



# CULTS BIELDSIDE AND MILLTIMBER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 - 7.00pm  
Phoenix Community Centre, Newton Dee Village, Bielside.

### MINUTES

<b>Chair</b>	Guus Glass (GG).
<b>Community Councillors present</b>	David Anstee (DA), Colin Caldwell (CC), Kirstin Gove (KG), Guus Glass (GG), Colin Morsley (CM), Shan Parfitt (SP), Graham Payne (GP), Derek Robb (DR), Peter Roberts (PR), Peter Smith (PS).
<b>Apologies</b>	Nurul H Ali (NA), Christine Anderson (CA), Eleanor Brennan (EB), Lindsay Davidson (LD), Sarah Gordon (SG), Colin Caldwell (CC), Cllr. Aileen Malone (AM), Theo Parfitt-Roche (TP-R), Lorna Sharp (LS).
<b>Minutes Secretary</b>	Peter Smith (PS).
<b>In attendance for all or part of the meeting</b>	A. Allan (Resident), Cllr. Marie Boulton (MB), John Henderson (Resident), Cllr. Tauqeer Malik (TM).

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.</b> No report.	
3.0	<b>City Warden Report.</b> No report.	
4.0	<b>Crime Prevention.</b> PC Bob McKinney had apologised that he was unable to attend. To be invited to a future meeting and asked to write an article for MBC news.	CM
5.0	<b>Christmas Lights.</b> Neither LD nor Steve McHaffie (Director, Scotia Access Services) were able to attend. LD had sent an email stating that no further funding offers had been received. Steve McHaffie had emailed that the Council had agreed for lights to be installed in the MBC area but would prefer the use of the aluminium poles. <b>Community Choices Fund.</b> It was suggested that an application might be made for funding to the Community Choices Fund, details of which had been circulated to members. It was noted that the scheme involved participatory budgeting and was particularly targeted at deprived areas. It was agreed that a bid should be prepared for the following schemes: Christmas Lights, More Blooms in CBM, Play Parks, Cults/Bielside Playing Fields, and Footpaths (St. Devenick's Terrace).	CM
	<b>Christmas Carol Concert.</b> DR reported on progress and arrangements. It was scheduled for the first Monday in December. Permission for the event had been obtained from ACC and the new occupant of the former Post-Office would need to be informed.	CM
6.0	<b>Minutes of the last CBMCC Meeting</b> The minutes of the April 2016 meeting were approved, subject to '6' being altered to '6b' in the last sentence of the minute on the Bridge of Dee (Item 9.0).	PS
7.0	<b>Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings (and not on agenda)</b>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Car Parking on Pavement.</b> CM noted that the Highway Code does mention parking on pavements – Rule 244.</li> <li>▪ <b>Dunmail Avenue Car Park.</b> CM reported that a formal objection had been sent to the ACC (letter had been circulated to members).</li> <li>▪ <b>Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015.</b> PR and GG had attended a focus group arranged by the Scottish Community Development Centre. PR stated that the main weakness in the Regulations relating to Participation Requests was that there was no appeal mechanism. Two other parts of the Act were also briefly discussed – Asset Requisition and Community Planning. This led to a discussion of the proposal by ACC for three localities.</li> <li>▪ <b>House next to Cults Library.</b> Owned by NHS Grampian and under offer. NHS Grampian will not be tidying the garden but willing for CBMCC to do so!</li> </ul>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Reports from City Councillors:</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<p><b>Cllr. Marie Boulton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Countesswells Development.</b> Countesswells Road closure will continue longer than expected, probably till end of July/beginning of August. The Cults to Kingswells road (that part adjacent to the Countesswells development) would then be closed, probably till December. Access would be available to residents. In response to a question MR stated that she had been told that there was no alternative to the road closure. The developer was proposing that the first phase (N10) of 239 homes would include 106 affordable units and blocks C1 and C2 was likely to be offered to other property developers. The Primary School and other community facilities did not have to be available till 500 houses had been built and so there might be a considerable delay before there were any facilities for the first 240 houses.</li> <li>▪ <b>Flooding and Sewage at West Cults Farm.</b> This had occurred again and dialogue involving all parties was on-going to resolve the matter.</li> <li>▪ <b>AWPR.</b> The Petition had been considered by the Petition Committee on the 9th June. It had been agreed to write to the Scottish Government and to invite the Transport Minister to Aberdeen.</li> <li>▪ <b>AWPR – Water Run-off.</b> This was being further investigated as contaminated water was reaching the Dee.</li> <li>▪ <b>Broad Street.</b> A report on the 3 option consultation would be considered by the Council the following week.</li> </ul>	
<b>8.2</b>	<p><b>Cllr Tauqeer Malik</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Greenspace Funding.</b> A grant of £75,000 had been made to the Forestry Commission to upgrade footpaths at Foggieton forest.</li> <li>▪ <b>Allan Park.</b> £60,000 had been allocated to develop the park.</li> </ul>	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Ideas for the Deeside Way.</b> As SG unable to attend this was deferred to the next meeting.	SG
<b>10.0</b>	<b>AWPR.</b> CM had circulated his report on a recent meeting of Aberdeen City and Shire Community Councils with AWPR representatives. APWR representatives offered all CCs the facility visit the Stonehaven centre where the Community Liaison Team would be happy to provide detailed explanation of any specific design plan. Outside the meeting other CCs had indicated interest in a cross-LA forum for CCs affected by the AWPR.	
<b>11.0</b>	<p><b>Developer Contributions</b></p> <p>PR reported that he had met with Joanna Mackie, who only dealt with community facilities, but had not yet managed to arrange a meeting with Stephen Booth on the wider issues. All funds had to be spent to increase capacity – capital expenditure. The re-surfacing the carpark at the WI building did not meet this criterion. It was agreed to propose drainage of the playing fields (possibly a survey as there was limited funding from the Earlswells</p>	PR



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	<p>development).</p> <p><b>Milltimber Community Centre.</b> Overall £450,000 was available from the Oldfold development but funding was phased and no agreement had yet been reached. All funding for sport was handled by Sports Aberdeen.</p> <p><b>Countesswells Development.</b> Developer contributions were for two Primary schools, one secondary school, a health centre and a community centre. Each element would only be available once a set number of houses had been built and sold e.g. first primary school after 500 homes and the secondary school after 1000 homes had been built.</p> <p>Members re-iterated the need for CCs to be involved in the whole process from the earliest stages to encourage ACC to negotiate for community preferred items and agreed that the meeting with Stephen Booth was the next step.</p>	PR
12.0	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Report.</b> PR has circulated his report. Apart from matters below, there were no questions.</li> <li>▪ <b>Countesswells Development.</b> Letter of objection by CBMCC had been submitted regarding lack of play areas and the selection of road materials for N10. Developer had confirmed that a play area will be available by first quarter of 2017. Road materials under discussion with the Roads Department. to see if they will commit to repair of lock block roads. Objection will go to Planning Committee unless matter resolved to CBMCC's satisfaction.</li> <li>▪ <b>3 South Avenue.</b> An anonymous letter had been received from a resident and circulated to members. Members confirmed that the letter sent to the Planning Department was valid and the letter did not object to additional retirement housing but related to specific features of this particular planning application. The owner of the property had refuted the statement about the loss of trees.</li> <li>▪ <b>Bridge of Dee Consultation.</b> PR reported that the views of the CBMCC had been submitted.</li> </ul>	PR
13.0	<p><b>Health and Social Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Meeting with HSCP.</b> PS had circulated his report of a recent meeting with the Health and Social Care Partnership. The Partnership were actively considering the role and membership of a Leadership Group for the West Locality and would welcome suggestions for improving local healthcare services - PS would collate any suggestions. A meeting with other CCs covering the West Locality was being arranged. GG and PS were investigating inviting a social care manager at HSCP to make a presentation to the CBMCC on commissioning of social care prior to inviting Bob Accord and other social care providers to meet with the CC.</li> <li>• <b>Healthy Helpings.</b> GS highlighted this free course run by NHS Grampian (<a href="http://www.hi-netgrampian.org/people-networks/healthy-weight-grampian/adult-healthy-weight/healthy-helpings/">http://www.hi-netgrampian.org/people-networks/healthy-weight-grampian/adult-healthy-weight/healthy-helpings/</a> ).</li> </ul>	PS  PS
14.0	<p><b>Reports from:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Treasurer.</b> GP reported that the cheque for the MBC festival had been sent and the per-capita funding from ACC had been received.</li> <li>▪ <b>Civic Forum.</b> No main meeting had been held.</li> <li>▪ <b>Community Council Forum.</b> PR reported that at a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June there had been a presentation on the Health and Social Care Partnership and also one by the Scottish and Southern Energy. The latter had a scheme allowing members of staff to work in the community one day a year and there was also a fund for community projects. The Forum had made a donation to the Street Pastors. There was to be a public hearing on the proposed incinerator at Torry.</li> <li>▪ <b>More Blooms in CBM.</b> GP reported that 24 hanging baskets had been hung and 500 summer bedding plants received – he would welcome volunteers to help plant them.</li> <li>▪ <b>Litter Pick-up.</b> GP said he would be assessing need for a litter pick-up later in the</li> </ul>	GP



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	<p>year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Footpaths.</b> SP reported that a proposal to organise a guided walk as part of the MBC festival had been abandoned due to insufficient number of members of the group being available on the day. A member suggested that a leaflet of footpaths be prepared, also an interactive digital map/app.</li> <li>▪ <b>MBC News.</b> PR requested all articles/news for the next issue be submitted by the 28<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>▪ <b>Learning Partnership.</b> GG gave an explanation of the background, organisational arrangements and work of the Learning Partnerships (11 in the city based on the Academies) and the Community Associations. However, the ACC were proposing revised organisational arrangements resulting from guidance on the implementation of the 'Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013'. GG was trying to find out more details of a minibus owned by the Lower Deeside Community Association.</li> </ul>	<p>NA</p> <p>GG</p>
<b>15.0</b>	<p><b>General Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scot Gov. Consultation - Police Powers to Search Children &amp; Young People for Alcohol.</b> Following a discussion, GG agreed to read through the consultation paper and circulate a draft response for comment.</li> <li>• <b>Consultation: Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland.</b> Views are being sought by the Scottish Government on six new national priorities for policing in Scotland. The consultation closes on 16th August. CM stated that that the revised document did not reflect the comments made by CBMCC to the previous consultation earlier this year. It was also agreed to express dissatisfaction with the timing of the consultation which coincides with the holiday period. CM agreed to prepare a draft response to be circulated to members</li> </ul>	<p>GG</p> <p>CM</p>
<b>16.0</b>	<b>AOCB.</b> None	
<b>17.0</b>	<p><b>Closure</b> The meeting closed at 21:05.</p> <p>Next meeting: August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Community Room, Cults Community Centre, Quarry Road, Cults.</p>	