

Garthdee Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 7pm

At Inchgarth Community Centre

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Attendance:	Andrew Murray, Rachael Fraser, Jules Ory, James Henderson, Colin Harkness, Ian Yuill, Derek Davidson, Paul O'Connor	
2. Apologies:	Mary Milne, Colleen Castillo, Hilda Smith, Elizabeth Wuyep	
3. Minutes of previous meeting:	Minutes proposed by Rachael Fraser Seconded by Colin Harkness	
4. Matters Arising:	Andy contacted Karen Finch regarding requirements for co-option of new members and associate members. Co-opted members require to submit a form, which Andy has been given, while associate members don't have a specific process to follow, however Karen has been notified of names and organisations represented.	AM to ensure form is completed and returned to KF.
5. Correspondence:	Andy summarised the correspondence that had been received to the community council email account since the last meeting. This included: Correspondence on Budget Consultation Phase 2, Agendas for Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee, Education and Children's Services Committee, Harlaw Academy Parent Council, Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee, and the Community Council Forum.	

	<p>Also received were weekly planning lists, emails from local councillors and correspondence from Karen Finch.</p> <p>Please refer to the handout for full details.</p>	
6. Update on RGU meeting:	<p>Andy gave an update on his meeting with Nick Fyfe, the Vice Principal of RGU. The meeting was constructive, with Nick keen to work closely with Garthdee Community Council and establish good relations. Andy explained that until the parking situation has come to a satisfactory conclusion, GCC could not in good conscience support, work or promote RGU activities and plans.</p> <p>Andy made Nick aware of the historical issues, explaining the background, the promises made to the community, including the letter of comfort issued to residents. While acknowledging the senior leadership had changed within RGU, Andy made it clear that in the view of the community and therefore the community council, this did not negate them of their responsibility and promises made.</p>	
7. Update on local shops issue:	<p>Rachael gave an update on a local shop issue to the community council. Rachael received an email address for Scottish trading standards, they can build a case from there and work alongside trading standards.</p> <p>Rachael can highlight this on social media.</p> <p>A discussion was held regarding issues at another local shop within the community.</p>	Facebook page to be updated.
8. Litter Issues at new builds	<p>The community council had a discussion around the issue which had been raised by a local resident who lived near to the new development. The issue had been raised with local councillors, with both Ian and Derek escalating the problem to the appropriate depts. Rachael suggested that we could highlight on Facebook how properties could get additional bins.</p> <p>Derek informed the community council said there's been issues with youths loitering around the new build development and Derek has asked that patrols go around the area.</p> <p>Rachael advised of damaged items in the playpark- someone stole a swing from the park.</p> <p>The mushrooms in the playpark have been stolen again.</p> <p>Ian has suggested we could ask the community wardens to patrol the area.</p>	Facebook page to be updated.

9. Police Report:	<p>No Police in attendance, however a report was issued to the community council prior to the meeting and forwarded to all community councillors.</p> <p>Overview of the report relating to the month of November: In Garthdee, there were a total of 124 calls to the police relating to the areas covered by the Garthdee Community Policing Team. These calls in addition to proactive work, resulted in 29 individual charges being recorded. Of the significant incidents recorded, there were 3 drug offences, 5 assaults, 1 theft and 8 road traffic offences. The report highlighted instances of anti-social behaviour, violence and disorder, acquisitive crime and road safety & road crime. Further information was provided on festive season shopping and how to watch out for online scams.</p>	
10. Councillors Reports:	<p>Derek advised he had been dealing with issues already raised earlier in the meeting, issues with youths loitering and existing casework. Derek also advised he would forward on information about festive bin collections Ian advised that in addition to the issues discussed earlier in the meeting, an update was given that Garthdee Farm Gardens is slowly getting closer to getting adopted.</p>	
11. Planning Report:	<p>Nothing to report</p>	
12. Licensing Report:	<p>Nothing to report</p>	
13. Treasurers Report- decision on bank account & annual accounts	<p>We are still awaiting access to the bank account and update to the signatories. Rachael however has retrieved the paperwork from the previous signatory so we are aware as at October, the balance in the bank account was £2266.41. Following a discussion, the community council agreed to retain the previous community council's plans to ring fence £500 for Christmas Lights, £300 for the Men's Shed, and at the meeting, it was agreed that a further £500 would be ringfenced for promotion/advertising activities. This would then take the available funds below the £1000 threshold.</p>	<p>AM to get update on progress.</p>

	<p>Following discussions at the previous meeting and again at this meeting, the community council agreed to keep the bank account with Bank of Scotland. The account will be changing from a treasurers account across to a community bank account</p> <p>Andy confirmed that a former bank manager had agreed to review the annual accounts, with the other members of the community council agreeing to this.</p>	
14. Ringfencing of funds:	<p>Following a discussion, the community council agreed to retain the previous community council's plans to ring fence £500 for Christmas Lights, £300 for the Men's Shed, and at the meeting, it was agreed that a further £500 would be ringfenced for community information tools, eg newsletter and website creation. This would then take the available funds below the £1000 threshold.</p> <p>Regarding the Christmas Lights- Ian suggested speaking to Martin Greig and also contacting Scotia</p> <p>Paul asked about the funding for the men's shed and Rachael advised that couldn't apply for any funding until the planning was in place. Paul explained that they could potentially apply for the Just transition fund which allows applications up to £50k.</p> <p>Paul asked who would be running the men's shed and was informed that Mary would be a keyholder and somebody from Gwens Garden would also have a key. Gwen's Garden would have days where they would do gardening work there.</p> <p>Paul asked when the next local development plan is due. Ian believed work on it had just started. It is due to go live in 2028.</p>	AM to contact MG for further information.
15. AOCB:	<p>James approached Margaux the community champion at Asda and asked if she would attend a meeting, but she declined. Andy has also emailed, but has not yet received a reply.</p> <p>James highlighted the speed bumps at Asda can be moved.</p> <p>The issue with parking at Ruthrie Court was highlighted again after speaking with a resident.</p> <p>At the front of the gym and around the former scout hut, cones have been placed out the front which is preventing parking from taking place.</p> <p>Derek asked if the cones are there because the pavements are being repaired?</p>	AM to follow up email.

	<p>Fibre ducting is going in, in the area, that may be the reason why the cones have been positioned there, however this is having a positive effect on the parking issues that residents have been suffering.</p> <p>Paul asked about the church site on Broomhill Road, as the “under offer” signs had been taken down and the property was back on the market. Nothing further has been heard since then.</p> <p>Paul also asked about the site of the former Garthdee church, again no further update.</p> <p>Colin advised that following works to put fibre in on Anderson Drive- there’s a hole at the end of Ruthrie Road on Anderson Drive. Ian confirmed he would follow up on that.</p>	IY to follow up on matter.
16. Date & Time of next meeting:	Tuesday 14 th January 2025, 7pm at Inchgarth Community Centre	