**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting 16th October 2018**

**Inchgarth Community Centre**

1. **Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Andrew Murray, Hilda Smith, Arthur Allan, Jo Duthie, Irene Buchan, Rab Murchie, Rob Preston and members of the public

**2. Introductions and Apologies:**

Gordon Townson, Douglas Lumsden, Pat Adams, Belinda Ejimadu, Frank Robertson

**3. Police Report:**

Discussion held around local issues before update from Sgt Davie Elrick.

The community council were advised that there had been 35 recorded crimes from 11th Sept. 14 of these have been detected.

Of note, on 22nd Sept a courier driver was assaulted on Aboyne Road.

On 23rd Sept a domestic housebreak took place on Pitmedden Terrace.

On 29th Sept a dog walkers dog (on a lead) was struck by a motorcyclist.

6th Oct a man forgot to pick up his cash from self service till at Asda.

On 9th Oct a man exposed himself to shoppers at Asda.

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

proposed: Hilda Smith

seconded: Rab Murchie

**5. Matters Arising:**

Paul has chased up the issue with the police box with the three local councillors. Nothing has been heard about this since.

Discussion held around proposed development at Leggart. There have been items posted on social media regarding potential impact near Tollohill Woods.

Paul and Gordon attended Harlaw Academy to speak about community engagement.

**6. Correspondence:**

Correspondence received regarding disabled parking bays near Ruthrieston and Kaimhill Gardens and other traffic and parking restrictions.

Community asset transfer correspondence.

Police Scotland correspondence re counterfeit notes

Email from city wardens re local residents having issues with students obstructing their driveways.

Correspondence received regarding hate crimes reported to Police Scotland.

Small grants for community groups for festive celebrations

Correspondence from Karen Rennie on community council elections.

**7. Garthdee community council elections:**

14 nominations received to join Garthdee community council, there are 12 vacancies on the community council so an election will take place on 25th October.

A letter/polling card will be sent to residents of Garthdee. Residents can also request a postal vote. Voting can also take place at Kaimhill library.

Training will be given at the January meeting of the community council.

At the first meeting of the newly formed community council, office bearer positions will be decided.

**8. Discussion on local issues ongoing:**

A local resident who lives on Montrose Drive raised the issue of parking on the street. Cars are having to reverse back when cars meet on a single lane of the road. Concerns were raised regarding aggression between drivers. The bus stop at the Craigievar Road junction also impacts the volume of traffic in the area.

Discussion held around possibility of a one way system and/or junction markings.

Paloma - a volunteer from Gwen’s Garden gave an update on the garden. They have applied to reforest the whole area opposite Caledon Court. Trees will be donated for the project. Paul highlighted that any approval needs to come from the council, no requirement for approval from the community council.

Woodland Trust will donate the trees. The community council were in agreement that this was a good project and were willing to lend its support to the project.

Hilda gave an update on the Garthdee parish church following the public meeting. No final decision has been made as yet on the future of the church building.

Noise from the new student accommodation at Caledon Court. A local resident has complained about the noise from the flats. No further updates regarding noise issues in the area.

Inchgarth extension. Paul declared an interest this topic but decided not to leave the room. Feasibility study is now completed. The extension is larger than the current hall, including coffee shop area. 2 options in the feasibility study. The process initially started back in March 2017.

**9. Overview of the community council roles:**

Chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, licensing officer, planning officer- Paul went over the roles as well as associate members of the community council.

Community council liaison officer will complete 45 mins of training in the January meeting of the community council.

**10. The future:**

Brainstorming at the first meeting- create a list? a hit list of issues.

how do we engage with the community? - Jo and Andrew suggested a point of contact, perhaps the secretary or designated person who can collate all the information and promote the community council and communicating with the public.

Advertising with First Bus.

Linking in with the entertainment provided by Inchgarth to the sheltered housing complexes.

Guest speakers such as reps from Roads dept.

Which organisations in the community could we discuss being associate members such as student reps.

Garthdee walkabout- the benefits of doing this again.

Irene raised the issue of the temporary fencing on Auchinyell bridge.

**11. Monthly accounts:**

Andrew presented the accounts to the community council. The current balance of the accounts is £1269.86.

Accounts proposed by: Arthur Allan

Seconded by Irene Buchan

**12.Planning Officers Report:**

Only issue raised the disabled parking bays.

HMO on Aboyne Place

**13. Councillors Reports:**

No councillors in attendance.

**14. AOCB**

Rab raised issue of HMRC fraud calls.

Election will take place on 25th October.

Current office bearers if they don't get elected they will pass over any details as necessary.

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

Tuesday 13th November 7pm