**Garthdee Community Council Meeting**

Tuesday 10th September 2019

@Inchgarth Community Centre

1. **Welcome and Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Andrew Murray, Jo Duthie, Arthur Allan, Tom Malcolm, Benji Espindola, Joe Espindola, Emma Avis, Liz Ponting, Rob Preston, Rab Murchie, Hilda Smith, Gordon Townson and members of the public.

**2. Apologies:**

Irene Buchan, Douglas Lumsden, Ian Yuill

**3. Police Report:**

16 crime files raised this month, 9 are still ongoing enquiries, 7 have been resolved.

Instances include vehicle thefts. Youth calls are an ongoing priority at the moment. 6 calls have been received in the Garthdee area. One serious incident of hate crime in Garthdee. The incident has been resolved and the perpetrator identified. The incident of fire raising at the former bowling green was discussed.

Discussion held around volume of calls received and local incidents and issues identified.

Since the students have started back, there have been extra patrols in the area.

**4. Public Forum:**

Nothing to be raised as issues were discussed during police report.

**5. Guest 1 Habib Aberdeen multi cultural centre**

not in attendance.

**6. Guest 2 Michelle Haywood GREC**

Paul thanked Michelle for attending.

Michelle gave an overview of GREC, and the services they provide for those who have been socially excluded, due to race, sexuality. Counselling services are provided, along with case work, right through to helping people accessing benefits, understanding their rights, language skills.

**7. Garthdee as a welcoming, open and friendly and tolerant community**

Benji had asked Michelle what could we do as a community. Michelle suggested that as a community we make sure that people get involved.

Paul highlighted that the community centre has been working with the school.

Jo suggested a multi cultural event could be held at the centre.

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

Hilda’s apologies were not included.

Proposed by: Tom Malcolm

Seconded by: Benji Espindola

**9. Matters Arising:**

Roads dept emailed following meeting regarding the bus stop.

Paul received a phone call from company that provides fireworks at the Norwood Hotel. Some of the fireworks have a lower yield.

**10. Correspondence:**

Correspondence received since the last meeting included:

temporary traffic order

licensing committee agenda

Jonathan Aitken-Smith correspondence

neighbours contacting re fireworks displays

correspondence re Gwen’s garden

First Bus service changes

free community workshop

First Bus - protection of bus routes

correspondence from local councillors

Karen Finch re the community centre review

contact from Ian Yuill re community newsletter

correspondence from Kaimhill library

funding information from Karen Finch

Funding streams available across the city

Education operation delivery committee agenda

committee services agenda

station travel plans survey

First bus consultation

Civic forum agenda

community shares project

correspondence re various funding partners

**11. Updates on Fibre, Grass cutting, bus stop on Garthdee Road, tennis courts:**

Paul has had meetings with Vodafone.

A resident had messaged the community centre re the standard of repairs in the area in comparison to other streets that had been dug up.

Grass cutting across the community has picked up.

The tennis courts have received a clean up.

**12. Re-evaluating how we map the community repairs required:**

How do we map repairs retired in the area?

Do we highlight it via the Facebook page /website to encourage self reporting problems.

Emma suggested a pinned post on Facebook page re lamp posts in the area with the darker nights coming in.

**13. Community Council newsletter update:**

Paul, Emma and Tom have met to discuss the content of the next newsletter.

Paul has had a meeting with Vodafone and they have agreed to cover the entire costs of the newsletter.

Paul highlighted some of the potential advertisers.

Discussion held around charging structure for advertising in the newsletter.

Paul noted his interest regarding Inchgarth community centre.

It was agreed that community groups would not be charged, however businesses should be charged.

**14. Local Issues:**

Previously discussed

**15. Monthly accounts:**

Andrew presented the accounts. Please refer to the handouts issued.

Accounts proposed by Arthur Allan

Seconded by Benji Espindola

**16. Planning Officers Report:**

No applications in the last 4 weeks.

**17. Councillors Report:**

Gordon & Ian had put in a motion to council in 2017 regarding the bowling club site and the funds raised to be reinvested (Paul noted his interest) This is sitting with committee and Gordon, Ian and Douglas will be asking for an update.

Spirit of the community awards didn’t take place this year but will be taking place next year- looking to get senior pupils to give a presentation on mental health- date 26th June 2020. Already 15 nominations already.

**18. AOCB:**

Tom attended the community council forum meeting. A lot of time in the meeting was taken up with the development of Union Terrace Gardens.

From Jan to November Union Terrace will be one way while works take place.

The victorian toilets will be refurbished, the amphitheatre will be restored. There will be no loss of grass but with easier access. Work should be completed in 2021.

Planning and Transport- First Aberdeen is up for sale.

Local place plans

Community council planning day- Saturday 2nd November

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

Tuesday 8th October 7pm at Inchgarth community Centre