

Froghall, Powis and Sunnybank Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday 9th April** at Powis Community Centre.

1. Present:

Albert Craig (Chair for meeting), Linda Slessor, Alex Mess, Sarah MacKenzie, Dauna Matheson, Clive Kempe (minutes), Jade Hepburn (Building Officer), Councillor Ramsay Milne, Gail Johnston (Senior City Warden), Lidia Revello de Toro (Evening Express).

Apologies:

Nicol Ferguson, Vicky *****, Katja Brittain, , Councillor Ross Grant, Councillor Jim Noble, Councillor Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 9th March 2014 were approved by the members.

Proposed: Alex

Seconded: Albert

Matters Arising:

3. Police Update:

Gail Johnston presented the police update.

There are plans to have 2 City Wardens in the area. Paul Wilson is now Senior *** for the area.

Liaise with Fiona Lindsay re Traffic Orders. AC reported that cars are stopping in inappropriate places when dropping off pupils to St Machar Academy. GJ will review.

There has also been inappropriate parking on double yellow lines in Bedford Place (for deliveries to the charity shop).

Bins are habitually left on the pavement in Orchard Street. GJ to assess.

Drain gully covers have been removed from pavements (presumably stolen for scrap metal value) in various locations including Bedford Road / Sunnyside Road.

4. Aberdeen City Councillor Reports

Councillor Ramsay gave an update

3rd Don Crossing has been approved and the initial contract has started with trees removed from along the original scope of the works north of St Machar Drive.

Buses will be given priority along Bedford Road. The works associated with the 3rd Don Crossing and Berryden Road trunking are scheduled to be completed in 2015 and 2019 respectively.

Travellers sites and proposals for a bylaw to enable police to remove people from unauthorised sites was discussed, but noted that our cc area is unlikely to be affected.

5.Planning Matters:

Sunnybank Park.

Jim Argner (Aberdeen City Council) met with Morrison Construction who agreed to leave the park by weekend 19th/20th April, and agreed to pay £8000 on top of original agreement with Friends of Sunnybank Park to enable repairs to damaged fencing etc. Other sources have contributed up to £200,000 for the park HOLS. (Post meeting note: this was achieved). Thanks to all who have helped to put pressure on Morrison Construction to vacate the park, and put an end to this unfortunate saga.

Student accommodation at Powis Place

See www.Powisplacestudentsplace.co.uk

This plan (for 220 student units) is amended from a previous design (for 270 units) that had been given planning consent. Some concerns were raised: Some Ash trees will be cut down; there is no parking provision which is good in principle (for improving the environment) but it may be difficult to prevent students from owning cars and parking in neighbouring streets.

6. Reports / Feedback from other meetings

7.Financial Matters:

There was no treasurer's report this month.

There is a letter from Powis Gateway Community Centre Ltd for a donation towards painting of the centre. Agreed in principle, but to be discussed at the next meeting.

There is also a letter from Sunnybank Community Centre requesting a financial contribution towards a fundraising mascot. This will also be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Correspondence:

(i) Email from Police Scotland, where management of Aberdeen policing will be changed from 3 divisions to 2 divisions.

(ii) Karen Riddoch has informed us that there is funding available for Christmas lights. Suitable locations may be reviewed.

(iii) Community empowerment

9. AOCB

3rd May Powis Crescent is hosting a community event. Albert has designed some publicity flyers for printing.

The next meeting will be at 7pm on 14th May at the Powis Community Centre Meeting Room.