

Froghall, Powis and Sunnybank Community Council

Wednesday, 5th August 2020, 7pm

(Zoom)

Minutes

In attendance: Geoff Goolnik [Chair/Host] (online) , Linda Presslie [Planning Officer](online), Alex Mess (by phone), John Singer [Vice Chair] (online) , Stephen Clarke [Secretary] (online)

Also in attendance: Sergeant (Sgt) Mike Stobie of Police Scotland (by phone)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Geoff opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Ross Grant. Apologies were received later in the meeting from Ann & Victoria (although it was pointed out that Victoria no longer lived in the area & was not eligible to remain on the CC). Stephen would point this out to the latter.

Geoff explained he had spoken to Karen Finch (Aberdeen City Council) regarding co-option of new members. We can co-opt one-third of our active members so, we could co-opt two new members. Linda mentioned she had spoken to Mr and Mrs Cruickshank, but they were not interested, Stephen mentioned too that he had spoken to Rachel Smith, but she too felt unable to give the commitment required.

Stephen submitted Ann's apologies, saying, Ann felt unable to attend meetings until after the pandemic, she does not have broadband at home and her telephone is a pay per use device.

Geoff mentioned we had not seen Victoria or had apologies for some time, Geoff mentioned that he had looked in, checking with Karen, and double checking the constitution. If a person is not resident in the area, they should not be a member, a postal address is not sufficient. Stephen was asked to inform Victoria that unless she can prove otherwise, she is no longer, unfortunately, entitled to membership of the community council.

Albert Craig remains a Community Councillor until he determines otherwise.

2. Minutes and matters arising from July

Community Council members raised concerns relating to community centres. A lengthy discussion about appropriate use of centres followed, when and how they could and would open for community activities again and for meetings of the Community Council

An update for Sunnybank was sought, but being a learning centre, it too is definitely closed.

Members were of the opinion the City Councillors should be informed about needs to be addressed here and that they should be championing this at City level.

Proposed by Linda, seconded by Stephen.

3. Police and City Wardens Report

Sgt Stobie introduced himself, heading problem solving team composed of himself and four constables, based in Kittybrewster. He stressed that he welcomed feedback from the community on local police work. He passed on his contact details, stating although the police station is open standard operational hours, he personally can be reached Monday to Friday earlies and back shifts. Sgt Stobie can be emailed on michael.stobie@scotland.pnn.police.uk. No City Warden was present.

4. City Councillors' Reports

No city councillors were present.

5. Members of the Public

No members of the public were present.

6. Planning

1) No planning applications; 2) Linda raised the Local Development Plan and in particular, along with Old Aberdeen CC raised what should be a concern about HMOs. ACC recommendations of not more than 12% for whole area did not take account of clusters along individual streets. Alex also felt that HMOs were dragging down standards and look of our area. Linda was going to circulate her ideas as a FPSCC proposal in consultation with other Councillors. Agreed.

7. Treasurer's Report

No treasurer's report, Geoff asked that we ask for update

8. Chairperson's Report

1) Traffic calming in Sunnyside Road & Bedford Place completed; 2) Should the two Medical Centres receive copies of Agenda & Minutes be circulated to them as well? Discussed and agreed. Thought important to find avenues to make community aware of that we existed and may be able to offer assistance; 3) Graffiti in some areas is increasing, especially 2 x local railway bridges (Canal Road & Bedford Road pedestrian bridge) have been affected. Wondered if colourful murals depicting area & history could be installed. Linda & Alex concerned about further vandalism if they painted with murals. Geoff would anyway investigate parties & return to CC. Geoff also raised question of graffiti on the historic Firhill Well in Sunnybank Park but it was a matter for their management committee. Linda would report back on their discussions.

9. Correspondence

No correspondence

10. AOCB

Nothing.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for, **Wednesday, 7th October, 7pm**; virtually via Zoom.