**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting 8th May 2018**

**7pm @ Inchgarth Community Centre**

1. **Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Hilda Smith, Pat Adams, Jules Ory, Andrew Murray, Rob Preston, Jo Duthie, Rab Murchie, Frank Robertson, Arthur Allan, Ian Yuill, Irene Buchan

**2. Apologies:**

Gordon Townson, Douglas Lumsden, Belinda Ejimadu

**3. Police Report:**

No officers in attendance.

Paul discussed the issue of motorbikes in the area. Hilda was nearly knocked down recently by a motorbike. Rab highlighted issues which have been reported. Andrew highlighted that all these incidents need to be reported to ensure they have records of the incidents.

Paul asked if there were any further updates re the police box at Kaimhill.

**4. Minutes of previous meeting:**

Simon Maclean- correction to previous minutes as Mr Maclean’s first name was recorded incorrectly.

proposed by Hilda Smith

seconded by Rab Murchie

**5. Matters Arising:**

Business cards are here at the community centre and ready for collection.

The head teacher has written to RGU following car parking issues in the school grounds.

Paul has contacted Bill Somerville at RGU again regarding the parking.

Ian suggested highlighting the issue to the Evening Express.

Paul has had an email back regarding the incinerator.

The play park is doing very well.

Dog mess update: 14/15 kids have submitted entries. The competition will run to the end of the May.

Andrew suggested certificate/letter for all entrants.

**6. Correspondence:**

Correspondence received since the last meeting included the following:

An email from Police Scotland

Paul had a meeting with Steven Clark - Royal Devenick Park. Ian suggested contacting the relevant community councils.

Police Scotland correspondence regarding fraud

Bridge of Don mens shed fundraiser

Kaimhill library has been in touch re promotion of the library to put on our website-.

Ross Laird- Network Rail invite to stakeholder meeting event.

Correspondence re Sanctuary housing issue.

Email myth buster information sheet around minimum unit pricing.

Email re cars and motorbikes being stolen across Aberdeen,. Info to be put on the Facebook page.

Development trust association Scotland- community asset transfer correspondence re meeting.

GDPR correspondence.

**7. Bus stop on Garthdee Road/RGU:**

Paul has emailed today regarding this. Ian agreed that a meeting with all parties would be the most sensible option.

**8. Garthdee Parish Church- facing closure:**

Hilda gave an update on the circumstances around the church. Jo queried around the advertisement of the church with RGU and the school.

Andrew suggested that the community need to be made aware that the church is under threat. The church committee will be meeting this week. If the committee are looking to campaign, can the community council lend its support.

Hilda will speak to the board later this week, and all the local councillors will be invited to attend.

Ian - other members of the Garthdee liaison group could be made aware.

**9. The old bowling club site:**

The site has been sitting overgrown for several years. Ian- advised that a report has been done for the suitability of council housing.

Irene queried of the waiting list for council housing.

**10. New Housing- Leggart:**

Discussion held around the proposed development at the opposite side of the river directly across from Garthdee.

**11. Pot holes:**

Paul asked about the prioritisation around pot holes and resurfacing of the road.

Ian advised the community council that if you see a pot hole, please report it in, and take a photo of it if possible.

1**2. Incinerator:**

The community council are awaiting for someone to come and speak on the benefits of the incinerator to ensure a balanced approach given that we had a presentation by those opposing it.

**13. Monthly Accounts:**

Andy presented the accounts to the community council. Please refer to accounts handout and bank statement.

Accounts were:

proposed by Arthur Allan

seconded by Frank Robertson

**14. Planning Officers Report:**

update provided by Paul.

**15. Councillors Reports:**

Ian provided an update to the community council. pot holes, dog mess, lighting and speeding are all issues that Ian has been dealing with.

**16. AOCB:**

Andrew suggested the refurbishment of benches in the area.Ian suggested sending a list of the benches in the area to him.

Spirit of the community awards: Paul gave an update.

Inchgarth- feasibility study for extension has started.

Harlaw learning partnership- Paul attended recent meeting.

Garthdee liaison group- meeting will be taking place shortly.

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

Tuesday 12th June 2018- 7pm