

Garthdee Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 7pm

At Inchgarth Community Centre

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Attendance:	Andrew Murray, Elizabeth Wuyep, Colleen Castillo, James Henderson, Derek Davidson, Colin Harkness, Ryan Houghton and members of the public	
2. Apologies:	Ian Yuill, Jules Ory, Mary Milne, Rachael Fraser, Hilda Smith	
3. Minutes of previous meeting:	Minutes proposed by Colin Harkness Seconded by Elizabeth Wuyep	
4. Matters Arising:	Email sent to Aberdeen South CPT team. Still to contact Asda manager again – Asda security is now managed by Mitie. Issues at the store tend to get worse as the nights get lighter Community poll conducted and response to be issued to RGU.	
5. Correspondence:	Andy highlighted the correspondence received since the last meeting. An email listing the correspondence was emailed out to community councillors. Please refer to handout for full breakdown.	
6. Feedback from community poll:	Following a community poll issued through social media and also from feedback received from local residents, it is clear that the community does not feel it appropriate that the community council work closely with RGU following the issues around payment of the administration costs of the CPZ in Garthdee.	AM to email RGU with response.

	<p>GCC had notified RGU previously that our role was to reflect the views of the community we represent and not our own personal opinions and as a result we would take the community's position on any relationship with RGU going forward.</p> <p>While residents expressed relief that the parking issue has been addressed for a further 3 year period, the prevailing sentiment is that this outcome was only achieved as a result of the intervention by Aberdeen City Council. There remains a strong feeling of disappointment and frustration with how RGU handled the situation throughout and a perception that the university did not act in good faith with our community.</p>	
7. GCC Logo/Branding:	No update due to apologies	
8. Website/Social Media update:	No update due to apologies	
9. Design & Content of Promotional Leaflets:	Agreed to move to next meeting.	
10. Community issues/Concerns:	<p>Issues with bins on Morrison Drive and issues with lids on bins.</p> <p>Cars are getting damaged and the place looks so untidy as a result.</p> <p>Derek suggested it may be worth posting on the Garthdee notice board and GCC community council page. Highlight the issue this causes for prams and buggies on the pavements.</p>	Social media posts to be posted
11. Police Report:	<p>In Garthdee, there were a total of 137 calls to Police during March 2025. This is an increase of 14 calls since Feb 2025.</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 proactive police activity, 44 crimes were recorded in the Garthdee community during march 2025. This is an increase of 18 crimes since Feb 2025. The breakdown was as follows: Drugs 1, vandalism 3, assault 7, theft 6 and Road traffic offences 12.</p> <p>PC Gunn and PC Gardener attended the community council meeting. Colin gave an overview of the noise with Asda. About 6 months ago the police were doing a preventative exercise with Asda- its now getting much, much worse with occurrences 5 or 6 nights a week.</p> <p>Thursday to Sunday are the worst nights- occasionally a Tuesday night, with the main issue being the noise echoing underneath the canopy as they race around the car park. This has been an issue for around 2 and half years. Hours have been spent contacting Asda and 101 and some residents have stated they would wish to move out of the area due to the noise.</p> <p>PC Gardener asked if the collaboration with Asda previously worked- and it did help. Derek- highlighted that Asda now closes at midnight but people are gathering in the early hours of the morning. There is night shift staff at Asda so they require access to the store.</p> <p>As the issue is worse at weekends it would need to be traffic and local policing that would need to attend. Residents have been subjected to this issue now for several years and many have lost faith in the process.</p> <p>Derek suggested getting the car park locked would be helpful. The ramp going up has been closed off at evenings Derek also suggested that the community council write to Asda requesting installation of gates and the police will back us up as will the local councillors.</p>	
12. Planning & Licensing Reports:	Nothing to report	

13. Treasurers Report:	<p>The bank statement was issued to all community councillors in attendance, with no transactions since last meeting.</p> <p>Accounts were proposed by Colleen Castillo Seconded by Colin Harkness</p>	
14. Donations to community groups- Discussion:	<p>Discussion held with the community councillors asked to consider any local groups or organisations that we may wish to make donations to.</p> <p>Colleen suggested that this could be put in the leaflet. Derek suggested the Kaimhill Parent Council, and Derek would be able to send on contact information.</p> <p>Colin gave an update on the men's shed which will be located on the site of Gwen's Garden and the planning permission should be in, in the next few weeks.</p>	
15. Councillors Reports:	<p>Ryan updated the community council on the issue of the condition of the road at the junction of Inchbrae Road and Garthdee Road, as discussed at the previous meeting- waiting for an update on the progress of this. Other issues Ryan has been dealing with include a damaged heating pipe at Janesfield Manor and the issue of a warning sign/crossing outside Janesfield Manor.</p> <p>Derek updated that getting a crossing is very difficult but they have agreed to put up signage. Derek will keep an eye on this and chase it up again. It has also been highlighted that there's a lot of rubbish behind the Ramsay Shops.</p>	
16. AOCB:	Nothing to report	
17. Date & Time of next meeting:	Tuesday 13 th May 7pm.	