**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting Tuesday 12th March 2019**

**7pm @ Inchgarth community centre**

1. **Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Gordon Townson, Rob Preston, Hilda Smith, Emma Avis, Rab Murchie, Irene Buchan, Arthur Allan, Ian Yuill, Benji Espindola, Joe Espindola, Andrew Murray, Liz Ponting and members of the public

**2. Apologies:**

Police Scotland, Douglas Lumsden, Jo Duthie, Tom Malcolm

**3. Police Report:**

No police in attendance, however police report made available. The content discussed of report was discussed at the meeting.

**4. Minutes of previous meeting:**

proposed by: Rob Preston

seconded by: Hilda Smith

**5. Matters Arising:**

Copies of the community council constitution to be signed and scanned across to liaison officer.

All required outstanding forms from some community councillors have been submitted to Karen Finch.

Paul has followed up with Harlaw Academy regarding the logo competition.

There is grant funding available for community groups and charities.

**6. Correspondence:**

The correspondence received since the last meeting included:

Email from Scottish land commission via Aberdeen city council.

Email from biodiversity project fund

Cala homes bursary fund

Climate week north east brochure

Police Scotland shaping our delivery- consultation

City council budget- email from the chair of the civic forum.

Paul declared an interest regarding Inchgarth at this point in the meeting when it came to discuss Aberdeen City Council’s recent budget proposals- Gordon highlighted that Ian submitted in his budget the proposed extension to Inchgarth community centre.

Discussion held around proposed development at the bowling club site.

Email from resident concerning dog fouling issues in the area.

Email from ACC -youth recruitment event taking place later this month

Parks and grounds maintenance survey

Agenda for staff governance committee

Email from Karen Finch regarding refreshed local outcome improvement plan.(LOIP)

Email from Karen Finch the consultation in more detail

Email regarding visit to talk to community council on christmas lights.

Traffic order for the Torcher parade

Police Scotland anti-hate crime campaign

**7. Community newsletter update:**

Paul distributed the community council pages for the newsletter.

Paul and Tom met with representatives from RGU regarding the design and printing of the newsletter.

Please refer to the handout issued.

**8. Local development plan (LDP) and consultation:**

Update from 5th March consultation event.

Paul has put forward the community council’s representations by email.

There was a steady flow of attendance to the consultation. Questionnaires were issued to those in attendance.

**9. Creation of a local heritage group:**

Paul has spoken to the admin of Garthdee loons and quines Facebook page.

Paul has offered free space at Inchgarth for the creation of a local heritage group.

Andy suggested that it could be advertised on the Facebook page

Ian also suggested it could be highlighted in the community newsletter

Emma suggested that pictures/images could be used to influence the logo of the community council

Paul asked if the community council would be willing to support/sponsor the creation of a group, to which the community council agreed to.

Gordon highlighted that Ferdinand, former Principal of RGU was very focused on intergenerational working in the community and in the university, while Ian suggested that potentially town planning students could look at the town planning aspect of Garthdee.

Paul informed the community council that Incgharth still has students at the centre for a further 6 weeks who could possibly be working on a potential group.

Emma suggested that she could find out from Waterstones if there are any local historians, Ian asking if there was anything written about Garthdee already..

It was suggested and agreed that the community council could fund a flyer to highlight and promote the group.

**10. Local issues:**

There is an issue of parking on the pavements in the community- fully and partially on the pavements.

Ian confirmed there is legislation working through the Scottish Parliament. The power to penalise will be with the council. Hopefully this will alleviate the problem in the future.

Emma raised a query about getting a passing place on Ramsay crescent due to parked cars on one side. Could preventative line markings be marked? Ian suggested that the community council could write to the ACC.

A member of the public suggested that RGU could reduce parking charges. It was highlighted that the issue was due to the volume of spaces on the campus rather than any costs for parking.

Andy suggested that the community council could produce letters that could be placed on the offending vehicles.

Emma suggested that this could be included in the newsletter and Paul highlighted this could be highlighted on social media.

Dog fouling- discussion held around the issue and the increased problem in the community.

**11. Monthly Accounts:**

Andy presented the accounts to the committee. Pl

Please refer to the issued handout and bank statement.

Accounts proposed: Rab Murchie

Seconded: Emma Avis

**12. Planning officers Report:**

Nothing to report, with no applications

**13. Councillors Reports:**

Gordon- previously reported that he is working closely with Harlaw Academy on public speaking activities that students could get involved with. Some of the activities we hoped to run haven’t taken place.

Gordon has communicated with police reps and Harlaw reps to empower senior students to de-risk them when they are going to licensed premises and night life.

Gordon is on the public protection committee and has asked for thematic reports as to how this could be delivered and has also asked for a thematic on hate crime and link to LGBT to get a better representation as well as reports on mental health and post traumatic stress disorders in serving officers for police, fire service and paramedics.

Ian has been dealing with complaints about speeding on Auchinyell Road, the pedestrian crossing at Asda as well as complaints on the state of benches- 2 have been removed on Auchinyell Road.

Ian has also followed up on the swings- they are not in a good condition to be moved and cannot be moved elsewhere.

**14.Members of the public:**

Questions were asked by a member of the public and responded to throughout the meeting by both community councillors and local city councillors in attendance, In addition the member of the public raised a query regarding the state of the roads.

Gordon highlighted that post budget there are no additional funds available as the administration of the city council have cut the budget for road maintenance and the council will publish a list of the roads pavements that they plan to repair in the next 12 months.

Irene asked if the council will reimburse motorists who damage their vehicle as a result of a pothole.

Gordon has received a response that the potholes in the area were not deep enough to be repaired.

Rob confirmed that a pothole has to be a certain depth irrespective of the width/breadth of the pothole.

**15. AOCB:**

Rab raised a concern regarding Ramsay crescent, specifically the area near the pensioners houses and the state of the steps which had not been gritted during the bad weather and the gaps between the slabs.

The Garthdee Liaison Group meeting will be taking place next Tuesday at Inchgarth community centre.

Gordon commended the attendance at such meetings.

**16: Date and time of next meeting:**

Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7pm