb.

Ian Yuill- issues with potholes, roads issues, speeding in the area, lights, leaves on pavements. Issues that Gordon had already covered earlier.

1. **AOCB:**

Arthur asked about the press covering the bridge of dee- there is nothing in the pipeline at the moment. Will be looking at impact on traffic with the AWPR. Garthdee community councils position on this matter remains in line with the overwhelming majority of Garthdee residents, in that it will not be acceptable to build any new bridge in future through the heart of Garthdee.

Phone box- opposite L&Js

Benches in the area- ask the council for permission to do up the benches- possible project in coming months.

Douglas raised the former RS McColl shop- unsure what is happening with it.

1. **Date and time of next meeting:**

Tuesday 12th December 7pm