



CULTS BIELDSIDE AND MILLTIMBER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 26th January 2017 - 7.00pm

**Community Room, Cults Community Centre, Quarry Road, Cults
MINUTES**

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| Chair | Guus Glass (GG). | Minutes Secretary | Peter Smith (PS). |
| Community Councillors Present: | Nurul H Ali (NA), Christine Anderson (CA), David Anstee (DA), Eleanor Brennan (EB), Lindsay Davidson (LD), Guus Glass (GG), Sarah Gordon (SG), Kirstin Gove (KG), Colin Morsley (CM), Graham Payne (GP), Shan Parfitt (SP), Derek Robb (DR), Lorna Sharp (LS), Peter Smith (PS). | | |
| Apologies: | Colin Cadow (CC), Peter Roberts (PR), Cllr. Aileen Malone (AM) | | |
| In attendance for all or part of the meeting: | Cllr. Marie Boulton (MB), Peter Davidson (Evening Express), Terhi Geider (TG), Sgt. Simon Lewis-Dalby (SL-D), Inspector Ian McKinnon (IM), Cllr. M Tauqeer Malik (TM), Yvonne Spalding (YS - Cults Medical Group), Tracey Wilson (TW - Cults Medical Group) | | |

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| 1.0 | Welcome, Introductions and Apologies. GG welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2017 and apologies were received. | |
| 2.0 | <p>Police Report. The November and December Community Council Meetings Performance Summaries had been previously circulated. Inspector McKinnon introduced himself and Sgt Simon Lewis-Dalby. He briefly outlined his police service and that currently he was leading the West End and Hazlehead Community Policing Teams. The following were some of the issues discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IM emphasised that the main crime was opportunistic and illustrated with some statistics. Objectively Lower Deeside is a low crime area. ▪ IM welcomed a recent increase in the numbers of members of the public reporting either suspicious activity (dial 101) or a crime in progress (999). This had led to 3 occasions when criminals had been caught in the act. He recommended members of the public to “trust their instincts” and report if they see anything odd. ▪ Speeding. Police followed any reports of speeding – currently they were monitoring Craigton and Countesswells Roads. ▪ Statistics. There were no other crime or RTA statistics available at Community Council level apart from those in the monthly Community Council Meetings Performance Summaries. Crime statistics on a city-wide basis are presented to ACC on a regular basis. Individual requests for specific information for a specific location can be requested. ▪ GG initiated a discussion on trends in reported crime and matching perceived levels of crime with actual levels. IM pointed out that domestic crime shows up in statistics but may not be apparent to the public. ▪ Lower Deeside Ward Plan. This is based solely on the on-line survey ‘Your View Counts’ which relies on public feedback. The CBMCC is not consulted. IM stated he had not been asked to prepare a plan for 2017. ▪ CM raised the issue of lack of 30mph limit signs around the A93/B979 junction. | |



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| 3.0 | City Warden Report. No report | |
| 4.0 | <p>Cults Medical Group. Tracey Wilson, Practice Manager, introduced herself and Yvonne Spalding, Office Manager. She then gave an overview of the practice and YS spoke about triage of patients 'phoning for an appointment. Main issues raised and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview. 7,100 patients currently on list and CMG is fully staffed (including 4 GP partners, a salaried GP and a Nurse Practitioner). 24-hour turn-around for prescriptions and all results are 'phoned out to patients. ▪ Triage. New arrangements introduced last year were working well with the majority of patients happy to give information at triage. Triage will now be permanent and no plans for on-line booking. There are normally 384 GP 10 minute slots per week (172 reserved for urgent same day appointments), and 88 Nurse Practitioner sessions. There is also a duty doctor who can call-back patient if no urgent appointments left. GG suggested that the message about 'press1 if a medical emergency' should come before the main message. TW agreed to look at this. ▪ Non-attendance. In December, there were 43 for GPs and 38 for Nurse Practitioner missed appointments. They were collecting mobile numbers of patients with a view to introducing text message reminders and operate a "3 strikes and out" policy for persistent no-shows. A cancellation list is operational. ▪ Confidentiality. Same standards signed for receptionists and other staff as for GPs. ▪ Referrals take two days from GP consultation to being forwarded from the practice. ▪ Website. Some members stated they had difficulty finding the website on-line (http://www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/index.aspx?p=N31230). On-line ordering of repeat prescription was planned. <p>GG thanked TW and YS and invited them to come back on an annual basis. TW agreed.</p> | |
| 5.0 | Minutes of the last CBMCC Meeting. The minutes of the November 2016 meeting were approved. | |
| 6.0 | <p>Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings (and not on agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendance by Police and City Wardens. PS reported that Ross McClelland, Senior Warden, wished the current arrangements to continue. ▪ Christmas Lights. LD reported that there had been 4 lights. Members expressed their appreciation of the sponsors – Scott Gilmour, CKD Galbraith and the Aberdeen Clinic (two lights). Storage for the next three years had been arranged. M Taqueer Malik had offered to sponsor a light and LD suggested CBMCC might wish to sponsor another. GP suggested that £600 of unclaimed funding being held for Peter R's bench could be used and this was agreed. GP's proposal for a specific Christmas Lights Account was also agreed. It was further agreed to establish a small group to assist LD - membership: LD, DA, DR, GP and MB. ▪ Carol Concert. DR thanked everyone for their support and in particular to DA and GP. The turnout was the largest yet; £557 had been raised and a letter of thanks from VSA received. DR then turned to 2017 and requested that the first Monday in December be reserved for the carol concert. This was agreed. He would be contacting the ACC to obtain the required permissions. He also proposed aligning the formal switching on of the Christmas lights with the concert. ▪ Plaque - Major Gray. AM had reported she had the plaque and GP stated he would be installing the planter soon. ▪ Plaques - Nan Shepherd. MB reported that the ACC had approved the nomination and the plaque would be at 503 North Deeside Road. It appeared that the owners were worried about the size of the plaque. ▪ Deer management. GG had drafted a reply which had been circulated and the reply | <p>LD</p> <p>DR</p> <p>GP</p> <p>PS CA</p> <p>GG</p> |



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| | <p>was agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Waste Bins Deeside Way. AM had emailed that she had correspondence with George Davidson and Ian Talboys regarding the provision of additional litter bins on the section of Deeside line between School Road and West Cults Road and that environmental staff have recently installed a replacement litter bin in the small car park at West Cults Road and that 2 dog litter bins have been changed to multiuse bins. By doing this the environmental team felt that there is no requirement for additional bins within this area. ▪ Aberdeen Cross-City Transport Questionnaire. CM reported that a response had been sent and circulated to members. ▪ Make your community safer with a Defibrillator. Outstanding. ▪ Civic Trust – Nomination of the Kirk Centre. Letter sent but no reply. Unfortunately, no eligible for the 2016 awards. ▪ Kirk Brae - Wheelchair access. Housing will remove one of the bollards to allow easier access for wheel chairs etc. Work will be completed by the end of February. The resident who asked for this to be done is delighted. ▪ Public Access to Woodland Grove, Tor-Na-Dee, Milltimber. AM in her email had repeated some of the information previously reported. PS to liaise with AM to prepare a definitive statement that could be published in the MBC. | <p style="text-align: center;">DA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PS</p> |
| 7.0 | <p>AWPR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noise Abatement. Report had been circulated by GG on meeting with residents about noise abatement. Alternatives had now been studied and the ideal solution would appear to include barriers along the AWPR section towards the bridge. However, this would mean a change in the agreed plan. Residents had legal concerns about refusing permission to have barriers on their grounds. Matter on-going. ▪ NKRCC Meeting. Report by CM on a public meeting at NKRCC had been circulated. ▪ Completion date for the AWPR. Now expected to be “Winter 2017/2018”. ▪ Deeside Way. Work on main water pipe will require closure of the temporary Deeside Way section alongside the North Deeside Road. A new temporary footpath/cycle way is being constructed down through the construction site and the last bit of the Railway line will be (temporarily) reopened. | |
| 8.0 | <p>Planning Report. December report previously circulated. No January report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developer contributions. No further news. ▪ Inchgarth Development. No planning application had been submitted. The developers had written to the ACC querying if a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS) was required. ▪ Aberdeen FC Stadium at Kingsford. CM had received a full copy of the EIA and he had looked briefly at the relevant sections on Transportation, Air Quality and Noise. There appeared to be no specific section on light pollution. He agreed to circulate the relevant pages if possible. The planning application is open to comments/objections until 17 Feb. Comments and views as to whether CBMCC should comment to be sent to CM. ▪ Local Development Plan. No further development. (Post meeting note: new LDP has just been adopted and planning starts for the next one, expected to be adopted in 2020. To be discussed at February meeting). ▪ Consultation on the Future of the Scottish Planning. This important consultation closes 1st April so should be discussed at Feb meeting. CM has circulated link to documents on ScotGov website. ▪ 21 South Avenue. A letter had been sent to ACC. ▪ 431 North Deeside Road, Cults. Concerns were expressed in the meeting over design, height and impact on the neighbours. The current bungalow was already | All |



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| | <p>being demolished (this is permitted). A letter expressing concerns about the design of the new four flat building, the access for cars and the consultation with neighbours about garden separation had been drafted and was agreed for submission unchanged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning Application – land below Bieldside House adjacent to Deeside Way. Agreed to vigorously oppose any access being granted for heavy equipment (diggers, trucks etc.) via Deeside Way. ▪ Inchgarth House. Planning application for 3 garages etc. Copy of letter from a neighbour received. Concerns about trees removed and other issues. Members felt that it was a complex situation and that no action was required by the CBMCC at this stage but to monitor the situation closely. ▪ Training on Planning. LD and CM had attended a workshop organised for Community Councils. She suggested that the CC might like to consider some of the material and exercises at a future meeting. | <p style="text-align: right;">LD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">GG LD PR</p> |
| 9.0 | <p>Community Plan. Drafts of the Introduction and of the Health and Social Care section had been circulated and placed on the website. There was a discussion as to whom comments should be sent. Agreed for the moment to the relevant author but members suggested it would be desirable for comments to be added on-line. GP to investigate this option.</p> <p>SG and CA agreed to prepare a draft of the Heritage section for the following meeting. GG and PS asked if there was another author willing draft their section for the following meeting.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">GP</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SA CA</p> |
| 10.0 | <p>Health and Social Services. PS had circulated a report prior to meeting. GG and PS had been active in trying to resolve issues relating to the role and remit of the Locality Leadership Group and were to meet Tom Cowan, Director of Operations, the following day. They had also arranged to meet Barbara Dunbar, acting Senior Care Manager, the following week.</p> | |
| 11.0 | <p>Preparation of 2016 Annual Report and Accounts. The AGM was scheduled to held as part of the February meeting. GG was preparing the Annual Report and had received input from PR, DR and PS. GP requested any outstanding expenses so he could prepare the Annual Accounts.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">GG GP</p> |
| 12.0 12.1 | <p>Reports from:</p> <p>Treasurer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GP reported that £255 had been granted and paid in resulting following an application to the ACC Festive Fund. ▪ Christmas Lights. GP was monitoring to ensure all sponsors were paying. ▪ Deeside Food Festival. GG raised the possibility of sponsoring the Festival. It was agreed to find out the status of the organisation arranging it. GP noted the limited funds available. One suggestion was for the CBMCC to have a stall at the festival. | <p style="text-align: right;">GG</p> |
| 12.2 | <p>Civic Forum. No meeting but one early in February.</p> | |
| 12.3 | <p>Community Council Forum. There was no meeting in January so no report.</p> | |
| 12.4 | <p>More Blooms in CBM. GP stated that the last of the daffodils had been planted.</p> | |
| 12.5 | <p>Litter Pick-up. Nothing to report.</p> | |
| 12.6 | <p>MBC News. Deadline for next issue was the 15th January. CA reported that the distribution of the MBC News would be slightly delayed - till towards the end of February.</p> | |
| 12.7 | <p>Footpath Group. Aspirational Path between Foggieton and Counteswells Woods. NA</p> | |



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| | reported receipt of letter from Karen van Eeden that a reply had been received from the farmer and he did not wish to discuss possibility of a footpath. The group to consider the best way forward. | NA |
| 13.0 | Reports from Councillors | |
| 13.1 | <p>Cllr. Marie Boulton (some topics jointly with Cllr. M Tauqeer Malik)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allan Park. The new play equipment should be installed by Easter and a replacement new bench had now been installed. ▪ Cala Homes. A new traffic order regarding Friars Road and Abbotshall Road had been made. ▪ Station Road, Milltimber. Double yellow lines would be put in place in better weather. ▪ The situation regarding adoption of Park Road, Cults, and Beaconill Rd was being investigated as some residents had made payments to the previous Grampian Regional Council for road maintenance which had never been done. ▪ Earlsparc Crescent. On-going. The title deeds were being examined. ▪ North Deeside Road will be closed for one day in April for tie-in of the new bridge with 24 hour working. ▪ Milltimber Playgroup. An issue with residents had been resolved. ▪ Cala Homes had now finished seating area besides Binghill Road. ▪ Local Development Plan. ACC had written to the Scottish Government re the examination system leading to the addition of previously rejected sites without consultation. Response unsatisfactory. ▪ MB has met with Mitchell family, owners of the Milltimber South site. ▪ Deeside Way. Letter to Minister regarding footpath around Substation to W of The Sidings. On-going. ▪ Road Resurfacing. Funding agreed for Craigton Road (part), Friarsfield (part) and Airyhall Avenue. ▪ Bridge of Dee. The three options still on the table. Matter had been parked until the impact of AWPR had been assessed. ▪ SPECTRA 2017. 9-12 February at Union Terrace gardens and St Nicholas Kirk. ▪ Granite Festival. 24-26 February. | |
| 13.2 | <p>Cllr. Tauqeer Malik.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Year Party. TM thanked everyone, and EB and GP in particular, for the party. ▪ Inchgarth Road. To be re-surfaced from Deevie Road South to Westerton Road. ▪ Hall of Heroes exhibition planned for Provost Skene House. Members of public were being invited to select who should be included. PS added that Nan Shepherd was one of names included and urged members to participate. | |
| 13.3 | <p>Cllr. Aileen Malone. She had emailed her report which had been circulated. Her report was noted.</p> | |
| 14.0 | <p>General Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Land Rights and Responsibilities consultation. Some individual members had responded. Now closed ▪ Supported Bus Services. Bus 95. This will be withdrawn and funding used for a Dial-a bus service (Monday – Friday). ▪ SEN Community Resilience Fund. A note about this had been circulated to members. GG was looking at the possibility of applying for funds to assist in the preparation of a CBM Resilience Plan. The Culter Resilience Plan to be circulated. It was suggested that students from RGU might be interested as part of a project. | GG |
| 15.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TG welcomed the upgraded path in Ladyhill Woods. ▪ CA reported that another local walk article had been submitted to MBC. | |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ GP asked if anyone had information about use of the Deeside Way and information on counters to monitor the numbers of users. It was mentioned that there was a counter near Pittengullies Brae. Also, Sustrans and Nestrans had been involved and may have information.▪ MBC Festival. DR stated that the two oldest committee members were retiring and they were looking for new members. Volunteers welcome. | |
| 16.0 | Closure. The meeting closed at 2130. Next meeting, including AGM: February 23 rd at the Café, Deeside Christian Fellowship Church, Binghill Drive, Milltimber, AB13 9JE. | |

APPROVED