

## **Garthdee Community Council**

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm**

**At Inchgarth Community Centre**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Attendance:</b>	Andrew Murray, Jules Ory, Ian Yuill, Colin Harkness, Derek Davidson, James Harrison, Mary Milne, Elizabeth Wuyep, Hilda Smith and members of the public	
<b>2. Apologies:</b>	Rachael Fraser, Colleen Castillo, Paul O'Connor	
<b>3. Minutes of previous meeting:</b>	Minutes proposed by Colin Harkness Seconded by Jules Ory	
<b>4. Matters Arising:</b>	Andy contacted the bank for an update on the progress of signatories following the online form submission- to be covered off in Treasurers Report.  Also contacted was the Asda community champion, no response to emails.	
<b>5. Guest Speaker Jordan Harkins Port of Aberdeen</b>	Jordan Harkins, Head of Communications of Port of Aberdeen attended the community council meeting to give an overview and update on the Tall Ships Event.  It is now only 6 months to go until Tall Ships Aberdeen events take place at the North Harbour. There will be several ways that people can get involved. An opportunity for young people, aged 15- 25 could sail from Dunkirk to Aberdeen or Aberdeen to Kristiansand- for a 10 day period.	

	<p>There is the option to send 100 people on a fully funded trip so we want to target people that would never have the means to do such a thing. It's a simple online application to complete via the website.</p> <p>The application process closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> January. In these last weeks we want to get out to the community to spread the word and promote this great opportunity.</p> <p>Jordan shared an example of a young person who applied and was accepted and the process changed her life.</p> <p>There's social media advertising, coming out to community councils, with Jordan asking us to encourage as much as we can to spread the word. Tall Ships haven't been here for 28 years, this could potentially be a once in a lifetime opportunity.</p> <p>The other opportunity is volunteering at the event itself, open to anyone aged 16+, over the four day period. This would be a great opportunity for anyone that wants to bolster their CV.</p> <p>This will be Aberdeen's biggest event in a generation, expecting over 400,000 visitors.</p> <p>International ships will be attending and volunteers are very important in the event. Applications for this opportunity also close on the 31<sup>st</sup> January. There are a variety of volunteering roles you can be involved in, the ships at the event, or help out in media, or visitor welcome roles.</p> <p>This will be Europe's largest free family event.</p> <p>Colin asked if volunteers could volunteer as couples. Jordan suggested that this be marked up in the application process.</p> <p>Elizabeth queried if the links were on the website. All details about the events, and volunteering opportunities will be on the website.</p> <p>Derek queried what disability friendly opportunities there were. While there may not be volunteering opportunities on board the ship for those with mobility issues, there would be opportunities in other roles.</p>	
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	<p>Elizabeth queried the selection process if the number of applications exceed the number of spaces. Jordan advised that there were already over 150 trainee places requested and 750 volunteer applications.</p> <p>Ian confirmed that there's also music events at Waterloo terminal, a 7500 capacity outdoor music event.</p> <p>Under 18's who are successful in becoming a trainee will be chaperoned on the travel.</p> <p>The event will be taking place between 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025.</p>	
<b>6. Correspondence:</b>	<p>Andy discussed with the community councillors the correspondence received since the last meeting. Please refer to handout for further detail.</p> <p>Based on communications from one resident, Derek confirmed that there had been an issue with some residents in Inchbrae Gardens as to the correct place to put their wheelie bins for collection.</p>	
<b>7. CPZ Meeting &amp; Next Steps:</b>	<p>Andy and Paul will be attending a meeting at Marischal College with Councillors, council officers and representatives from RGU.</p> <p>Update will be provided following the meeting.</p>	
<b>8. Future Guest Speakers:</b>	<p>The community councillors discussed potential future guests.</p> <p>Based on suggestions, these included inviting Nick Fyfe- Vice Principal RGU, Police officers to attend in addition to sending through the Police Report and a representative for the City Wardens.</p> <p>Derek suggested inviting a rep from the housing associations</p>	
<b>9. Engaging with the community:</b>	<p>Discussion held around the website and the proposed content.</p> <p>It was agreed that it should contain links to suitable help groups/websites.</p> <p>It should include the minutes and accounts as well as links to reporting any issues in the community.</p>	

<b>10. Police Report:</b>	<p>Police Report issued to community councillors prior to meeting: In the community of Garthdee there were a total of 104 calls to the Police during December 2024, which was a decrease of 20 calls since November 2024.</p> <p>Calls to the police predominantly related to non-criminal matters including concern for persons, missing persons, assisting the public and false calls with good intent.</p> <p>As a result of these incidents, and pro-active police activity, 24 crimes were recorded in Garthdee during December. This is a decrease of 5 crimes since November 2024. Of these crimes, 2 related to drugs, 8 to assault 3 to theft and 2 to road traffic offences.</p>	
<b>11. Councillors Reports:</b>	<p>Derek advised he has been dealing with a considerable amount of casework on top of what has already been discussed.</p> <p>Ian gave an overview on the gritting situation across the city. There are 180 staff working on gritting roads and pavements. The council doesn't have the capacity to grit all the roads and pavements across the city. Discussion held around the gritting of priority routes and side roads.</p> <p>Because of the freeze/thaw, priority routes have had to be gritted up to 4 times a day making it much more difficult to treat the side roads as the priority routes. Derek stated that now is the time to report grit bins that require to be filled.</p> <p>Ian also confirmed there has been issues with getting domestic wheelie bins being collected due to the weather, and as a result of the adverse weather conditions, there has been an increase in the number of potholes appearing.</p> <p>Colin queried the council's budget for the gritting. Ian stated that the winter maintenance plan is available online.</p>	

<b>12. Planning &amp; Licensing Reports:</b>	Nothing to report for planning or licensing.	
<b>13. Treasurers Report &amp; annual account</b>	Andy contacted the bank and unfortunately the signatories had not been updated through the online system. Andy has obtained physical paper copies which he will complete with Jules and Rachael and will arrange to be submitted to the bank.	Andy and Jules to submit paperwork to bank.
<b>14. AOCB:</b>	<p>There are continued noise issues at Asda, with noise kicking off again at 3.30am on Saturday night into Sunday morning. Most weekends the noise is still going on until 12.30 at least on a Friday night.</p> <p>Motorists are avoiding the 2 lanes where the speed bumps are under shelter and still causing a lot of noise.</p> <p>This is having a huge impact on residents, with some considering having to move as a result of the noise disturbance.</p> <p>Andy will write to Asda and Derek agreed to write also.</p> <p>There are parking issues at the former Scout Hut. There have been issues with parking on the corner, blocking the road while dropping people off. Andy agreed to write to the judo business that operates there.</p> <p>Ian asked if there were particular times where there was an issue with parking and people parking on double yellow lines.</p> <p>A resident in attendance asked about wheelie bins being left out on the street. Morrison Drive looks so messy and untidy with the bins left out all the time. Ian agreed to follow it up.</p>	Andy to write to Asda and Judo organisation.
<b>15. Date and Time of Next Meeting:</b>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 at 7pm	