



BRIDGE OF DON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2022
7.30pm VIA ZOOM

Present: Jane Adam, Stella Adam, Isobyl McLeod, Shelagh Melvin, Jennie Miller, Karen Pratt, Louise Simmons, Helen Young

ACC Councillors: none

Members of Public: none

Apologies: Syed Naqvi, Jackie Ross, Fran Small, Cllr Alphonse, Cllr Cross

Meeting chaired by Karen Pratt

Minutes from February 2022 - Proposed Stella Adam
Seconded Helen Young

Minutes from AGM 2022 – Proposed Shelagh Melvin
Seconded Jane Adam

Action

1.	<p>Attendance and Apologies – as noted above</p>	
2.	<p>Police Report No report received.</p>	
3.	<p>Councillor Reports –</p> <p>Cllr Alphonse: I have had a busy month. Still awaiting information on Glover House. Hope to have some Information to update CC soon. Still no action on the repair of the garages on Simpson Road. My constituents are very angry and rightly so. Huge problem with fly tipping at the old AECC Site. Also car racing at nights really noisy police have been informed by constituents Problems with damp, mould, and general disrepair of the three blocks of flats on Simpson Road. Large tree finally moved from a back garden in Newburgh Road. Response to the speed limit just after the recycling centre on Scotstown Road. This will not be changed and constituents very concerned. Constituents concerned regarding asbestos in some council properties in Bridge of Don. Constituents delighted that Union Street is finally going to be reopened to busses and taxis. I have had several emails and calls from Mr Laird, Sheilhill Road about the amount of traffic on the road. 4,000 vehicles a day. He said to me yesterday that he feels he has been let down by the Community Council as he feels there has been very little done to assist him and his wife. I have been receiving lots of emails regarding the never ending pot holes, lets hope in the better weather some of the larger ones can be repaired. Complaints about the dog waste/dog waste bags blighting Scotstown Moor. Road Signage now completed in Sheilhill. General housing queries</p> <p>There were no other reports.</p> <p>Discussion re Mr Laird – Isobyl has been talking to him extensively over past couple of days regarding ongoing issues. She will detail the conversations and write to Gail Beattie in Planning re-iterating the issues the community council has already reported to ACC over the past several years. We will also highlight conflicting information regarding the state of the road that Mr Laird has received from different council officers. Will let Cllr Alphonse know.</p> <p>Re Simpson Road flats – we will also write to ACC supporting residents' complaints.</p>	<p>IMcL</p> <p>IMcL</p>
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes –</p>	

	<p>Thomas Glover House – still awaiting further information. Cllr Alphonse progressing.</p> <p>Resident who was interested in attending meetings/joining community council: Isobyl emailed him, but has heard nothing back so far. Will email again</p> <p>Coastal Fund: we were successful in receiving funding to pay for flower baskets and lights on the bridge, plus local planters. Well done to Stella for obtaining this money.</p> <p>School crossing patrollers: Karen received reply from Cllr Cross' office. No decision/action until 2022/23 budgets finalised. Karen wrote to council requesting sight of traffic report – has been passed to another department, so will hopefully receive the report soon. Will share the reply received with school.</p> <p>Letter to council leaders re concern over lack of representation for BoD – letter in progress.</p> <p>Living Christmas tree – temporary sign up. Jennie progressing permanent wooden one.</p> <p>Flytipping – wrote to councillors/resident. Cllr Alphonse visited site. Cllr Cross reported – by the time an officer attended, it had been cleared up. Council is monitoring.</p>	<p>Cllr A</p> <p>IMcL</p> <p>KP</p> <p>IMcL</p> <p>KP</p> <p>JM</p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report – Balance as of today's date is £5281.67</p> <p>Changes since last report.</p> <p><u>Lodged</u> Coastal Communities Fund £2600</p> <p><u>Drawn</u> Christmas Lights £624</p> <p>I have ordered the flower baskets for the bridge. £61 + vat which I reckon will be £1756.80 for the 24 baskets</p>	
6.	<p>Planning –</p> <p>Starbucks application was approved at PDMC. No discussion was held regarding our concerns re road safety/congestion.</p> <p>Telecomms pole on Donmouth Road does not require neighbour notification.</p> <p>Agreed that significant planning applications will be published on CC website/FB to raise awareness. No individual/household applications will be published.</p>	
7.	<p>Gardening Competition – RHS Aberdeen chair has very kindly agreed to judge (thanks Shelagh for arranging). Judging will be done in evenings. If necessary, CC will create shortlist from entries. Flyer produced – to be printed out and distributed to some central locations and emailed to churches, schools and Better BoD contacts. Looking to have applications in mid July and a three week judging period after that. Louise to finalise flyer and create separate email account for applications to go to.</p>	<p>LS</p>
8.	<p>OMAC Donation –</p> <p>OMAC chair has confirmed that any monies donated are to be used solely for youth in Old Machar area. CC agreed that money would be set aside for Christmas crackers for those schools and for anything spent on play equipment for the Jubilee picnics in that area (see BBoD report below). Isobyl to confirm to OMAC.</p>	<p>IMcL</p>

9.	<p>Reports – FWP: gorse cutting session held. Some branches brought down in storms to be moved to Wee Green Spaces area and cut up for children to build bug houses etc. Park is receiving oak sapling as part of Queens Green Canopy initiative (21/22 season) – to be planted in next few weeks. Fencing removal possibly nearing completion. Walking trails to be measured out.</p> <p>Reserves: ACC applying for funding for restoration works in Scotstown Moor. <i>Post-meeting update: Drafts for River Don signage sent over by Ian Talboys for us to have a look at/proofread. Look excellent – will be getting made up and installed soon.</i></p> <p>CC Forum: next one 4th April. Isobyl can share online details for any members who want to attend.</p> <p>Better BoD: Group has agreed for now to operate as sub-committee of community council. Will set up own email account and look to re-use the FB page used at Christmas. Planning ongoing for Jubilee celebrations on 5th June – looking at 3 or 4 group picnic sites that people can go to if they wish. Ice cream van booked for the afternoon. Stella pricing up outdoor play equipment (possibility of Mens’ Shed helping out with Jenga sets), and will apply to ASDA for grant funding. Also looking at litter picking events to tie in with Keep Scotland Beautiful, possibly with help from schools. Need to start thinking about next Christmas event!</p>	
10.	<p>Correspondence – CORRESPONDENCE LIST – 16 February – 15 March 2022</p> <p>POST – E-MAIL - A.C.C. - Agendas – Planning Development Management Committee 17/03/22 Weekly Planning Lists Karen Finch CCLO – Resilient Communities Fund – North of Scotland Re Council Budget Papers Re Insurance paperwork Local Government Elections - https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/LG2022 Response to query re housing – not in CC remit Come and Network Support Group Traffic order</p> <p>Dylan Jamieson – Various Traffic Management and Developer Proposals – Respond by 22 March Green Times Committee Services – Amendments for Budget x 5 Diane Sande – Automatic response re meeting</p> <p>Aberdeen Community Council Forum – Agenda for 7/3; Next meeting 04/04/2022; Ads/Promos/Articles – Creative Play (2); Charities Buying Group (6); Turfmatters2017 (6); PSE online (16); ACVO; ImagePlaygrounds (2); Texthelp (2); Broxap (4); ecogreencommunities.com (2); Plantscape (4); highstreetsafari.com; insigniauk.org (4); click.diversifiedenergies.com; FreshAirFitness; bannerbox.com; noticeboards.com;</p> <p>Better Bridge of Don – Spring Clean Bulletins/Newsletters – PSE; PSN; Rail Technology; Turfmatters2017; GovLaunch; ACVO; Govnewsdirect.com - Fulfilling your Digital Potential in an Evolving World 10 March (3) Digital Public Sector Symposium governmentevents.co.uk - Fulfilling your Digital Potential in an Evolving World Successful Influence and Persuasion at Work: a Complete Guide (3) neighbourhoodalert.co.uk – Significant Rail Disruption - Scotland - Advice from Scotrail Advance Fee Fraud Warning Scam Share Bulletin - 17th Feb 2022 Theft of Heating Fuel Fraud Warning</p>	

	<p>Banchory Resident Defrauded In Puppy Scam Investment Fraud Aberdeenshire Delivery Scam Aberdeenshire Garage Targeted In High Value Theft Scam Share Bulletin and Cyberscotland Bulletin - 10th March 2022 Heating Oil Theft Near Laurencekirk Used Cooking Oil Theft Stonehaven Suspicious Vehicle Sighted Near Fettercairn Today</p> <p>Police – Response to query raised re needles etc in tree belt Public Policy Exchange – Supporting British Pubs: Protecting Community Assets and Working to Ensure Resilience Scottish Water – Re survey New customer campaign</p> <p>Ssen Distribution - Storm Response Stakeholder Workshop Newmachar Golf Club – Request for support with planning application (2) MS.MarineRenewables@gov.scot – Automatic response Dave Cox OMAC Chair – re Grant (2) Aberdeen Airport – Upcoming Briefing Dana Mciver – Request for help with group project Resident – Housing problem (3) Zurich Insurance – Paperwork for renewal Cllr Cross – Re housing query; Automatic response re meeting; breathe.build – Invitation to Climate Justice 101 event 19/3 Torry Community Centre Cllr. Alphonse – Apologies and report for meeting.</p> <p>Beth Simon - A helpful Domestic Violence Resource Guide for Bridge of Don Ukraine Invasion – Do you want to help?</p> <p>Considered as spam BT – Re Bill; Update terms of use; Voice Mail unread (2); Sync failed;</p>	
11.	<p>A.O.C.B. – Plant a tree for the Jubilee: applications for trees for 2022/23 season will open in April for planting in April. Louise will apply on behalf of CC. Will advertise to other groups to encourage as many groups, schools etc in the BoD as possible to apply and try and arrange group planting in the autumn. Possibility of nearer the time, people buying their own too?</p> <p>ASDA grant: Stella has forms – will get in to Jan by the end of the month to apply for money to use for BBoD picnics.</p> <p>It’s Your Neighbourhood: Agreed we should register as we already do most of this anyway.</p> <p>RGU enquiry: - student asking for information about BoD. Jennie happy to have initial call to see what is required if we can get a bit more info. Isobyl to get back to student</p> <p>Planters: will cover at next meeting</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>SA</p> <p>LS</p> <p>IMcL/JM</p>
12.	<p>Next meeting – 19^h April 2022 via Zoom.</p>	