



# CULTS BIELDSIDE AND MILLTIMBER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 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), David Anstee (DA), Eleanor Brennan (EB), Norman Burt(NB), Lindsay Davidson (LD), Matthew Dickie (MD), Sarah Gordon (SG), Shan Parfitt (SP), Graham Payne (GP), Peter Roberts (PR), Lorna Sharp (LS), Peter Smith (PS).
<b>Apologies</b>	Colon Caldow (CC), Kirstin Gove (KG), Colin Morsley (CM), Derek Robb (DR),
<b>Minutes Secretary</b>	Peter Smith (PS).
<b>In attendance for all or part of the meeting</b>	Cllr. Marie Boulton (MB), Mark Cook (MC - Public) June-Ann Dolby (Public), Cllr. Tauqeer Malik (TM), Cllr. Aileen Malone (AM), Joyce McFarlane (Public), Tracy Miller (Public), Judy Ann Dolby (Public), Theo Parfitt-Roche (TP-R), Snr. Warden Scott Thomson (ST).

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1.0	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b> GG welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular NB after his recent bereavement, Theo Parfitt-Roche as prospective youth member and four members of the public.	
2.0	<b>Police Report.</b> No report.	
3.0	<p><b>City Warden Report.</b>            Snr. Warden Scott Thomson briefly stated the role of the City Wardens and then addressed the two issues that had been raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Use of horns at the bridge on Westerton Road.</b> The Highway Code (Rule112) states that you can use a horn only while a vehicle is moving and there is a need to warn other road users of your presence. You must not use horn aggressively, while stationary on the road or between the hours of 11.30 pm and 7.00 am, except when another road user poses a danger. He advised contacting the Road Safety &amp; Traffic Management team at ACC to discuss ideas to reduce use of horns, such as installing mirrors or signs.</li> <li>▪ <b>Car parking on the pavement.</b> ST said this was a grey area and not mentioned in the Highway Code. Police have the power to charge for obstruction. He suggested contacting Police Scotland.</li> </ul> <p>SP and SG raised a problem of a fallen fence on Westerton Road. ST said he would investigate. EB raised a problem of a plant causing obstruction behind Lloyds Pharmacy and MB agreed to investigate. With regard to a burglar alarm problem he advised that she should contact Police Scotland.            ST reported that wardens were patrolling at the former Waldorf School.</p>	ST MB
4.0	<b>Minutes of the last CBMCC Meeting</b> The minutes of the April 2016 meeting were approved.	
5.0	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings (and not on agenda)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>State of the outside of the Cults Library and its environs.</b> AM reported that the house</li> </ul>	

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	<p>next to library belonged to the NHS but she had not been able to get any information about plans for it. She confirmed that the toilet would not be re-opened and that there was currently an ACC review of all toilets. She highlighted the Community Toilet scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Local Deeside Networking Event.</b> May 26<sup>th</sup>. GG reported that he with GP and PR had participated. It was useful but it was agreed that it would have much more value if it had been open to the public, held on a Saturday and well-advertised. It was agreed to write to the organisers making these points. In discussion PR stated that Mixing Bowl were planning an event and would like to use the facilities at Cults Academy. MB agreed to investigate. There was a suggestion that the event should be part of the MBC Festival.</li> <li>▪ <b>Criteria for Judging Planning Proposals.</b> PR asked if there were any further comments. There were none and he will arrange for it to be posted on CBMCC website.</li> <li>▪ <b>Closure Countesswells Road and Kirk Brae.</b> PR summarised the response from ACC which had been circulated. Members considered the approach of the Council unsatisfactory. MB to pursue aspects of this issue.</li> </ul>	<p>PS MB  GP</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>Developer Contributions</b> This had been discussed at the previous meeting and PR had circulated a draft paper to ACC listing potential projects. Several potential projects had been put forward and members suggested several others but most were ineligible as they were essentially maintenance. Joanna Mackie had requested a further meeting and a meeting with Stephen Booth was being sought. Milltimber Community Centre. There was a verbal agreement with the ACC to enlarge the existing centre but due to the staged payments the enlargement would probably have to be done on a phased basis and this was being examined. It was agreed to submit the paper to ACC.</p>	<p>PR  PR</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<p><b>AWPR.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Meeting.</b> CM and MB had attended a public meeting organised by North Kincardine Rural Community Council on the AWPR. CM had circulated some notes of the meeting. One outcome was a proposal for a cross-boundary CC forum to monitor AWPR issues. MB stated she setting up a meeting involving the two Councils, the CCs involved, Transport for Scotland and AWPR management. This was supported.</li> <li>▪ <b>Petition.</b> Over 1300 had signed and petition will be heard by the Petition Committee on the 9 June.</li> <li>▪ <b>Sound Barriers.</b> MB reported that there were proposals for sound barriers and she was arranging a meeting with residents.</li> </ul>	
<b>8.0</b>	<p><b>Christmas Lights</b> LD reported on her efforts to attract funding and on estimates she had received from an expert who was involved in similar schemes. There as an overall estimate of about £36,000 for initial costs. No further firm funding offers had been received beyond that reported at the previous meeting. Several funding suggestions were made, including businesses in the Cults Business Park, Station Road and appealing to the public. The issue of the best arrangements for handling the finances was briefly discussed and it was agreed that this and the project should be discussed further before any public appeal. It was agreed that the expert should be invited to the next meeting.</p>	<p>LD</p>
<b>9.0</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Report.</b> PR has circulated his report and briefly highlighted some key points. There were no contentious issues that needed discussion apart from proposals for 3 South Avenue and the Bridge of Dee option consultation.</li> <li>▪ <b>3 South Avenue.</b> Proposals by McCarthy Stone for 21 retirement apartments. Mark Cook, a nearby resident, was invited to speak. He stated that he considered that the planning proposal was illegal as it contravened real burdens on the property but this was a separate</li> </ul>	<p>CM</p>





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13.3	<p>of faster speeds was up to two years behind schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>High Hedge – Florence Court.</b> AM stated she was awaiting the verdict of the reporter from the Directorate of Environmental and Planning Directorate and hoped this would help resolve the problem.</li> <li>▪ <b>Woodland Grove, Tor-Na-Dee, Milltimber.</b> The signs causing the problem noted at the last meeting had now been removed. The public have a right of way at Woodland Grove.</li> <li>▪ <b>Deeside Way.</b> More waste bins had been funded.</li> <li>▪ <b>Countesswells Development.</b> AM had had a meeting with the Road Inspector about damage to roads in the vicinity.</li> <li>▪ <b>Blocked Drains.</b> AM reminded members that blocked drains needed to be reported and they would then be cleared.</li> <li>▪ <b>Wall Collapse.</b> AM reported on a meeting of residents about a wall that had collapsed on part of a private path in Cults. The cost of repair was estimated to be £68,000 and 58 residents who owned the path were being asked to share the cost.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr. Tauqeer Malik</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>New Bridge over River Don.</b> This would be opened on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>▪ <b>Floods.</b> Overall funding had been agreed for 32 properties affected by the floods and applications for financial assistance need to be submitted to ACC.</li> <li>▪ <b>Culter Gala Day.</b> TM reminded members that the Culter Gala would be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May.</li> </ul>	
14.0	<p><b>General Correspondence</b>  <b>Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015.</b> The Scottish Community Development Centre had invited the CBMCC to participate in a consultation meeting on Part 3 of the Act. It was agreed that GG and PR should attend.</p>	GG PR
15.0	<p><b>Co-option of Youth Member</b>  The motion 'That Theo Parfitt-Roche be co-opted as a Youth Member of the Cults, Bieldside and Milltimber Community Council' (proposed by GG; seconded by PS) was unanimously approved. GG congratulated TP-R on his co-option and thanked him for agreeing to serve.</p>	
16.0	<p><b>AOCB</b>  <b>Length of Meeting.</b> SP made a plea for meetings to end at scheduled <b>time</b>.</p>	
17.0	<p><b>Closure</b>  The meeting was closed at 21:15.  Next meeting. June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Phoenix Community centre, Newton Dee Village, Bieldside.</p>	