**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting Tuesday 8th October 2019**

**7pm @ Inchgarth Community Centre**

1. **Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Benji Espindola, Jo Duthie, Emma Avis, Tom Malcolm, Irene Buchan, Arthur Allan, Ian Yuill, Douglas Lumsden, Rob Preston, Andrew Murray, PC McEwan,

**2. Apologies:**

Gordon Townson, Rab Murchie, Hilda Smith, Joe Espindola

**3. Police Report:**

Since the last report, 140 calls were received, 4 of these were youth annoyance, a drop from last month where there was 6 reported. The main area was for the bowling club, where there were several calls regarding youth disturbances.

Crime files have gone up slightly, this is due to some shoplifting instances at Currys PC World.

Overall it has been relatively quiet in Garthdee.

Ian advised that the pavilion at the bowling club should have been demolished in September.

Discussion around parking issues and obstructions in the area.

PC McEwan has been in touch with Kaimhill school with a pilot scheme. He is the Primary school point of contact, and gave an overview of the scheme.

**4. Public Forum:**

No members of the public in attendance:

**5. Guest Speaker:**

No guest speaker in attendance.

**6. Ideas for future guests:**

Tom suggested those responsible for grounds maintenance.

Other suggestions including contacting the city wardens, housing officer, a rep from the Norwood House hotel, a rep from First Bus, Kaimhill primary and the snowsports centre.

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

Item no 12. should state Required rather than Retired

Proposed By: Emma Avis

Seconded by Benji Espindola

**8. Matters Arising:**

Paul had further conversations with GREC following the last meeting. A Latvian school is teaching at the centre. GREC are working with them, as well as assisting a local resident.

Paul had meetings and conversations with Vodafone around the quality of the road repairs. Ian highlighted that it is a company called City fibre, and advised that council staff are going round after the repairs have been completed to check the standard. Ian also reiterated if there are any issues then please report them.

Paul put on a pinned post on social media regarding reporting issues.

**9. Correspondence:**

Received since last meeting:

member of public emailing re fence repairs

council pre- application forum agenda

community festive fund

reporter from EE

Mike Gifford re repairs

sexual entertainment venue licensing consultation

Old Deeside line safety event

Staff governance committee agenda

First Aberdeen October service change

Jonathan Aitken Smith community council forum

public protection committee agenda

civic forum

city centre masterplan

Karen Finch- Remembrance Sunday invitation

Parking issues

Doug Ritchie- road markings on Garthdee road

Request for a donation (event had already taken place)

Bill Somerville- parking issues

Apologies from Joe Espindola

**10. Community Council newsletter update:**

Tom provided an update, there’s very little coming back from groups for the second edition.

Still waiting to hear back from Kaimhill learning centre, the school and the library. Some organisations have taken out adverts. We really need to get articles from local groups.

Tom will chase up some groups.

Tom has highlighted on local Facebook pages, requesting for groups to be submit articles for the newsletter.

As far as the actual magazine concerned, one of the PCs at RGU has been set up ready to input the information.

Paul has been in touch with Vodafone regarding the advertisements and the text of the articles.

Tom asked if anyone would be interested in writing a standalone article regarding any local issues, perhaps something that the community council is working on, or dealing with.

Paul asked if there’s anything we can do- should we place something generic on group’s behalf if they haven’t submitted anything.

Vodafone is expecting the newsletter to be circulated by the first week of December.

For content, we are currently have half the content required.

Councillors Contact details- email addresses and phone numbers.

Benji agreed to input an article for Gwen’s garden.

Irene suggested contacting Bryan regarding gardening tips.

Jo suggested that the police could put something in around the pilot scheme with the school.

A further suggestion could be the food bank who could put in an article.

Tom suggested a photo competition for photos of the area and perhaps be used in future covers.

**11. Local Issues:**

Paul has been following up the bus stop issues. Mark had emailed in July that the bus stop would be in place within a month. The council line marking machine is currently broken, so that’s the reason for the delay. They say the bus stop marking is still a priority however.

Parking had already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Mike Gifford from Adventure Aberdeen is now the general manager of the ski centre.

Paul is still waiting to hear back from the manager of David Lloyd on promises made to the residents of the community.

Paul asked the councillors if they were aware of what was happening with the former RS McColl store in the community.

**12. Monthly accounts:**

Andrew presented the accounts to the community council.

Please refer to handout and bank statement issued.

Accounts proposed by: Tom Malcolm

Seconded by: Rob Preston

**13. Planning Officers Reports:**

Nothing for the Garthdee area.

Com council forum: there is a lack of speakers attending.

Remembrance day, a wreath is being put forward from the community council forum. Reps from community councils are invited.

Discussion about bus services and charges.

Local place plans- the council has appointed a manager to assist community councils with place plans. The city council have some funding, but haven’t heard of central funding from the government.

City centre masterplan update.

Development day on 2nd November has been postponed.

**14. Councillors Reports:**

Douglas highlighted that he has been dealing with housing issues, and parking issues, particularly near the Norwood.

City wide, the art gallery is opening in a few weeks time.

The local development plan comes back in Spring next year.

Paul noted his interest at this point. Extension to Inchgarth, Paul asked where do we stand? It was agreed cross party in 2017.

Douglas advised its being worked on to see what funding is available, and if there would be any shortfall.

Paul asked for an update on the community centre review which is due to come back to committee next month.

Douglas stated that the aim of the review is not to cut funding, but to direct it in the right directions.

Andrew declared his interest at this point as secretary of Inchgarth, and expressed his concerns regarding the community centre review. Ian stated his group’s position has not altered since the last review and would continue to fully support the community centres of the city.

Ian stated that he has been dealing with parking issues, leaves falling off the trees, potholes, streetlights, has met with the manager of Norwood hall and has met with rep from the fireworks company. Also being dealt with are issues of litter and dog fouling near the ski centre.

**15. AOCB:**

Tom asked about the waste bin at the Asda steps, which had been raised previously.

Health and social care partnership has reduced their locality plan.

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

Tuesday 12th November 2019