**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting 10th April 2018**

**7pm @ Inchgarth Community Centre**

* 1. **Attendance:**  Paul O’Connor, Andrew Murray, Jo Duthie, Pat Adama, Rab Murchie, Arthur Allan, Irene Buchan, Jules Ory, Ishbel, Ian Baird, Sam Maclean, Betty Lyon, Hilda Smith, PC Eoin Maxwell

**2. Apologies:**

Douglas Lumsden, Rob Preston, Frank Robertson, Belinda Ejimadu

**3. Police Report:**

During the month of March there were 7 assaults of which were 2 were serious and 1 domestic. 3 other domestic disputes, 8 thefts by shoplifting, 4 low level vandalism, 1 student with an offensive weapon in RGU and 1 sexual assault reported last week.

An operation was run on Friday night, targeting anti-social driving and speeding in the Garthdee and Kincorth areas.

Discussion held around recent drugs busts in the area

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

Proposed by: Hilda Smith

Seconded by: Jo Duthie

**5. Matters Arising:**

Paul reminded the community councillors that the business cards were available to be collected.

CFine attended Inchgarth community centre recently and was a great success.

The bus stop on Garthdee Road- nothing heard back as yet.

Parking issues- with students being off, there haven’t been any parking issues that we have been notified of.

The headteacher of Kaimhill Primary School has written to RGU regarding parking issues at the school.

Nothing heard back regarding the signage for the church and Inchgarth community centre.

The Princes trust meeting has now taken place.

**6. Correspondence:**

Since the last meeting the following correspondence has been received-

An email regarding civic forum

-email for invitation to network rail for rail improvement survey

-email from Bear Scotland- newsletter.

-email from Police Scotland regrading an awareness campaign for British sign language.

-email from Karen Finch regarding various committees at the council

-email for AWPR consultation

-information on national gardening week at Duthie Park- will be passed to representatives from Gwen’s Garden project

-email on behalf of Douglas Lumsden regarding meeting

-email from convenor of education on capacity issues

-email from Cfine regarding advertising

-a bulletin from Police Scotland

-email from Archway regarding update on pinball machine purchased with Garthdee Community Council donation.

-email regarding housing development behind Leggett Terrace- with 289 houses proposed in the first phase.

**7. Opposition to the incinerator presentation:**

Presentation from representatives opposed to the proposed incinerator on the opposite side of the River Dee

Ishbel spoke around reducing waste, reusing items before recycling.

The incinerator will not completely remove waste, but will just reduce it by 90% and produce lots of ash and carbon dioxide. Highlighted waste hierarchy- prevention, preparing for re-use, recycling, other recovery, disposal.

30-40% of the original mass of the waste burnt ends up as ash.

Fly ash and air pollution control residues may make up as much as 8% of the original mass of the waste burnt.

The ban on landfilling biodegradable waste has resulted in plans for 11 large incinerators to be built in Scotland.

We are committed to 38% of our rubbish once these incinerators are built. This impacts targets for recycling.

SEPA says that incinerators should be designed, equipped and operated using best available techniques for industrial emissions directive.

We produce too much waste and thats not sustainable. Incineration is right down at the base of the waste hierarchy we have to change, to reduce and re-use. Building an incinerator will only maintain our “waste full” habits.

The community council thanked the representatives for their very informative presentation.

**8. Kaimhill primary school capacity:**

The building is exceeding its planned capacity.

The headteacher is currently working on options to resolve this issue.

Currently there are over 100 extra pupils more than it had been built for. There are 2 community rooms which are being used very rarely, (approx 8 classes a week) costing £110k annually. This to be discussed at a future meeting.

**9. Former bowling club site:**

The former bowling club site has been sitting there for more than 2 and a half years with no update on what is happening with the land there. The community council queried what the proposed plans were.

**10. Garthdee Parish church update:**

Paul has had conversations with the Mannofield church minister regarding proposals for the Garthdee church building.

**11. Inchbrae Playpark completed:**

The playpark has now been completed and it is good to see many children utilising the equipment. We now have 4 good play parks in the area.

**12. Signing to church & Inchgarth on Garthdee Road**

We are yet to hear back regarding this, following on discussions from last month’s meeting.

**13. Street Cleaning, public space cleaning**

The local street cleaner has never been replaced, and a walk around the streets shows there is an increasing amount of litter.

Gordon advised residents should keep reporting any issues. Paul will write a letter to the cleansing department.

**14. Dog mess competition update:**

The school has the flyer advertising the competition and will issue these on the first day back after the school holidays.

**15. Monthly accounts**

Please refer to the handout and the bank statements.

Accounts proposed by: Arthur Allan

Seconded by: Rab Murchie

**16. Planning Officer’s report**

Belinda not present.

The only item raised was Inchgarth House which was recently highlighted in the local press.

**17. Councillors Reports**

Gordon has met with David Innes - GT EYE generations together empowering young and elderly.

In Sept there will be a drugs debate at RGU.

In November top performing students will be delivering talks.

The whole point of this is to integrate youths with people in the community of all ages and generations.

**18. AOCB**

Irene raised the issue of the wheelchair friendly swing, and whether this would be possible. This could potentially be included in a future phase of development.

**19. Date and time of the next meeting:**

Tuesday 8th May 7pm