**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting Tuesday 15th December 2020 7pm via Zoom**

1. **Welcome & Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Andrew Murray, Liz Ponting, Hilda Smith, Irene Buchan, Rob Preston, Ian Yuill, Karen Finch

1. **Apologies:**

Arthur Allan, Tom Malcolm, Douglas Lumsden, Jo Duthie, Gordon Townson.

Rab Murchie has resigned from the community council. The community councillors in attendance agreed to the purchase of a gift for Rab in recognition for his service to the community council.

1. **Brief update from the chair:**

Paul gave a brief update to the community council of what has been taking place in the community in the past 10 months.

1. **Police Report:**

While there were no police in attendance, Paul read out details of the police report he had received. It was agreed that the police report would be forwarded to the community councillors.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The previous meeting’s minutes were proposed by Liz Ponting and seconded by Irene Buchan.

1. **Matters Arising:**

The mental health booklet has been emailed out 4 times to over 900 people. The booklet however can be sent out again and be updated.

The community council has not been made aware of any updates with regard to the link road from North Deeside Road to Inchgarth Road.

The Garthdee Liaison group was due to meet at the end of March. Would organisations want to meet via Zoom or Teams?

Changing place toilet at Inchgarth community Centre- the council had been looking at the costs involved with this, this was part of a strategic discussion with the council.

1. **Correspondence**:

Paul gave an overview of the correspondence received, including:

A temporary traffic order

Public Sector Executive communications

Consultation responses

Council Committee Agendas

Emails from various funders

Community Council Forum correspondence

1. **Covid-19 Community Response update:**

Paul noted his interest at this point as the manager and chair of Inchgarth Community Centre.

Inchgarth Community Centre issued £130,000 of gas, electricity, food, sanitary products and IT equipment through a large support project over the communities in the south of Aberdeen.

Between 1300 and 1400 residents in the south of Aberdeen have been helped in one way or another. Social/welfare phone calls were conducted to alleviate isolation and provide support, with over 300 people receiving such calls.

Foodbank services were reinstated via Inchgarth. TLC were approached to resume their foodbank in the community, but were unable to do so, however staff and volunteers at Inchgarth are now providing this service each week.

Paul noted his interest again as the manager and chair of Inchgarth. The community council applied for funding resulting in £68,000 being secured for services in our community. £33,000 was applied for, for Create Aberdeen to continue providing services for its clients, with the remaining funds £35,000 being secured for Inchgarth to continue providing its services and also a support project to the communities in the south of Aberdeen. These funds will go through the community council account shortly and will then be dispersed to the relevant organisations.

1. **Local issues:**

Gwen’s Garden have had hundreds of trees planted in the area by the council.

There have been communications between Garthdee community council and the Church of Scotland regarding Garthdee church.

Paul has been approached by 3 local residents who have all been having issues with dampness in their homes.

There has been a consultation with regards to the Ellon park and Ride.

There has been no further update to the bowling club site.

Discussion held around the current empty unit at Ramsay Crescent.

1. **Donations to local good causes:**

Each year the community council usually make donations to local groups.

The community council agreed to donate £250 to Gwen’s Garden and £500 to Kaimhill Primary School.

1. **Resilience Planning as a community**

Karen advised a local resilience group had given a presentation to another community council. Karen can provide contact details for the group.

1. **Monthly accounts:**

Andrew presented the monthly accounts to the community council.

Please refer to the accounts which had been emailed out prior to the meeting.

The community council accounts were proposed by Rob Preston and seconded by Hilda Smith.

1. **Planning officers Report:**

Nothing to report, Paul will ask Emma to email anything out.

1. **Councillors Report:**

Ian had to leave the meeting by this point, no other councillors were present.

1. **AOCB:**

No other business raised.

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

Tuesday 12th January 2021 7pm