**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting Tuesday 9th February 2021 @ 7pm via ZOOM**

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion & Decision** | **Action & Follow up** |
| 1. Welcome & Attendance | Paul O’Connor, Andrew Murray, Irene Buchan, Rachael Fraser, Emma Avis, Tom Malcolm, Ian Yuill, Joe Espindola, Benji Espindola, Liz Ponting, Hilda Smith  Paul introduced Rachael to the community council. |  |
| 1. Apologies | Gordon Townson, Douglas Lumsden, Karen Finch |  |
| 1. Police Report | Paul shared the Police Report with the community council. This was summarised, though the Police report has previously been issued to all community councillors prior to the meeting. Please refer to the report for detail. | POC to discuss with Sergent. |
| 1. Annual General Meeting | Please refer to separate minute for AGM section of meeting |  |
| 1. Co-option of Pearl Edwards and Rachael Fraser | Rachael Fraser was proposed by Paul O’Connor and seconded by Tom Malcolm.  Pearl Edwards was not present at meeting. |  |
| 1. Minutes of previous meeting | Proposed by: Liz Ponting  Seconded by: Emma Avis |  |
| 1. Matters Arising | No additional matters arising, with all items covered in the agenda. |  |
| 1. Correspondence | The following correspondence has been received since the last meeting:  Invitation to take part in online consultative meeting  ACVO E- bulletin – has had a new design  Various agendas for committees on the council  No communications re Covid vaccine for Garthdee  Fairer Aberdeen Fund correspondence  Email from Rachael  Email from Pearl  Hardship fund correspondence  Garthdee Road closure  Karen Finch local improvement plans  Police Report |  |
| 1. Covid- 19 Support Project- update | Paul provided an update to the community council. The support project has supported residents in this and surrounding communities in the south of the city with food, gas , electric, sanitary products and household essentials amongst other items.  Inchgarth Community Centre has started its own foodbank from the centre and has publicised its Amazon wishlist to help gather support.  A second foodbank is looking to start distributing from Inchgarth Community Centre also.  350 people across communities in Aberdeen are receiving social calls each week via the project’s volunteers  Competitions have been run for the kids in the area.  Joe asked about support for youths. Inchgarth had contacted Streetsports in late 2020 and they agreed to revisit.  Scott Beattie has been in touch with the Fuel Bank Heat Fund and is looking into how this can be used to support residents. | Paul to update on progress |
| 1. Local Issues | The Garthdee church building is going to be demolished.  Ian has followed up on previous discussions on the vaccine in the Garthdee area. Those over 80 should have been vaccinated at either home or their GP surgery. If under 80, you’ll be invited for a vaccination by age group – all at TECA. The reason for this is because it’s all on same level- there’s a vast amount of space with underground car parking. The prospect of a vaccination in the Garthdee area is very unlikely.  RGU- there is a new principal installed in RGU. Paul has made contact with him.  Discussion held around issues with potholes and lighting in the area and the possibility of community councillors being responsible for an area or zone.  Rachael raised concerns about housing above the shops in Ramsay Crescent. Issues with balconies with dead birds above the chemist and the empty former RS McColls unit.  Rachael asked about issues that have taken place at a local store with a discussion held around reported instances. | All to take zone/contribute to reporting  POC to follow up. |
| 1. Monthly Accounts | Andrew presented the accounts to the community council.  Please refer to the previously issued accounts sheet for detail.  Proposed by Tom Malcolm  Seconded by Hilda Smith |  |
| 1. Planning Officers Report | Nothing to report for the area or for licensing.  Community council forum- Tom hoped to join the next meeting. | Tom |
| 1. Councillors Reports | Ian Yuill, the only councillor present, confirmed there were no big issues beyond what had already been discussed. |  |
| 1. AOCB | The community centre received money to be used for Christmas lights during the festive period.  It was suggested a funding bid could be made for Christmas lights/decorations for the community or signposts to indicate you’re entering Garthdee  Ian suggested that the lights could be focussed in the entrance areas to the community.  Paul suggested that someone could write away to local businesses to see if they would be interested in supporting/sponsoring Christmas lights or signs saying “Welcome to Garthdee”  Irene said she would contact Cults Bieldside and Milltimber community council as they have had success in getting sponsors for their Christmas lights.  Ian reminded that the council would need to be checked regarding Christmas lights or welcome signs for the community.  Irene agreed to get in touch with the council, the other community council and liaise with Liz.  There was discussion and agreement to purchase a gift to Rab Murchie, who has resigned from the community council due to ill health, and as a token of our thanks and best wishes. | Irene  POC |
| 1. Date & Time of next meeting | Tuesday 9th March 7pm |  |