**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting 12th December 2017**

**7pm @ Inchgarth Community Centre**

1. **Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Andrew Murray, Arthur Allan, Ian Yuill, Frank Robertson, Rab Murchie, Irene Buchan, Rob Preston, Hilda Smith, Patricia Adams, Jo Duthie, Belinda Ejimadu, Gordon Townson, Juls Ory, Sergeant Sam Harris, Douglas Lumsden.

**2. Introductions and Apologies:**

Following introduction of all those in attendance, Ian in Karen’s absence presided over the election and introductions.

Election of Office Bearers:

Chairperson- Rab Murchie nominated Paul O’Connor- seconded by Irene Buchan

Secretary- Paul O’Connor nominated Irene Buchan- seconded by Frank Robertson

Treasurer- Irene Buchan nominated Andrew Murray seconded by Hilda Smith

Vice Chairperson- Irene Buchan nominated Rob Preston seconded by Rab Murchie

Planning / Licensing Officer- Irene Buchan nominated Belinda Kieran Ejimadu- seconded by Paul O’Connor

Minute Secretary- Paul O’Connor nominated Andrew Murray- seconded by Irene Buchan

**3. Election of Office Bearers, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Planning Officer:**

See above:

Paul thanked the community council and gave a brief introduction of the role of the community council and the positive difference it has made in the past and the hopes for the future.

Paul highlighted that Pat had been previously been an associate member and asked if she would like to be co-opted on as an associate member. Paul proposed Pat, and was seconded by Rob.

**4. Police Report:**

In the past month- key issues- one resident has been a repeat victim of vandalism to his vehicle. One detected sexual exposure and a breach of an asbo as well as 2 other vandalisms to cars. In terms of reported crime, its been relatively quiet.

Paul queried youths driving at speed around the area. Gordon highlighted speeding motorists in the Asda area of Garthdee.

Paul raised the issues of residents parking their cars on the pavements. Craigievar Crescent is particularly bad for this. Discussion held around parking issues in this area and it was agreed to put a letter around every door on Craigievar Crescent highlighting the problems caused.

Hilda raised the issue of the no entry sign not being adhered to at Ruthrie/Kaimhill which is a long standing problem for the community.

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

Proposed by: Arthur Allan

Seconded by: Jo Duthie

**6. Matters Arising:**

A local resident who has been having harassment issues has been directed by local councillors and community councillors to contact Police directly re this matter.

Proposed cycle path- Paul was unable to attend a point scoring system meeting for which cycle path would be most suitable. This will go to consultation with the community. Timescales are still to be established but it was agreed to keep a close eye on matters given the size of this proposed development and potential issues which will arise.

The school fair took place and was a great success with Paul volunteers to represent the community council and the centre. As we did not give a donation it may be worth considering giving a donation in the new year.

Business cards have not been ordered as awaiting results of new community council.

The phone box on Pitmedden Terrace is still to be reported.

**7. Correspondence:**

Paul read out correspondence received, which included:

the 2018/2019 Scottish Government funding priorities Public meeting- Scottish Parliament- taking place Tues 9th January and Thursday 11th January- Hilton hotel at the beach.

Community Governance correspondence from Karen Finch

Recycling Point- to be covered in Agenda point 9

Councillors Surgery correspondence

Police bulletins on online shopping security

Civic forum correspondence- UTG Design updates consultation.

Police bulletin re confirmation of individual charged with 35 alleged break ins and security

Karen Finch replied to correspondence sent by Paul around number of young people who can join the community council.

ACC correspondence- Stagecoach North Scotland Registration Changes

Proposed Cycle path correspondence from Ruth Milne

Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee agenda from ACC.

Letter received form Cults CC- to be covered in agenda point 13.

**8. Local Council housing Issues:**

Paul highlighted feedback he has received re gutters and dampness. Belinda highlighted issues with dampness with privately rented accommodation in the area. Rob also raised the issue of missing guttering and dampness issues in council property. This has been reported, but issues still remain. Ian took details of this particular case.

Gordon highlighted that if a tenant has issues when reporting faults and dampness issues to contact either or all the local councillors to help progress.

It was agreed that this would be a consistent approach to take.

**9. Community recycling points:**

Paul contacted reps and David Keith from ACC Recycling and Resource Facility has been in touch with Paul, and will attend the next meeting.

1**0. NESCU, Foodbank, Pathways, Period Poverty via C-Fine. Promoting support for those most in need:**

There is a meeting arranged for January to explore how all of the services could work together to support the most vulnerable and in need in our community. This represents an important partnership for our community and an update will be presented at the February meeting.

**11. The Garthdee walkabout early 2018. Choose a date:**

Gordon suggested that the appropriate people be invited along from the council.

Potential date of April- when lighter at night

A social media campaign can take place in the run up to it- photos could be sent in.

**12. Garthdee Parish Church:**

Hilda provided an update to the community council.

The church is still operational with different organisations using the church during the week.

The church is no longer joined with Ruthieston West and they now have an interim minister. There are links with Kaimhill primary school and RGU.

Hilda will advise the community council of any events taking place at the church.

**13. Proposed boundary changes and communications with Cults, Bieldside, Milltimber community council:**

This is due to take place early in the new year. Paul wrote to Cults, Bieldside and Milltimber community council and read out the email that had been written following the decision made by the Garthdee community council to oppose the boundary changes.

**14. Community Open day 18th December 5-7pm Final update on stalls:**

Paul provided an update on the community open day event. If anyone is free to attend the event and represent the community council, please feel free to attend the event taking place on 18th December.

**15. New community website:**

Paul gave an update on the new website. Flyers around the community were delivered highlighting the website for the community, with twitter account and Facebook.

Belinda suggested adding a page to the existing Garthdee info page. Juls was asked to add a page to the community website.

Douglas highlighted that the [garthdee.com](http://garthdee.com) website now linked through to the [garthdee.info](http://garthdee.info) page. This issue has now been resolved.

Gordon suggested that Rick could be invited to the next liaison group meeting.

**16. Business Cards for all community council members:**

These will be ordered up for all community council members.

**17. The way ahead: Ideas for future meetings:**

Attending the next meetings are reps from CBM com council and a rep from waste aware

Irene suggested inviting someone who could attend regarding Christmas lights.

Gordon suggested RGU students volunteering- could this be incorporated into the spirit of the community awards and the students could come and speak with the community council.

Jo suggested rep from RGU mental health movie night.

Ian suggested reps that would be of interest to the local community such as a housing officer.

Davie Innes headteacher from Harlaw was also suggested

It was suggested that we have no more than one guest speaker at each meeting.

**18. Monthly accounts:**

The monthly accounts were presented to the community council. Please refer to handouts and copy of statement.

Accounts proposed by Frank Robertson

Seconded by Rab Murchie

Discussion held around updating of signatories on the account following the election of community councillors. This will be done early 2018.

**19. Planning Officers Report:**

Only 2 things to report- replacement of windows, and erection of an extension.

Belinda will liaise with Irene re this going forward.

Ian will update Karen with new members details.

**20. Councillors Reports:**

Gordon advised he has been dealing with incidents of a resident suffering youth disturbances. Gordon advised those in attendance never be afraid to utilise the 101 phone number for suspicious incidents, or phoning Crimestoppers as this is a good way of building up intelligence.

All 3 councillors are engaged in the Harlaw initiative, Gordon provided an update on the initiative.

Surveys for security advice.

2 future initiatives - looking to hold a volunteering event.- this could be held in conjunction with the Garthdee liaison group. Students have a remit to build their CVs and Gordon is looking to hold a nostalgia event with senior citizens and students.

Douglas advised this week he will find out the budget from the Scottish Govt. Chasing up the issue with the bus shelter on Auchinyell Road and the lack of a bench in the shelter.

Ian thanked Gordon for the involvement in the Harlaw initiative.

Ian has been dealing with gritting issues in the last few days. If there is a grit box needing refilled let Ian know.

Ian advised that a one tonne bag of grit could be delivered by the council to community groups- but this has to be stored off road.

Speeding in the area, and dog fouling issues as well as parking obstructions on Ivanhoe Road.

**21. AOCB:**

There has been ongoing conversations relating to accommodation being built behind RGU nursery and we expect the developer will be in touch with the community council following their initial contact last year.

Douglas asked if ICC had heard back from Stephen Booth on the extension, Paul explained that this will be followed up by Inchgarth.

The community council agreed to send letters to residents on Craigievar Crescent re the parking obstructions taking place.

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

Next meeting will take place Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7pm.