**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting 14th August 2018**

1. **Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Andrew Murray, Arthur Allan, Irene Buchan, Rab Murchie, Rob Preston, Douglas Lumsden, Pat Adams ,PC Roisin Burns, Ian Yuill

**2. Apologies:**

Gordon Townson, Hilda Smith

**3. Police Report:**

Inspector sends his apologies.

Kaimhill police box- is no longer used as a local box- no IT equipment in the police box.

June to August- 296 incidents over whole summer period- road traffic incidents, domestic incidents.

Of those only 24 crime files raised.

In Garthdee there has been very few incidents, with most incidents having taken place around the retail parks.

Paul raised the issue of motorbikes and asked if there were any planned campaigns/operations targeting motorcycle offences in the area, however there haven’t been many instances in the area over the last few months.

Rap asked where the control centre is for when 101 is called.

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting:**

proposed by: Rab Murchie

seconded by: Arthur Allan

**5. Incinerator Presentation:**

Paul gave an update to the community council before the start of the presentation. Previously representatives of those against it gave a presentation. To be fair both sides of argument need to be highlighted and discussed.

The Aberdeen Zero Waste Project

Presentation given by Pam Walker- Waste Strategy Manager and Linda Ovens- Ness Energy Project Director

* Background - the targets set by the Scottish government zero waste plan of 2010. The council developed its own waste strategy and its own principles, and set out a number of targets.
* community engagement
* Altens East facility- MRF is running at half capacity so still space available.
* Residual waste
* Business case for Energy from waste versus RDF
* Linda- what is energy from waste:
* common alternative to landfill- highlighted benefits- will generate heat and electricity.
* Over 40 of these facilities in the UK but only 2 in Scotland. One being built in Glasgow. A replacement plant being built in Dundee to replace existing facility.
* Lifespan of plant would be 20 years.
* At year 14, a decision would be made about the future.
* Capital cost of £150 million split between the 3 authorities
* Electricity will be sold to the grid and will generate an income.
* Balnagask already has heating via a gas boiler. Long term vision is to join up these several gas boilers.
* First phase will be before 2021 ahead of the energy for waste plant. When the plant is not running (for maintenance) it will be backed up by boilers.
* 20/25 employees for the site, as well as the construction employment opportunities.
* While plant will run 24/7 but vehicles will only deliver between 7am/7pm. Vehicles from Moray and Aberdeenshire will access the facility via the AWPR.
* There is a planning restriction on the number of vehicles accessing the facility.
* Info given on how it is regulated/controlled.
* website for more information- [nessenergy.co.uk](http://nessenergy.co.uk)

The community council thanked the representatives in attendance for their informative and interesting presentation.

**6. Matters Arising:**

Playpark at Inchbrae is open and doing well. There has been some issues with litter- the council are planning to install another bin.

Next phase of playpark at Inchgarth will be commencing shortly.

Dog fouling competition - winners announced and prizes awarded.

Spirit of the community awards took place and was a successful evening.

Garthdee Liaison group meeting took place in May.

**7. Correspondence:**

Correspondence received since the last meeting included the following:

letter from NHS - Ecocity awards 2018

email on briefing of the Inverness rail improvement project

email from Burness Paull solicitors requesting minutes of December 2016.

invitation to HMS Diamond

email re traffic management

email from British Red cross- a social inclusion project.

**8. Bus Stop:**

The last conversation on this issue was in mid way.

Ian to take this forward along with Gordon and Douglas.

**9. Garthdee parish Church:**

The public meeting is next Tuesday at 7pm.

Rev Scott Rennie emailed that he felt the chair of the community council should not have a platform to speak at the public meeting and wanted advance notice of Hilda’s proposed speech.

Paul asked that all those who were able to, please attend.

**10. Various proposed developments:**

Paul issued document highlighting proposed Inchgarth road area development.

Andrew expressed concern on the link road.

Discussion held around potential development at Leggart, as well as proposed student flats development behind RGU development.

**11. Community Council elections October:**

Flyers are ready to go round the doors. Discussion held.

**12. Monthly accounts:**

Andrew presented the accounts to the community council:

Please refer to the handout:

Accounts proposed by Rob Preston

Seconded by Irene Buchan

**13. Planning Officers Report:**

Nothing to report

**14. Student parking problems:**

Bill Somerville agreed they would deal with this with the new semester starting soon. Kaimhill school have written to RGU regarding this matter.

**15. Newsletter around the doors:**

This to be discussed once a new community council is formed in October.

**16. Councillors Reports:**

Douglas Lumsden- The council is still in recess. Celebrate Aberdeen takes place next Saturday

The Aberdeen run takes place the day after.

Ian Yuill informed the community council that somebody has demolished part of the island at the junction on Garthdee road.

Paul asked the councillors to follow up the police box and the bus stop. Who do we contact re the police box? Douglas will look into this to find out.

£10 million has been set aside for the roads. Ian raised the issue of the state of the road on Devenick place.

**17. AOCB:**

Douglas raised the issue of Mustard Seed Chapel International. Residents had contacted the community council re homophobic literature being issued.

The school has also reported this.

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

Tuesday 11th September. 7pm