

Garthdee Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7pm

At Inchgarth Community Centre

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Attendance:	Andrew Murray, Colleen Castillo, Jules Ory, Colleen Castillo, Hilda Smith, Mary Milne, James Henderson, Elizabeth Wuyep, Derek Davidson, Ryan Houghton, Colin Harkness, Paul O'Connor & members of the public.	
2. Apologies:	Rachael Fraser, Ian Yuill	
3. Minutes of previous meeting:	Minutes proposed by Elizabeth Wuyep Seconded by Jules Ory	
4. Matters Arising:	Andy asked to speak with the manager at Asda but he wasn't available. To follow up with further emails. Email sent regarding Police Report. No response, however latest police report has been sent. If no attendance at this meeting- follow up with further emails. Statement was issued on social media following council budget decision.	AM to follow up with emails
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. CPZ following budget decision:	Discussion held with community councillors, following the council budget decision to cover the admin costs of the Controlled Parking Zone for the next 3 year period, and what the options would be following this period.	

	<p>Paul highlighted a meeting held where it was discussed that students were displaced into Morningside area, highlighting the further impact this has, rather than just the immediate streets around the RGU campus.</p> <p>It was agreed that a consultation needs to be with the entire community and everyone have full awareness of the options well in advance of this next period expiring.</p> <p>A local resident in attendance at the meeting explained how they were inconvenienced over the bus routes with the number of students on the buses, making it challenging for local residents using the bus service. It feels everything is focussed around the students rather than the local residents.</p> <p>Pual highlighted that finance is a key driver for RGU, with both Paul and Colin agreeing that a community meeting should be held before any consultation takes place.</p>	
7. Website update:	<p>Jules gave an update to the community council explaining that the website is now live. The minutes of our meetings have been added as a pdf and pictures to be taken to be put on the website.</p> <p>Andy to give Jules list of community councillors and associate members, so this can be added.</p> <p>Andy asked about additional pages. There will be an additional cost for extra pages, but it was agreed that if required, happy to pay the extra.</p> <p>Colin highlighted that a directory signposting services and contacts could be added to the website.</p>	
8. Promotion of the community council:	<p>Now that we have a website, it was suggested that leaflets promoting the community council around the community could be distributed and it was also suggested that posters could be put in place in local shops and community facilities.</p>	

	<p>Hilda asked about the directory- this links to the point raised by Colin with directory on website page.</p> <p>We currently have 4 admins for the Facebook page and Colleen suggested limiting the number accessing to avoid duplication of the same information on the page.</p> <p>Paul explained that if we want anything to be updated in newsletter just to send through to Inchgarth and they would happily include in the newsletter.</p> <p>Paul discussed having a postbox in the community centre for any messages for the community council from local residents.</p>	
9. Café Philosophie partnership:	<p>Andy gave an overview of potential partnership over Café Philosophie.</p> <p>Currently organised for S5 & S6 students by neighbouring community councils, including Ashley & Broomhill Community Council (ABCC) this project runs a series of informative, topicals talks for young people which has proved to be very popular.</p> <p>It has been suggested that in partnership with other community councils across the city, that a similar project could be run, with the talks focussed on adults. Venues for the events could be rotated with Great Western Community Centre (where ABCC meet) willing to be a host for one of the first ones.</p> <p>Hilda highlighted that such a project gives a good overview of different cultures.</p> <p>The community council agreed they would be happy to participate in such a project.</p>	
10. Police Report:	<p>This month's Police Report was received by email, with the electronic copy forwarded on to all community councillors.</p> <p>Overview of Report:</p> <p>During the month of February 2025, there were a total of 123 calls to Police, a decrease of 15 calls on the previous month. Calls to the Police predominately related to non-criminal matters</p>	<p>AM to follow up requesting attendance of an officer at meetings.</p>

	<p>including, concern for persons, missing persons, assisting the public and false calls with good intent.</p> <p>26 crimes were recorded in the Garthdee community during February, this is a decrease of 2 crimes since January.</p> <p>The breakdown of crimes was as follows:</p> <p>Drugs 1, Vandalism 2, Assault 5, Theft 7, Road Traffic Offences 11.</p>	
11. Planning & Licensing Reports:	In Rachael's absence, Andy confirmed that there was nothing to report for both planning and licensing.	
12. Treasurers Report:	<p>Jules presented the bank statements to the community council.</p> <p>There have been no transactions conducted on the account.</p> <p>Andy has paid money for ACVO membership and also the community council insurance and will require to be reimbursed.</p> <p>Accounts proposed by Colin Harkness Seconded by Hilda Smith</p>	
13. Councillors Reports:	<p>Derek provided an update. Following on from the last meeting and discussions about the road at Ruthrie making it one way, there's no desire from the council to do so.</p> <p>Update on the trees, most of them are getting removed.</p> <p>Student parking at Inchbrae Gardens – Derek spoke with Bill Somerville at RGU and they are willing to pay for signs for the car park as its within the Controlled parking zone area. Derek has said he will look into the one way signage.</p> <p>Colin highlighted the council policy of replanting trees next to those removed. As an environmental policy they are at planting fruit trees. There's currently plum trees in the area. Colin has agreed to forward on the information he has to Derek Davidson.</p> <p>Ryan gave a reminder that any council housing repair issues should be reported. Theres a large demand for repair work on houses and Ryan highlighted issues with mould in some houses.</p> <p>There have been some issues with getting council tax getting sorted. Please reach out if this has been an issue.</p>	

	<p>Any other issues please get in touch with Ryan.</p> <p>Mary reported that the road and pavement on Garthdee Road with junction of Inchbrae Road is damaged and 2 elderly people have fallen and injured themselves as the pavement has broken up.</p> <p>Auchinyell Road crossing at Janesfield Manor. The council have come back and said the road isn't busy enough. Derek has gone back to them and highlighted that it should be about the people living in the area not the volume of cars.</p> <p>Colin asked about signage near Janesfield Manor as this may help – a warning for the people potentially crossing. Derek and Ryan to take that away.</p> <p>Derek confirmed that the survey was conducted around 11th September.</p>	
14. AOCB:	<p>Elizabeth asked if refreshments could be provided for community council meetings.</p> <p>Derek highlighted available grant funding opportunities.</p> <p>Paul highlighted that the following Monday at 10.30am at Inchgarth Community Centre, there would be a talk on police safety.</p> <p>Tenders have been put in for the building works of the new extension at the community centre. The centre will be open as normal during the building works, with alternative entrances being used.</p> <p>Paul asked about the former library building in Kaimhill. Colleen believed that the social work dept have moved in there.</p> <p>The janitors house- is it still surplus to requirements? The community centre had looked at the possibility of taking it on. Will council let it out again?</p> <p>Inchgarth as part of the building extension and existing building renovations will be looking to build a library in the main corridor area.</p>	

	<p>Hilda raised the issue of Kaimhill school children wasting food at lunchtime. Hilda was advised that it was because of the quality of the cooking. Hilda has written to the council about who provides the service and where do they source the food from?</p> <p>Colleen explained she was parent council chair for 6 years and confirmed that food is cooked on the premises and they also cook for other schools including Broomhill Primary.</p> <p>Kaimhill Primary School didn't have any complaints about the canteen. A lot of kids just want to go out and play and will quickly eat something and then go out to play.</p> <p>Colleen explained that it's the school's responsibility to keep an eye on things and staff members such as PSA's should monitor what's going on with food being binned.</p> <p>P1 – P5 have free school meals so they may be eating something they don't actually want.</p>	
15. Date & Time of next meeting:	Tuesday 8 th April 2025 at 7pm	