**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting Tuesday 13th August 2019**

**7pm @ Inchgarth Community Centre**

1. **Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Andrew Murray, Joe Espindola, Benji Espindola, Liz Ponting, Ian Yuill, Tom Malcolm, Emma Avis, Irene Buchan, Rab Murchie, Arthur Allan, Doug Ritchie, (Roads Infrastructure Manager) PC Moody, PC Bonthron and members of the public

**2. Apologies :**

Rob Preston, Jo Duthie, Cllr Gordon Townson, Cllr Douglas Lumsden

**3. Police Report:**

There have been 149 calls to the police in the last month- This is in line with most other months for the area. There have been various calls, including, unregistered dirt bikes on the road, youth disturbances, again these incidents are in line with the rest of the city.

There were 36 crime files raised in this area, including vandalism and road traffic offences but nothing major during this period.

**4. Representative from the Road Dept:**

Doug highlighted its been extremely challenging with the limited budgets. Out of all 32 local authorities we sit 7th on list.

In Garthdee there’s a roads inspector, who will pick up carriageways and footways and will notify any defects.

We have an ageing and failing network. Roads are fixed on a priority basis on a matrix and scoring system. A list of priority routes is kept at the Tullos depot. The list is constantly reviewed.

Received an additional £10 million of capital. In first year we had to spend 0.5 million, this year 1.5 million to be used. Increases in subsequent years.

If any streets deteriorate we can notify the dept and they will review it.

If there are any specific concerns, pot holes etc, we can notify the dept as things can often change between inspections. On the website you can record a specific location for an inspector to look at the issue/location.

For missing street signs, these can be reported on the website or emailed.

The number of inspectors has been reduced across the area, so they have larger areas to cover.

Rab raised concerns about the state of road on Holborn Street with HGVs- this is being dealt with.

Irene highlighted the Garthdee Road/Inchgarth Road/Den of Pitfodels junction- this is being looked at.

Paul queried the adoption of roads in Den of Pitfodels area.

**5. Public Forum:**

Lucy- member of public-.

Query with regards to the local development plan.

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

proposed by: Tom Malcolm

seconded by: Rab Murchie

**7. Matters Arising:**

The 119 bus service has been re-promoted.

The school fair took place and was very successful.

The girls brigade donation was collected

The girls brigade is now taking place at the school.

Second meeting of the community centre review took place. Paul noted his interest here as the manager of Inchgarth community centre.

Fireworks- Paul has had a meeting with Ivan, general manager of Norwood Hall. Many residents have been in touch expressing concern with fireworks displays at the hotel. They recognise its not against the law but will try and reduce how late they are held on Sunday nights., and review lower yield ones to reduce the impact on the community.

The website is completely up to date.

The fence outside the church has been removed.

Lack of grass cutting in the area. Lots of conversations about this on social media.

Fibre has been installed around the community.

**8. Correspondence:**

Includes:

emails from Karen Finch,

Scottish Ambulance Service

Christmas lights

Planning and development management agenda

Audit risk and scrutiny agenda

AWPR permanent orders

Monthly safety message from Karen Finch

A review of polling districts and stations across the city

Message from Jonathan Aitken -Smith re community council forum

Email re Great Aberdeen Run

Emails form Karen Finch, community council development day

Minutes for Public Protection Committee

Developer proposals city wide

lots of communications about housing issues and fireworks

Email from a journalist student offering volunteering

Email from Public transport unit re bus stop

Removal of phone boxes

Apologies from Councillor Lumsden’s PA

Temporary traffic order

Apologies from Jo Duthie

Email from RGU re student placements

Aberdeen in bloom emails

AFCN meeting- food network

Email on consultation on sustainable mobility plan

Waste and recycle team- a meeting held

Meeting with new student president and will attend a future meeting.

**9. TucTuc to Kaimhill primary school:**

They issue fresh fruit, veg, soup. Would the community council support the costs of this going to the primary school? It could be used as a method of outreach for the community council.

The community centre will go ahead with this, would the community council be interested in getting involved- interacting with the parents and kids.

The community council agreed to support it.

It was agreed to put £200 towards the costs.

**10. Discuss and arrange social media training dates:**

Inchgarth has an IT suite here at the centre. It would taken hour or so, and it would be beneficial.

A Tuesday evening may be suitable- possible late Sept?

**11. Community council newsletter update:**

Tom provided an update. Copies of the newsletter were distributed to all in attendance.

We need to start pushing to get articles in for the next edition.

Could requests for articles be put on social media? We need to look for advertisers.

Discussion held around potential content for future editions.

**12. Community walkabout proposed date:**

Wednesday 4th September 6.45pm.

**13. Christmas Lights:**

Too late for this year, no funding in place.

This could be revisited, possibly January 2020.

**14. Local Issues:**

Paul had a meeting with Flora from the church- they have appealed the church decision, the way it has been handled. The congregation has been slowly increasing.

Rab discussed the steps at Ramsay crescent. One set has been completed, but the other steps have not been touched. Ian has contacted the relevant department.

Rab highlighted the fence at the Kaimhill Circle and Ruthrie Terrace has been damaged. Ian has already reported this.

Joe raised a query about the stock in a local shop with regards to out of date. Ian highlighted that this should be reported to Trading Standards.

**15. Monthly accounts:**

Andrew presented the accounts to the community council.

Please refer to the handout and statement.

Accounts proposed- Emma Avis

Seconded by Rab Murchie

**16. Planning Officer’s Report:**

Nothing pertinent to the area.

**17. Councillors Reports:**

Ian was the only councillor in attendance. He confirmed railing reported on 8th July. Ian has also been dealing with issues including roads and pavements, benches refurbished or replaced in the area, grass cutting issues and the steps at Ramsay Crescent

Tom asked about the installation of a bin at the top of the steps.

**18. AOCB:**

HMO issue with parking.

Ian advised to report it if there are specific instances or issues.

Rab- cars being parked on the grass.

**19. Date and Time of next meeting:**

Tuesday 10th September 2019- 7pm