**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting Tuesday 12th February 2019**

**7pm Inchgarth community centre**

1. **Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Liz Ponting, Tom Malcolm, Arthur Allan, Rab Murchie, Andrew Murray, Irene Buchan, Hilda Smith, Rob Preston, Councillor Douglas Lumsden, Emma Avis, Benji Espindola, Joe Espindola, Sergeant McOuit and members of the public.

**2. Welcome and Apologies:**

Councillor Gordon Townson, Councillor Ian Yuill, Jo Duthie

**3. Police Report:**

Since the last report there have been 31 recorded crimes for the period, this is a reduction of 7 crimes over the same period previously. 12 of these have been detected, with 15 ongoing investigations.

Included in these incidents, there were 4 vandalism, 5 road traffic offences, 5 thefts, 1 sexual enquiry which is ongoing, and 7 instances of anti-social behaviour.

 A discussion was held around local issues.

**4. AGM**

**4a. Attendance:**

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**4b Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting for approval:**

There was by-election so the community council was reformed- no requirement

**4c. Chairperson’s annual report:**

Please refer to the report issued to all those in attendance.

**4d. Annual Accounts:**

Andrew presented the annual accounts to the community council. Please refer to the handout.

Accounts proposed by Tom Malcom

Seconded by Benji Espindola

**4e. Office Bearer positions:**

Office bearers were elected in November’s meeting- no requirement to re-elect.

**4f. Close of meeting:**

Paul thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting

**5. Minutes of previous meeting:**

proposed by: Arthur Allan

seconded by: Irene Buchan

**6. Matters Arising:**

The community council constitution there is nothing to be changed- just needs to be signed and sent off.

There are still 3 community councillors to send in forms.

Paul followed up emails sent previously regarding the police box at Kaimhill primary school. The space has been vacated but the police are still paying for it.

Paul has followed up with Harlaw Academy in regards to the logo competition to see if there is an interest for the kids.

The new health worker- Paul has met with her recently.

Poverty in the community- a large stock of sanitary products has arrived at Inchgarth and also available via the foodbank.

**7. Correspondence:**

Correspondence received since the last meeting included:

One Seed Forward meeting with Kaimhill primary school- the school is engaging positively with him.

Full public consultation ACC

Consultation for the LDP - 5th March 3pm to 7pm at Inchgarth community centre

Report for Fairer Aberdeen Fund.

First Bus correspondence- RGU have confirmed they will support the compromised position of the bus stop.

Waste and recycling will be coming to Garthdee Community Council meeting on 12th March

North East of Scotland young wildlife champions correspondence

Public consultation strategic plan

Garthdee parish church correspondence

Concerns re HMO issues in the area.

Community council research report consultation

New temporary traffic lights on Garthdee road

Aberdeenshire council support bus service

Recent scams in the area

Consultation on fireworks

Grant funding for community groups and charities- Jonathan Aitken Smith- chair of the forum.

**8. Community newsletter:**

Tom provided an update to the community council.

Paul had a meeting with RGU who have agreed to edit, design and print the first edition.

A meeting is to take place in March to discuss further.

Tom had a powerpoint presentation to give an idea of what a Garthdee community council newsletter would look like.

It could include details of community council members, local elected reps etc, an update from the primary school, a section from the library etc.

A community feature- perhaps a local club etc could put in an article, there could be different groups in each edition. A letters page could be included.

The main part in the middle pages will be devoted to the community council, what is happening within Garthdee Community Council.

Information from the city councillors- what the councillors are doing within the area- any general issues that are being dealt with.

Local MSPs and MP contributions

An events diary. Contributions form the local churches.

There will be an Inchgarth community centre contribution- events and groups and clubs. The same with Kaimhill community wing.

Also included will be local interest issues/articles and a contact list and advertising.

Tom will email around the list of contacts.

**9. Swing for people with disabilities:**

Irene gave an overview of the principle of a swing for people with disabilities.

There are 3 swings at a closed down school. Could one of these be moved into the community?

Jo has written to Ian re this. There will be planning permission required and installation costs.

Jo will be taking the lead on this. How are the installation costs get met. Where could it go?

Could a crowdfunder work?

Discussion held.

**10. LDP (local development plan) & consultation:**

The potential housing development on Auchinyell Road. This has changed from flats to houses. the community council made a statement previously that the space should stay as green space rather than being developed on.

It cannot be clarified if it will be private housing or council housing on the site.

There is also the bowling club site that is under consideration for council housing.

Discussion held around the Garthdee community council’s position on the land in question.

Gwen’s garden will be assisted in getting constituted.

This will assist in gathering support and funding.

In the LDP- HMO provision.

The community council’s position has been a limitation of 10-12%

**11. Website, social media:**

Paul has checked the statistics of the page- there has been over 400 views recently.

if there anything that community councillors would like to share, please do. Please remember to share the content.

**12. Local issues:**

Paul attended the Kaimhill primary inspection. HMIE

The school will come out with flying colours due to its work with the community.

Initial feedback was very good.

Coral Bookies is up for sale.

RS McColls site- a few people have enquired about the space.

Police office- previously discussed

Rap highlighted concerns around the flights of steps not gritted and the state of the of the paving slabs near Ramsay Crescent.

Tom suggested that someone from the roads dept could attend the meetings

**13. Monthly accounts:**

Andrew presented the accounts as discussed in the AGM

accounts proposed and seconded as previously.

**14. Planning officers report. Licensing report. Community council forum update:**

No pertinent planning applications.

Tom attended the community council forum. They also had an AGM. Tom gave an overview of the AGM and provided an update on the community council forum.

Paul declared an interest as chair of Inchgarth community centre and Garthdee community council.

Paul attended the recent city council meeting on budget decisions.

Paul highlighted concerns on the limited funding community organisations in Garthdee receive.

Paul asked that as our elected rep and co-council leader not to cut the funding to our community organisations and asked for assurances for Garthdee.

**15. Councillors reports:**

Councillor Lumsden highlighted the main areas as-

Budget coming on 5th march

Housing in the area,

Lights on Auchinyell road.

Irene asked Councillor Lumsden why the council employ consultants. Councillor Lumsden advised that consultants are used for specific projects, rather than paying for a permanent member of staff.

**16. Members of the public:**

No further issues raised.

**17. AOCB:**

Tom has purchased folders for the minutes and agendas and these will be placed in various buildings in the community.

Tom asked if members of the public want to raise a particular issue- could this be put higher up in the agenda rather than wait until towards the end of the meeting- rather like the police report.

Andrew queried the bench that has been installed on Garthdee Road.

Paul advised of the Inchgarth Community Centre AGM and Spirit of the community awards- nominations are open to the end of March.

A small scale volunteers awards will take place at Inchgarth on 16th March- all are welcome to attend.

Hilda confirmed that the church will be closing in March although they have said no to linkage of union in Mannofield- the church will have to put forward an appeal.

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

Tuesday 12th March 2019 7pm