

Garthdee Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12th August 2025 at 7pm

At Inchgarth Community Centre

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Attendance:	Andrew Murray, Rachael Fraser, Colleen Castillo, Colin Harkness, Ian Yuill and members of the public.	
2. Apologies:	Elizabeth Wuyep, Hilda Smith, Jules Ory, James Henderson, Derek Davidson	
3. Minutes of previous meeting:	As no one present from the previous meeting to confirm accuracy of the previous minute, the minute could not be approved at this time.	
4. Matters Arising:	<p>Steven Shaw was unfortunately unable to attend this month's meeting due to prior commitments. AM will be in touch with him to clarify availability for the September meeting. It was noted discussions had taken place about the prospect of any speakers having a separate meeting outwith the standard community council meeting, however difficulties arise due to the extremely busy programme that Inchgarth has that would likely prevent another time slot and the subsequent costs involved.</p> <p>CH suggested that for any speakers we could suggest a max of 20 mins for their talk with another 5 mins for questions. That way it could be incorporated within the existing meeting timescales.</p>	
5. Correspondence:	AM issued a list of the correspondence received in the past month prior to the meeting, to all community councillors present,	

6. Asda Car Park Issues:	<p>CH showed the video footage to the community council and members of the public of the anti-social behaviour that had taken place the previous weekend.</p> <p>AM confirmed that he had emailed Aberdeen City Council's Environmental Health department about the issue and to establish how all parties could work together to resolve the issue.</p> <p>POC had emailed local councillors regarding the issue also.</p> <p>AM explained that as he had previously had issues in getting contact with the Asda Store Manager or a response from head office, had spoken to a member of staff who had issued a telephone number for the store manager.</p> <p>The manager is currently on holiday, however his email address was provided and despite being on annual leave, the manager did respond to the email sent to him, with local councillors copied in.</p> <p>Andy read out the email sent to manager at Asda requesting a meeting between all stakeholders and the response received.</p> <p>AM to forward email chain onto IY.</p> <p>IY suggested speaking to traffic management from Aberdeen city council to also attend and offer advice.</p>	AM to contact police to see about date for meeting
7. Cala Homes Development:	<p>AM & RF updated the community council on the meeting they had with a representative from Cala Homes earlier this month.</p> <p>The development takes place between Inchgarth Road and North Deeside road and while not in the Garthdee Community Council ward area, as it is neighbouring our community, we were informed as a courtesy.</p>	

	<p>RF & AM met with Ross MacLennan from Cala Homes along with David Suttie who was involved in the previous development proposals.</p> <p>It was explained that while this new proposed development would have the same footprint as the previous proposal, however instead of offering retirement homes and shops, there would be no shops as part of the development and there would be retirement restrictions.</p> <p>Part of the development would include a link road which would join North Deeside Road to Inchgarth Road, which is something GCC had objected to previously due to increased traffic coming through Garthdee as a result of the road.</p> <p>Ross explained that they would complete traffic surveys as part of their proposals with RF & AM requesting that these surveys are conducted when schools and the university are back, to give an accurate reflection of the congestion e are already currently subjected to.</p> <p>Discussion was held about the potential impact of such a link road. While this would alleviate traffic along Westerton Road and Pitfodels Station Road, this new road would be an attractive proposition for those travelling from Deeside into Aberdeen and vice versa, and would invariably add to the already congested Garthdee Road and exacerbate the several pinchpoints along the road. While this road would be of benefit to residents along Westerton Road and Pitfodels Station Road, GCC believe this would be at the expense of Garthdee and its residents. Developments along the road such as the development of RGU's supercampus, the building of David Lloyds has put considerable strain on existing infrastructure and this new road will add further strain.</p> <p>Based on this, along with confirmation that this development will be built on green belt land, those community councillors present felt that we would not be in favour of such a development.</p> <p>One consultation event has taken place earlier this month, while a second will be held in September. AM to advise community councillors of next date.</p>	<p>AM to notify of date of next consultation.</p>
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8. Community Issues:	<p>The issue with bins on Morrison Drive was raised as they are not being taken in following refuse collection. This is causing several issues, not only littering which makes the area look terrible, it causes hazards for anyone trying to walk along the pavements. IY will take this forward and ask staff to do a letter drop. There is also an issue with a wardrobe left out on the street since earlier this year.</p> <p>The community council received an email from a resident who has expressed concern at the amount of litter that had been left in the playpark on Devenick Place, next to the new build houses. This has been forwarded onto IY who has taken this forward.</p> <p>RF asked about fencing off the playpark at Inchgarth, if this was something that Inchgarth had been considering as part of the development and if this is something that GCC could potentially assist with fundraising.</p> <p>CC highlighted a number of gaps in the fence at the playpark at Kaimhill Circle. Children manage to get through those gaps and climb the embankment. This was reported to IY who will take this forward.</p>	
9. Police Report:	<p>Please refer to the Police Report issued to all community councillors prior to the meeting.</p> <p>In summary, in Garthdee there were a total of 115 calls to Police during July 2025, this is an increase of 13 calls on the previous month.</p> <p>As a result of these incidents and proactive police activity, 27 crimes were recorded during July 2025. This is an increase of 10 on the previous month.</p> <p>7 of these crimes related to road traffic offences, 4 thefts, 1 assault and 2 vandalism.</p>	
10. Planning & Licensing Report:	Nothing to report	

11. Treasurers Report:	<p>AM presented the most recent bank statement to the community council. There had been no transactions with the exception of bank fees since the last meeting.</p> <p>Accounts were proposed by Colin Harkness Seconded by Rachael Fraser</p>	
12. Councillors Reports:	<p>IY gave an update to the community council.</p> <p>Asda car park issue was already covered and discussed earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>The storm brought several trees down and people are now more conscious of trees and potential issues and more ready to highlight them.</p> <p>Residents have been reporting issues with more weeds on roads and pavements.</p>	
13. AOCB:	Nothing to report.	
14. Date & Time of next meeting:	Tuesday 9 th September at 7pm	