



CULTS BIELDSIDE AND MILLTIMBER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 27th October 2016 - 7.00pm

Community Room, Cults, Community Centre, Quarry Road, Cults, AB15 9TP.

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), Norman Burt (NB), Colin Cadow (CC), Lindsay Davidson (LD), Matthew Dickie (MD), Guus Glass (GG), Sarah Gordon (SG), Kirstin Gove (KG), Graham Payne (GP), Shan Parfitt (SP), Derek Robb (DR), Peter Roberts (PR), Lorna Sharp (LS), Peter Smith (PS). | | |
| Apologies | Cllr. Tauqeer Malik (TM), Colin Morsley (CM), Theo Parfitt-Roche (TP-R). | | |
| In attendance for all or part of the meeting | Cllr. Marie Boulton (MB), Andrew Brownrigg (ACC – AB), Terhi Geider (Newton Dee -TG), Cllr. Aileen Malone (AM), PC Lucie May (LM). | | |

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| 1.0 | Welcome, Introductions and Apologies GG welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received. | |
| 2.0 | Police Report and Crime Prevention PC Lucie May reported that there had been no significant incidents since the previous meeting. No violent crime but opportunistic crime (unlocked cars, doors etc.) was still an issue. There appeared to be no trend and the public were making more reports which had led to an increase in apprehensions. The main culprits were a group of 20-30 younger people. A welcome development was use of curfews by the courts. Motivation seemed to be primarily 'fun' and 'thrills'. | |
| 3.0 | City Warden Report. No report. | |
| 4.0 | ACC Local Development Plan Andrew Brownrigg, Team Leader, AC Development Plan, gave a brief resume of the current position regarding the Local Development Plan (LDP) and the outcome of the Examination by the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government. The main changes affecting CBM are the inclusion of three green field sites in Milltimber for housing (Milltimber South site for 60 homes and a small retail center, 10 homes on the west side of Contlaw Rd and 8 homes in Culterhouse Rd.). The Council could either decide to adopt the revised plan or challenge it. However there had been no cases where a challenge had, ultimately, been successful. He explained the grounds for a challenge and that even if the Government accepted a challenge, this could then be challenged by the developers. Members expressed major concerns, both in respect of the process, as there was no consultation on the changes, and on the loss of a significant green site. Legislation would be required to change the process and the Scottish Government was issuing a White Paper on the planning process in the next few months. MB stated she was exploring with the ACC legal department every avenue to see if there were grounds for a challenge – in particular the factual basis regarding provision of schooling. PR offered to circulate further information on LLP and the changes. | PR |



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| 5.0 | Minutes of the last CBMCC Meeting The minutes of the August 2016 meeting were approved. | |
| 6.0 | Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings (and not on agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendance by Police and City Wardens. Following the discussion at the last meeting PS had written to Inspector McKinnon and to Ross McClelland, Senior Warden, proposing an annual review meeting with each of them. No reply had been received from Ross McClelland and Inspector McKinnon had replied that he was not on duty at the time of either the October or November meetings but would be pleased to meet with GG and PS. It was agreed to invite Inspector McKinnon to meet the full council at the earliest opportunity. PS to find out why no attendance by a City Warden for several months and no reply from Ross McClelland. ▪ Play Parks. No progress - awaiting meeting with Stephen Booth. ▪ Christmas Lights. LD stated there had been no progress There would be no lights this year. She and PR to meet. ▪ ACC 'Active Travel' Consultation. Consultation closes on 11/11/2016. PS summarised the parts of the plan relevant to CBMCC. The increasing problems of walkers and cyclists sharing the Deeside Way, particularly at commuting times, was mentioned. Agreed that the footpath group would look at the document and PS and CM would collate all comments received and draft a response. ▪ Active Aberdeen Partnership – Strategy Consultation. A response had been submitted on the 3/10/2016. | PS PR LD PR F'tpath Gp. PS CM |
| 7.0 | AWPR. PR stated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was now clear that a pedestrian bridge will not be constructed before the road opens. ▪ No progress on the issue of routing the Deeside Way round the houses. ▪ Noise suppression barriers. No definitive developments. ▪ Milltimber Bridges. Bridge beams now being delivered early November. ▪ Milltimber Junction. At a meeting with the Project team it had been made clear by the team that there will be no changes to the design at this stage. | |
| 8.0 | Planning Report. PR has circulated his October report. He highlighted several matters including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Closure – Blacktop. Hopefully will be opened the following week - there will be a new speed limit. ▪ 3 South Avenue. The Council had turned down the planning application by McCarthy & Stone. ▪ Inchgarth. There will a public exhibition on November 9th at the Marcliffe hotel. Developers. Posters are being distributed and the developers will be making a presentation at the November CBMCC meeting. ▪ PS observed that there had been a lot of concern raised about loss of green space at South Milltimber site but the CC had not objected to the potential loss of a much larger green site at Inchgarth which was between Cults and Garthdee. Several members stated that it was different situation as the development included a link road between the North Deeside Road and Inchgarth Road and the creation of a sports field complex that would maintain much of the open space. ▪ Aberdeen FC Stadium at Kingsford. PR, CM and PS had met with two members of the 'No Kingsford Stadium' group who had requested a meeting. Main concerns centred around travel as this could have some impact for CBMCC residents. Another potential impact was the precedence for planning on other green sites in the area as the Stadium would be on a greenfield site and also to the West of the AWPR. There had also been an informative meeting involving CM and PR with the Executive Vice Chairman of | |



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| | <p>Aberdeen Football Club on the Kingsford stadium</p> <p>It was agreed to minute that the CBMCC would always welcome either letters or emails from members of the public but it would not consider any that were anonymous.</p> | |
| 9.0 | <p>Nan Shepherd Commemorative Plaque. A draft submission to ACC had been circulated and was agreed. It was also agreed to approve funding up to £350.</p> | PS CA GG |
| 10.0 | <p>Community Plan. GG reported he had written an article for MBC which was in the latest issue. GP reported he had created a subdomain of the website. Access would be restricted to CC members at this stage. Who would take the lead on drafting each section was reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Introduction. GG •Profile of Cults, Bielside and Milltimber. •Amenities and services. PS •Roads and Transport. SP and DA •Environment. GP. •Heritage. SG and CA* •Youth, Education and training. KG •Housing. PR •Health and Social Care. PS •Safety, Security and Resilience. GG •Planning. PR •Communications. GP, PR and CA* <p>*Agreed after meeting. CA to join with SG on heritage and not be a lead person on Communications.</p> | All named |
| 11.0 | <p>Health and Social Services. PS had circulated a brief report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Local Leadership Group, West Locality. Membership was being considered by a subgroup. GG had proposed that there be a Core Group of the LLG as this would allow the overall LLG to be large. ▪Cults Medical Group. It was agreed to ask Dr. John McKeown if he or one of his colleagues or the Practice Manager would come and discuss the new booking system and other issues | GG |
| 12.0 | <p>Carol Concert. DR reported that Fiona Kennedy had agreed to participate and sing again this year. Other arrangements were all in hand. A poster had been prepared and would be distributed. Concert was on the 5th December.</p> | DR |
| 13.0 | <p>Reports from:</p> | |
| 13.1 | <p>Treasurer. GP stated that an application for £440 from ACC Festival Fund to support the carol concert had been accepted and the outcome was awaited.</p> | |
| 13.2 | <p>Civic Forum. GG reported that no meeting had been held since the last CC meeting.</p> | |
| 13.3 | <p>Community Council Forum. PR reported on a meeting on the 3rd October which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion on purpose of the Forum. This was to share information and address common issues. ▪ Road Adoption. The ACC had introduced a policy of no longer adopting block paved roads in new developments. This issue was being pursued. ▪ Incinerator. The ACC had approved the incinerator proposal. | |
| 13.4 | <p>More Blooms in CBM. GP reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A very generous donation, a cheque for £500, had been received from the 050 Club. ▪ The hanging baskets were now down and the planters were being refurbished. | |



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| 13.5 13.6 13.7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2,000 daffodil bulbs. He would be asking for volunteers shortly to help with planting. He had identified three suitable sites. ▪ SG suggested planting herbs which could be used by the community. This received support and several locations were identified including Darroch Park and the Cults Kirk Centre. <p>Litter Pick-up. Nothing to report.</p> <p>MBC News. PR stated the that the next issue would be distributed to the distributors the following week.</p> <p>Footpath Group. NA reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PS had received a reply from Dan Cradle at the Forestry Commission about the grant for upgrading the footpaths at Foggieton Woods. A meeting was being arranged. ▪ NA was in touch with Karen van Eeden about the ownership of the fields between the Foggieton and Countesswells woods. ▪ PS to circulate information about a workshop being arranged by 'Footpaths for all'. | GP NA PS PS |
| 14.0 14.1 14.2 | <p>Report from Councillors</p> <p>Cllr. Marie Boulton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Earlwells Crescent and access to wood. Ongoing discussions with Council Officers and owner of the wood. A new aspect was the proposal for the trees to be left on-site and collected as required by different wood mills. ▪ Anniversary of Death of Pupil at Cults Academy. A press statement was being released. ▪ AWPR. Contlaw Road now open but with a weight restriction. ▪ New street lights in Cults. ▪ 20mph restriction on Prospect Hill Road. ▪ Station Road, Milltimber. Extension of yellow lines to allow access for emergency vehicles to the Deeside Way. ▪ Grass verges. A number of complaints but schedule had been disrupted by the weather. ▪ Allan Park. Childrens play area to be moved to a higher level to avoid damage by flooding. ▪ Ward Boundary Changes. The Boundary Commission had recommended moving boundary so Countesswells comes in the Hazelhead ward. <p>Cllr. Aileen Malone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pavement resurfacing on North Deeside Road, Cults, and pothole filling on Dunmail Avenue now completed. ▪ Impact of Road Closure on store on Kirk Brae. ▪ Major Gray. New seat and plaque being prepared. ▪ Footpaths. She had had a discussion with Alister Clunas from Aberdeen Greenspace regarding footpaths linking the Friarsfield development and Kirk Bray with Ladythill and Foggieton woods. No funding at present. ▪ Woodland Grove, Tor-Na-Dee, Milltimber. She had sought advice from the Council's legal department about the red signs (Private – Residents Only). There are grey areas in the planning consent and she is waiting further advice from the council's legal department. It was agreed to highlight the issue in MBC and on the CBMCC Facebook page. ▪ Trees on Friarsfield site. The council were investigating. | |
| 15.0 | <p>General Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate Chang Fund. Details had been circulated on the 12/10 2016. Closing dates for expressions of interest 28/10/2016. ▪ Training in Community Assets. Details had been circulated on 13/10/2016. The Aberdeen event had been earlier that day. | |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Deer Management Plan for Aberdeen City. GG had received a reply to his enquiry from Steven Shaw, Environmental Manager, A survey and other work is being carried out. A bulletin is being prepared for the Communities Housing and Infrastructure Committee on the 1st November.▪ Community Councils Information Session. Karen Rennie is organising an event for people to find out more about the work of Community Councils. She has asked for interesting projects to illustrate the wide range of activities undertaken by CCs. GG and PS to put forward some of the activities of the CBMCC.▪ Transition Extreme Campaign - Crowd Funding. Details had been circulated on the 13/10/2016.▪ Deprivation in Aberdeen City. This ACC briefing paper had been circulated on the 27/10/2016. | PS GG |
| 16.0 | AOCB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GP asked if members would like a social get-together at New Year. This was welcomed. Eleanor offered to help.• NB stated that Milltimber felt let-down.• EB asked if the house next to the library had been sold. Nobody knew. | GP EB |
| 17.0 | Closure. The meeting closed at 21:30. Next meeting: November 24th at the at Deeside Christian Fellowship Café, Bingham Drive, Milltimber, AB13 9JE. | |

APPROVED