**Garthdee Community Council**

**Meeting 13th November**

**7pm @Inchgarth Community centre**

1. **Attendance:**

Paul O’Connor, Irene Buchan, Arthur Allan, Joe Espindola, Ben Espindola, Andrew Murray, Tom Malcolm, Gordon Townson, Ian Yuill, Emma Avis, Rab Murchie, Jo Duthie, Liz Ponting. Douglas Lumsden

**2. Welcome & Apologies:**

Gordon chaired the first part of the meeting and introduced himself and highlighted he would chair this part of the meeting with Ian assisting until the office bearers had been appointed.

Apologies from Hilda Smith

**3.Appointmentt of office bearers:**

Position of Chair-

Nomination of Paul O’Connor by Arthur Allan, seconded by Rab Murchie

Position of Secretary-

Irene Buchan nominated by Paul O’Connor and seconded by Arthur Allan

Position of Treasurer-

Andrew Murray nominated by Arthur Alan and seconded by Irene Buchan

Position of Vice Chair-

Tom Malcolm nominated by Irene Buchan and seconded by Rab Murchie

Position of planning officer-

Emma Avis nominated by Rob Preston and seconded by Irene Buchan

Position of Licensing Officer-

Emma Avis nominated by Tom Malcolm and seconded by Liz Ponting

Position of Minute secretary-

Andrew Murray nominated by Arthur Allan and seconded by Rab Murchie.

Gordon and Ian then passed across to Paul as chair.

Ian suggested sending a card to Hilda from the community council. Irene agreed to purchase this.

Pat Adams had previously expressed interest in becoming an associate member

Jo Duthie was proposed by Paul O’Connor and seconded by Andrew Murray as an associate member.

**4. Police Report:**

Since the last report there were 28 reported crimes, nearly a third of those relate to thefts from the retail park area.

4 minor road traffic collisions occurred as well as a couple of domestic incidents, possession of cannabis, 2 charged with threatening and abusive behaviour.

Discussion around youth disturbances in the area, these have quietened down.

**5. Minutes of previous meeting:**

Point 10 of the previous minutes. The point of contact referenced refers to a point of contact for gathering feedback.

Proposed by Rob Preston

Seconded by Irene Buchan

**6. Matters Arising:**

Paul had a meeting with the new Inspector. Paul asked after the police box which has been made surplus to requirements.

Paul followed up on the noise from the student accommodation (Caledon Court). Another local resident highlighted that he hadn’t heard any excessive noise.

There has however been an increased amount of cars parked outside the premises.

**7. Correspondence:**

Correspondence received since the last meeting includes:

Strategic commissioning committee of the council- 20th November

Circular economy- civic forum- sat 1st Dec

Asset transfer community event

Police report bulletin

Britain in Bloom - Aberdeen were winners- correspondence

Correspondence re Garthdee church

Karen Finch- strategic development plan team

Road closures over the festive period

Democracy matters events- 22nd Nov

Parking issues- university student is planning on doing a report on the issue.

Road orders across the city

Remembrance Sunday correspondence

Community Noticeboards- correspondence

Karen- confirmation that Gordon Townson would chair this meeting until office bearers elected.

Confirmation that cheque deposits can be made to the treasurers account by mobile.

**8. Promotion:**

1. Newsletter- Tom suggested that a quarterly newsletter could be provided. Could the newsletter be supported by advertising. Who will produce it and by who? Inchgarth community centre has a good list of contacts. Paul asked if anyone would be able to produce- Paul suggested a volunteer at the centre who may be interested in volunteering. Irene suggested that a person that produces the newsletters as a business. Tom could help over the school holidays, Liz could also spend some time. Irene could look into what other community councils do.

2. Social media posts- discussion held around who would like to be added as an admin.

3. New logo- discussion held- could we contact RGU/Harlaw- we could put the message out

there. Discussion around potential prizes. willing to put up to £100.

9**. Competition with the school children:**

Tom suggested that the kids could be involved with Gwen’s Garden.

What other ways can we engage with the school kids in the area?

Tom suggested that schools could plant fruit trees (this is currently in place in Angus) is something that we could get kids involved in. Could we work with the school, Gwen’s Garden and RGU.

Irene and Rob suggested that kids could plant bulbs. Paul agreed to link Kaimhill with Gwen’s garden.

**10. Possible funding application for 2019:**

The community council has never done a formal funding bid. Is there something that we would like to apply for?

Discussion held around potential diversity/inclusive celebration- can we celebrate multiculturalism.

with the message of equality, diversity and inclusion. Gala, fun day.

Gordon suggested RGU event management students could involved- create a good linkage with RGU. Could we ask them for a team, marketing, project management etc.

Ian suggested if the community council could demonstrate a long term and continuing benefit- a longer term project. e.g. the party as a launch event.

**11. Covered above:**

Tom asked how the community council is represented at sheltered housing complexes. Is someone interested in taking this on?

Could we have a suggestions box in various locations.

Emma Avis and Tom Malcolm confirmed they would be willing to volunteer.

**12. Local issues:**

1. Paul gave an update on the church. Discussion held. Story has hit the press today. The community council will support the church
2. Bus Stop- Paul met a representative from RGU
3. Ski centre- Paul spoke to the Chief Executive of Sport Aberdeen. The community council were not consulted in the change to being run by Sport Aberdeen. The process was not followed correctly as Garthdee community council were not consulted before the changes took place. As a founding member we should have been consulted.
4. Proposed project by Gwen’s garden

Looking to get the schools on board with bulb planting- link with Kaimhill primary school

1. Development opposite RGU library- Ian suggested contacting North Kincardine community council- speak to other community councils that neighbour us. There may be issues that don’t directly impact us but could have a knock on effect. Anyone can access information online at the Aberdeen local development plan 2022 published around a month ago- nothing has come through to the Garthdee community council.
2. Community walkabout date: will need to organise a date - possibly spring

**13. Monthly accounts:**

Andrew presented the accounts-please refer to handout. Discussion held about the ring fencing of funds. £100 ring fenced for a prize. At least £400 for newsletter and

£50 honorarium could be ring fenced for independent examiner of accounts.

proposed by Rob Preston

Seconded by Rab Murchie

**14. Planning officers report:**

nothing to report

revisit HMO limits

**15. Community Council constitution and scheme:**

Karen has emailed out the community council constitution. 4 hard copies of the scheme will be sent out.

Details and remit of the roles has been sent out to all community councillors. Training will be given to community councillors at the January meeting.

**16. Councillors Reports:**

Ian congratulated those elected. issues being dealt with including roads, pavements, parking and slippy leaves! as well as speeding on Gaitside and Inchbrae drive.

Douglas- parking in the area ( Jo highlighted an issue on Two Mile Cross) Garthdee road lights being broken.

Irene asked the councillors what could be done with the issue of dog mess. Tom asked if this could be highlighted on the community council page.

**18. AOCB:**

Douglas asked if anyone had met the new RGU principal. Paul has already met with him.

Paul asked if anyone knew what’s happening with the former RS McColl shop. Its been tidied and had been used by shop mobility in the past. A charity that uses Inchgarth was looking in to it for potential use.

Irene suggested joining Aberdeen community councils on Facebook which links to other community councils across the city. Irene advised of details of the community council forums.

Paul went through the list of ongoing issues, campaigns and suggestions as detailed on the handout.

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

Tuesday 11th December 7pm