**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting 20th March 2018**

**Inchgarth community centre**

**1.Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Andrew Murray, Jules Ory, Rab Murchie, Irene Buchan, Jo Duthie, Frank Robertson, Rob Preston, Arthur Allan, Hilda Smith, Gordon Townson, City wardens

**2. Apologies:**

Douglas Lumsden, Pat Adams, Ian Yuill, Belinda Ejimadu

**3. Police Report:**

No police in attendance

**4. Minutes of previous meeting:**

proposed by: Arthur Allan

seconded by: Rob Preston

**5. Matters Arising:**

The business cards have arrived for the community councillors.

Nothing has been heard regarding the police box at Kaimhill school.

The ski centre- the process is now complete. Andrew expressed incredulence that as a founding member and allowed a place on the board the council administration did not see fit to communicate with the community council. The main issue now is to ensure that local needs of the youth of Garthdee are protected.

CFine will be attending Inchgarth community centre at 5pm this Friday catering for 120 for a family supper for those in attendance.

Dog fouling- Paul issued a competition poster- discussion held

Show at Kaimhill- the critter keeper will be attending Kaimhill school with the donation received from Garthdee Community Council.

Social media- others have been set up as admins for social media- currently, Paul, Andy, Jules, Irene and Rob

**6. Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence were received since the last meeting.

First Aberdeen registration changes correspondence

Community council consultation - boundary changes, complaints procedures

Hate Crime Campaign 2018- correspondence from Police Scotland

Email re Food poverty action plan in Aberdeen

Email from Police Scotland- Nigg office re British sign language

Street cleaning survey received

Email from the cabinet office received regarding attending the community centre to speak to people around views on brexit, the economy and the government as a whole.

Invitation to participate from the Planning review

Email from chairman of ski centre

Email from police scotland re a gift voucher scam

Temporary traffic orders in the community

**7. Bus stop on Garthdee Road/RGU**

Paul was advised that the change to the bus stop was not classed as a priority and would not be proceeding.

The needs of fit young able bodied students should not take precedence over the elderly, parents and disabled residents of Garthdee. This has been going on for 5 years.

**8. Parking issues**

Filipe Antoniazzi and Bill Somerville met with Paul to discuss parking issues. Positive meeting held and Paul requested signs are put in the campus, that emails are sent to all students, all societies and student bodies to speak to all students re this issue. This was agreed.

**9. Potholes**

Email to be sent to Ian .

Andrew suggested that all community councillors and residents ensure they always report any potholes.

**10. Update on new play parks**

The playpark at Inchbrae is under construction at present.

We now have 4 playparks in the community.

Paul declared an interest as the manager of Inchgarth community centre at this point in the meeting. Section 75 monies is available for the community. The centre has bid for funds, and the centre has been written back to declining it due to the position of the closeness of the park to houses despite other play parks being the same distance from housing. The council advised they wished to use the funds to maintain existing play parks which is against the objectives. Paul has agreed to meet with the officer involved to discuss the matter further.

If there is a big construction in the community, the community should benefit.

**11. Signage to church & Inchgarth on Garthdee Road**

Hilda advised that the church has been asking the council for signage to the church. It was noted there was not any signage for Inchgarth either.

Paul will chase this up for both organisations and will speak to Ian first.

**12. Incinerator. Invite guests to discuss**

The community council agreed to invite guests to discuss the pros and cons and have the opportunity to ask questions.

**13. Monthly and annual accounts**

Andy presented the monthly and annual accounts

Accounts proposed- by Irene Buchan

Seconded by Rab Murchie

**14. Planning officer’s reports**

Only one item to report- a house extension

**15. Councillor’s reports**

Gordon provided an update to the community council. he advised that Councillor Flynn had put forward a 50% increase to the development funding for this budget.

Ian was commended for his actions supporting the volunteers and constituents.

Working with Harlaw academy for pupils to attend the debating chamber and should happen in June.

Harlaw are the first academy to receive the gold award from unicef.

The GCC could send a letter of congratulations to the school.

Empowerment of RGU students and Harlaw students. An events student and an S4 student from Harlaw to help asset compering the Spirit of the community awards.

**16. AOCB**

City wardens raised that some residents were unhappy with the volume of works vans parked near the Auchinyell and Garthdee road.

Arthur raised an issue bins at Ramsay crescent near the shops

Discussion held re biodegradable bags for brown bins.

ICC will ask for bags to be made available from the community centre.

Paul had a meeting with Princes Trust and they have been introduced to Harlaw Academy to encourage local youths to participate.

Harlaw Young defenders- update from Paul

The website has been updated again. Jules has put on all the minutes and agendas

**17. Date and time of the next meeting**

Tuesday 10th April 7pm