



# CULTS BIELDSIDE AND MILLTIMBER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 - 7.00pm

Community Room, Cults Community Centre, Quarry Road, Cults

### MINUTES

<b>Chair</b>	Guus Glass (GG).
<b>Community Councillors present</b>	Nurul H Ali (NA), Christine Anderson (CA), Colin Caldwell (CC), Lindsay Davidson (LD), Matthew Dickie (MD), Kirstin Gove (KG), Guus Glass (GG), Colin Morsley (CM), Shan Parfitt (SP), Theo Parfitt-Roche (TP-R), Graham Payne (GP), Derek Robb (DR), Peter Roberts (PR), Peter Smith (PS).
<b>Apologies</b>	David Anstee (DA), Eleanor Brennan (EB), Norman Burt (NB), Sarah Gordon (SG), Lorna Sharp (LS).
<b>Minutes Secretary</b>	Peter Smith (PS).
<b>In attendance for all or part of the meeting</b>	David Adam (First Bus - DA), Cllr. Marie Boulton (MB), Terhi Geider (Newton Dee -TG), Cllr. Tauqeer Malik (TM), Cllr. Aileen Malone (AM), Steve McHaffie (Scotia Access Services -SMcH).

Item	Topic	Action
1.0	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b> GG welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received.	
2.0	<b>Police Report and Crime Prevention.</b> No report. PC Bob McKinney had apologised that he was unable to attend. To be invited to the next meeting.	PS
3.0	<b>City Warden Report.</b> No report.	
4.0	<p><b>First Direct.</b> David Adam, Operations Manager for First Bus, introduced himself and offered to answer any questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Night Service.</b> LD raised concern that the frequency was being reduced from half hourly to a 1-hour service. The new service was being introduced from 16<sup>th</sup> September. DA explained the background and the lack of demand, compared to similar cities.</li> <li>▪ <b>Wheelchairs (CC).</b> DA stated all buses could take wheelchairs. Wheelchair users have priority over everyone else for the use of the designated wheelchair space, although drivers do not have the power to enforce this.</li> <li>▪ <b>Stop Announcement.</b> GG welcome the introduction of stop announcements. DA stated it helped give assurance to passengers that the bus would stop and allow time to get off. The wording used was discussed and DA stated it was kept under review.</li> <li>▪ <b>Overcrowding/Single Decker.</b> GP raised a specific case of a single decker on route 19 being overcrowded due to Robert Gordon pupils. DA stated that normally double deckers would be scheduled for such times. He would check why this did not happen.</li> <li>▪ <b>WFi.</b> CM queried the necessity to log-in. DA stated that First Bus did not market log-in information. He agreed that there were a number of black spots on the 19 route.</li> </ul> <p>DA stated that he or David Forbes, Commercial Manager, would be please to attend on a quarterly basis to answer questions.</p>	DA
5.0	<b>Christmas Lights.</b> LD had emailed members with information, including costings supplied by Steve McHaffie (Director, Scotia Access Services). SMcH outlined the maim	



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	<p>options and costs.</p> <p><b>Funding.</b> No further sponsorship had been promised. It was agreed approach developers, other local businesses and consider bidding for lottery funding. Donations from members of the community and other local fund raising activities, such as coffee mornings, should be pursued only after significant sponsorship had been obtained. PR and KG offered to assist LD.</p> <p>SMcH stated that lights could be procured and installed if ordered by mid-October. It was agreed that the project would need to be developed step by step over several years, particularly in view of the high cost involved. Care should be taken to site the lights for maximum impact, for example by focussing on one area.</p>	<p>LD PR KG</p>
6.0	<p><b>Minutes of the last CBMCC Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the June 2016 meeting were approved, subject to CC's name being removed from the list of apologies.</p>	<p>PS</p>
7.0	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings (and not on agenda)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Community Choices Fund.</b> CM explained the reason why no bid had been submitted. It was agreed to start work well before the next bid round in 2017.</li> <li>▪ <b>Sct. Gov. Consultation – Police Powers to Search Children Young People for Alcohol.</b> GG had circulated a draft response and, after agreement, had submitted a response stating that the CC's opinion was that additional powers were neither required nor desirable.</li> <li>▪ <b>Strategic Police Priorities Consultation.</b> CM had circulated a draft response for comment and then submitted the CC's response.</li> </ul>	
8.0	<p><b>AWPR.</b> PR had attended a meeting arranged by MB. The main points which emerged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Completion of AWPR.</b> Completion not before 2018.</li> <li>▪ <b>Junction at Milltimber.</b> Definitive no to a roundabout based on traffic modelling. There will be a four-way junction with lights.</li> <li>▪ <b>Deeside Way.</b> There will be no pedestrian bridge whilst AWPR is being built. MB seeking an estimate of the cost of a bridge. The construction of a path to avoid using Station Road was being pursued. PS suggested that the road bridge could be changed from a normal road bridge with footpaths to a single car lane with a barrier to separate cyclists, horses and pedestrians. It was agreed that this should be pursued. Another meeting had been arranged by MB to discuss sound barriers. CM to attend.</li> </ul>	<p>PR MB CM  CM</p>
9.0	<p><b>Planning. Report.</b> PR has circulated his July and August reports. He highlighted several matters including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Inchgarth.</b> A few members of the Community Council had met with Charlie Ferrari and David Suttie to hear about their latest proposals. The development would now not include student accommodation. A public exhibition will be held at the Marcliffe Hotel on Wednesday 14 Sept. Time TBA.</li> <li>▪ <b>Aberdeen FC Stadium at Kingsford.</b> PR had attended the Pre-Application Forum and a range of issues had been highlighted, particularly transport, traffic and parking. A full application is likely to be submitted to ACC in late September/October. It was agreed that apart from involvement in discussions on transport and traffic there appeared to be no other issues for CBMCC.</li> <li>▪ <b>Developer Contributions.</b> A meeting with Stephen Booth had yet to be arranged.</li> </ul> <p>GP stated that in that day's P and J two building plots in Bieldside had been advertised. PR to investigate.</p>	<p>PR  PR</p>
10.0	<p><b>Ideas for the Deeside Way.</b> As SG unable to attend this item postponed till the next meeting.</p>	<p>PS</p>



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11.0	<p><b>Plaques.</b> GG asked about the current situation regarding the plaque for Major Hardie. AM stated that design had been agreed and she was chasing the current position.</p> <p><b>Nan Shepherd.</b> PS had circulated a short paper suggesting a plaque should be considered for Nan Shepherd. This was supported and CA agreed to assist PS in preparing a case. It was also agreed that the CC's funds could be used for funding the plaque.</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>PS CA</p>
12.0	<p><b>Play Parks.</b> A new Cults resident had contacted the Community Council with concerns a shortage of children's play parks within walking distance of her house. The various current playparks were discussed and ACC had carried out a city-wide audit and prioritised funds for upgrading. PR to take the matter forward.</p>	PR
13.0	<p><b>Community Plan.</b> PS had circulated a proposal to develop a Community Plan. This was agreed. GP proposed that it should be developed using a part of the website only available to members. There should be wide consultation with the community and maximum use should be made of social media. GG and PS to take forward.</p>	PS GG
14.0	<p><b>Health and Social Services.</b> PS had circulated a report. The following issues were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Cults Medical Group.</b> A meeting had been requested with Dr. John McKeown, but no date yet agreed, to discuss the new trial arrangements for pre-bookable appointments. A number of concerns were expressed about triaging by receptionists.</li> <li>▪ <b>Workshop.</b> PS reported briefly on a workshop organised by the Health and Social Care partnership in preparation for the first meeting of the Local Leadership Group for the West Locality. He expressed concerns at the proposed size of the LLG.</li> <li>▪ <b>Meeting with other CCs in the West Locality.</b> CBMCC were hosting a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> September.</li> </ul>	<p>PS GG</p> <p>PS</p>
15.0	<p><b>Footpaths.</b> A report by NA had been circulated. He highlighted that an informal walk had been arranged to coincide with the MBC Festival. It was hoped to develop these walks but issues such as insurance needed to be clarified. GP stated that he was exploring a mechanism for placing OS maps on the website which will have the facility to highlight specific paths or routes.</p>	GP
16.0	<p><b>Reports from:</b></p>	
16.1	<p><b>Treasurer</b> GP stated that Tracy Davidson had transferred the website domain name to him rather than to CBMCC and it was agreed that this was the simplest solution and not a problem.</p>	
16.2	<p><b>Civic Forum.</b> No main meeting had been held.</p>	
16.3	<p><b>Community Council Forum.</b> PR had circulated his report and highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community Health Improvement Fund. Applications due in by 30th September.</li> <li>▪ Planning Subgroup. This was now becoming active and had identified six areas of focus.</li> <li>▪ HMO. Not a significant issue for CBM. Officers were re-looking at the matter of a HMO Provision Policy.</li> <li>▪ Health and Social Care. Other CC's were becoming aware of the formation of Localities and the potential role of CCs. PS would be attending the next meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September to talk about what CBMCC had done.</li> </ul>	PR PS
16.4	<p><b>More Blooms in CBM.</b> GP reported that a planter had been placed at Sainsbury's and subsequently two had appeared at Tesco's. An assessment for Scotland in Bloom had been carried out and CBM were in the Advancing category but had only been awarded</p>	



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16.5 16.6 16.7	<p>one additional point this year. 2,000 daffodils had been requested to be planted in the autumn.</p> <p><b>Rotary Club.</b> 10,000 Crocuses for £170 had been ordered and local groups (scouts, schools etc.) were being asked to assist with planting. Surplus to be sold to raise funds for their eradication of polio project.</p> <p><b>Litter Pick-up.</b> GP he would be assessing need for a litter pick-up in the Autumn.</p> <p><b>MBC News.</b> PR stated the deadline for the next issue was 1<sup>st</sup> October.</p> <p><b>Carol Service.</b> DR reported that McKay &amp; Innes, funeral directors of Culter, who have taken over the old Cults Post Office had assured CBMCC that they would not undertake any activities which might conflict with the carol service.</p>	GP
17.0 17.1 17.2 17.3	<p><b>Reports from City Councillors</b></p> <p><b>Cllr. Aileen Malone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Hedges and Trees affecting buses on North Deeside Road.</b> Letters had been sent by ACC to those householders with trees/hedges causing problems.</li> <li>▪ <b>Blocked Drains.</b> There was no routine clearance and residents must report blocked drains.</li> <li>▪ <b>Grass Cutting.</b> Following a complaint some tidying-up had been done. Currently grass is not collected.</li> <li>▪ <b>Flytipping.</b> Cults hotel agreed to clear some rubbish.</li> <li>▪ <b>Cults Den.</b> Complaint about cuttings thrown on some land but land is private.</li> <li>▪ <b>Electronic sign missing.</b> Originally from Jacob's Ladder and to be installed Bailleswells Road.</li> <li>▪ <b>West Cults Road.</b> ACC had agreed to investigate source of water leading to sheet ice in winter, however one resident had objected and as it is a private road no further action is being taken by the Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr. Marie Boulton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Allan Park.</b> Replacement playpark now deferred till Spring.</li> <li>▪ <b>Cults Primary School Play Area.</b> Cleaned up and police/city wardens had been asked to monitor following a fire raising incident and drug syringes etc. found.</li> <li>▪ <b>Cults West Farm - Flooding.</b> Scottish Water have agreed to carry out remedial fixes by the end of September.</li> <li>▪ <b>Inchgarth Reservoir.</b> Further work required as repairs not satisfactory.</li> <li>▪ <b>AWPR.</b> Various issues followed up – including light pollution and noise. New procedure now in place with cycle clubs for cycling events.</li> <li>▪ <b>Milltimber Play Area.</b> New equipment.</li> <li>▪ <b>Dunmail Carpark.</b> Councillors had decided not to change the current arrangements.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr. Tauqeer Malik</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Earlswells Amenity Area.</b> Officers were in further discussions with owner of the wood regarding possible other access routes.</li> <li>▪ <b>Dunmail Carpark.</b> Further information on the Council's decision.</li> </ul>	
18.0	<p><b>General Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Invitation to attend AFS regional licensing event:</b> Aberdeen, Thursday 15th September. GG and PR will be attending the event.</li> <li>▪ <b>Black Bins.</b> There was a general discussion about the new ACC policy on recycling and restricting each household to one black bin (with exceptions). MB stated that each household would receive a letter before the new policy is implemented.</li> </ul>	GG PR
19.0	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Letter from Mr. Milne,</b> a resident, concerning main street in Cults (weeds, overhanging</li> </ul>	



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	<p>branches etc.). AM had raised the issue with ACC Officers. The wall was not ACC property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Item 14.0 above.</b> TP-R suggested that receptionist should explain about confidentiality at the start of all telephone conversations.</li> <li>▪ <b>Deeside Way.</b> SP stated that cyclists were not the only issue – some dog walkers did not keep their dogs under proper control.</li> <li>▪ <b>NHS House next to Cults library.</b> TG enquired about the sale. It had been hoped in the past to acquire it for a Community Arts project. MB stated it was in poor condition and most likely it would be demolished.</li> <li>▪ <b>June CBMCC meeting at Newton Dee.</b> GG thanked TG for hosting the meeting.</li> <li>▪ <b>Emails.</b> CA made a plea that people reply to only those involved and restrict use of 'Reply All'.</li> <li>▪ <b>Steps, Golf Road.</b> Brambles – needs clearing. MB agreed to action.</li> <li>▪ <b>New Bus Service 95.</b> MB raised the possibility of a leaflet about this new 'Hail and Ride' service being distributed with the MBC News.</li> <li>▪ <b>Open Doors -10/11 September.</b> Various buildings open.</li> </ul>	MB
<b>20.0</b>	<p><b>Closure</b> The meeting closed at 21:15.</p> <p>Next meeting: September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Café, Deeside Christian Fellowship Church, Binghill Drive, Milltimber, AB13 9JE.</p>	

APPROVED