**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting 9th May 2017**

**7pm @ Inchgarth Community Centre**

1. **Attendance and Welcome:**

Paul O’Connor, Irene Buchan, Ian Yuill, Douglas Lumsden, Dave MacDonald, Arthur Allan, Wilma Allan, Rab Murchie, , Jo Duthie, Patricia Adams, RGU rep, Daniel Laird-First Bus rep and members of the public.

**2. Apologies:**

Andrew Murray, Gordon Townson, Ross Campbell, Catherine Little, Frank Robertson.

**3. Police Report:**

There has been a decline in reported crimes, with 16 reported, 4 resolved and 12 currently under investigation. These included instances of vandalism where cars were keyed, a drink driver and a minor incident in Asda car park. There was also an issue of a fracas on Garthdee Terrace/Montrose Drive with 2 groups fighting.

A resident highlighted issues along the railway line, with speeding motorbikes at night as well as issues during the day with cyclists speeding along the walkway.

There are still problems at Ruthrie Road/Terrace with traffic still ignoring the no-entry signs. This is an ongoing problem and the city wardens will look into patrolling this at peak times. the presence of city wardens has been successful at Kaimhill primary school.

Residents are urged to report any traffic issues to the city wardens.

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

Proposed by Rab Munchie

Seconded by Wilma Allan

The community council welcomed the newly elected councillors.

**5. Matters Arising:**

The cheque for the Scouts donation is still to be collected.

The boundaries project is still ongoing.

A walkabout to highlight any issues to take place late August.

Rab highlighted issues with broken glass on the pathway leading to Asda which is hazardous to pets and children. Paul will get in touch with Asda re this.

The community council agreed to donate £100 towards the cost of the community directory.

**6. Correspondence:**

Paul read out the correspondence received since the last meeting

**7. Daniel Laird- First Bus**

A robust discussion took place, where it was made clear that First Bus puts the needs of RGU students over the residents of Garthdee. There is still no compromise in place. Ian will try to organise a meeting with all involved in decision making-RGU, Garthdee community council, Transport Dept, First Bus.

A member of the community council will try to attend the Aberdeen City Council Forum Transport subgroup on 24th May.

**8. Parking Issues:**

There are issues with RGU students parking in residents only spaces in the community , as well as parking on pavements which restricts prams and mobility vehicles from using the pavement. One resident was blocked in for 2 hours and a mobility vehicle overturned when trying to negotiate parked cars.

A dialogue with RGU is ongoing with the university trying various methods for student compliance.

Advice from the police is to take a photo of the car/reg number and either send on to the police or to Ian Yuill and he will pass them on.

There are also problems with parking in the grounds of Inchgarth community centre. Ian suggested the installation of no parking signs.

**9. The Garthdee walkabout:**

As discussed earlier in meeting, it has been agreed that this should take place around late August.

**10. Monthly accounts and account signatories update:**

The monthly accounts were presented and discussed with the community council. Please refer to handout.

Accounts were proposed by Arthur Allan

Seconded by Rab Murchie.

**11. Old RS McColls Unit:**

Discussion held with confirmation that this is not something Inchgarth or Garthdee community council could take on but would be a good community project, as it would help tidy up what has become an eyesore.

**12. Planning Officer’s Report:**

Irene gave the community council an update on RGU student accommodation behind RGU, Caledon bar site, Suttie development and the community council boundaries.

**13. Councillors Reports:**

Councillors Yuill and Lumsden gave the community council an update on their recent work.

**14. AOCB:**

Irene agreed to organise and send a condolence card to Andy.

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

Tuesday 13th May 7pm