

Froghall, Powis & Sunnybank Community Council
Draft Minute of Meeting of 1 December 2021

Present: Community Councillors Stephen Clarke, Albert Craig (Secretary), Geoff Goolnik (Chair/Host), Alexander Mess, Linda Presslie (Planning Officer), Fred Bayer (Online Manager) & Daniel Warren (Treasurer).

Also present: Karen Finch (ACC Community Council Liaison Officer), AC Councillors Sandra Macdonald & Michael Hutchison.

1. Welcome & apologies

- a. Geoff welcomed all those in attendance.
- b. Apologies had been received from Community Councillors John Singer, Ann Pirie & AC Councillor Dell Henrickson.

2. Any corrections + the formal approval of the Minutes from 4th. October & 3rd. November 2021 meetings of the Community Council

- a. Minute of 6th. October (as amended at previous meeting).
Adoption proposed: Fred Bayer & seconded: Stephen Clarke. Passed unanimously.
- b. Minute of 3rd. November
 - i) Correction under item 6, Planning, the second reference was to 211499/DPP Change of use from class 9 (house) to class 8 (residential institution), 51 Froghall Terrace.

There being no further corrections. Adoption proposed: Fred Bayer & seconded: Stephen Clarke. Passed unanimously.

- ii) Training for members of the Community Council. Karen had tried to set up training at either Powis or Froghall Community Centres but convenient dates weren't available before this meeting.

Action:

Karen to try & arrange training in the new year.

3. Matters arising from minute of 3rd. November

Item 9: Facebook. Fred had tried to contact Genevieve Davis but as yet unsuccessfully.

4. Police and City Wardens' reports & discussions

Invitations will be sent out by the Secretary for each future meeting.

5. Aberdeen City Councillors' reports & discussions

Cllr. Sandra Macdonald commented on:-

- Police reports, & a general discussion followed on liaison.

Action:

Geoff to write to Sergeant Stobie enquiring what arrangements might suit him best with regard to the submission of reports.

- Building work on Bedford Place: Cllr. Macdonald had been in touch with various relevant ACC officers & seeking the advice of others. The situation was still unclear.

Action:

Cllr. Macdonald to report back.

- Powis Crescent speed bumps: ACC officers had made a site visit but it wasn't clear what they had decided. Following discussion & examination of the area on Google Earth.

Action:

Stephen to contact the ACC Traffic Management Team, on behalf of the CC, asking that two speed bumps be installed on Powis Crescent to slow down the traffic past the Playpark.

- Aberdeen Low Emission Zone + Aberdeen Union Street & George Street Masterplans. Progress reports given.

Cllr. Michael Hutchison:- Nothing to add.

In subsequent comments, some present felt that the Union St. masterplan some consideration should be given to the balance of the shops on Union Street if the Council meant to keep it alive.

6. Any representations received from members of the public.

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7. Planning matters

a. 51 Froghall Terrace ref: *211499/DPP*

Ongoing concern was expressed about the intended change of use and the parties involved, as the premises seemed oddly suited to what was being proposed here The CC is entitled to make its feelings known.

Action:

Cllr. Macdonald to investigate the matter further.

b. Modification of planning obligations condition contained in Clause 5.1 (b) to be discharged in respect of use for Low-Cost Home Ownership ref: *211530/MPO*. Site Bounded By Froghall Road / Froghall Terrace (22 To 28 Froghall Road)

Definitely in our area (not Old Aberdeen CC's). Concern expressed at this proposal affecting availability of low-cost housing.

Action:

Linda to express our worries to Planning Dept. & lodge appeal.

8. Adoption of ACC FPSCC constitution

Karen confirmed that this document is the standard constitution and should only be amended where local circumstances differ from those in the document. She also confirmed that any officer can choose to resign from their post. Adoption of Constitution: Proposed by Alex Mess & seconded by Linda Presslie. Agreed unanimously.

9. Chairperson's report & discussions

a. Bedford Road Pedestrian Bridge's project

- i) The Board of Fairer Aberdeen have granted us £1,500 to cover the thermo-plastic & base material proposed for the bridge's walkway. (Thanks to Cllr. Grant for first alerting the Development Officer of the Board to our need). Sum for these materials requires to be spent by 31st. March but installation by the manufacturers is going to be free so can occur later.
- ii) The first of the community-based art workshops led by the RGU/Gray's students collecting initial design ideas will be held on 11th. December at Froghall Community Centre.

Action:

The above grant of £1,500 to be also ring-fenced.

b. Benches/Planters

Previous aim had been to establish some seating on Erskine Street bridge for community benefit. Thanks to the intervention of Cllr. Macdonald, ACC was willing to offer us two surplus benches/ planters from the "Spaces for People" project, subject to a final formal decision. Alex offered to apply additional varnish. The Secretary raised concern about public liability if we took on these items and if they would soon 'walk'.

Action:

Chair to contact Steven Shaw, Head of ACC Environmental Services, to clarify situation on liability & to see if the benches (once authorised) could be physically secured by ACC.

c. Secretarial Assistance

Gabriel Myers, the student Minutes Assistant, has resigned because of discussions about his work at the last meeting. We needed to reach a long-term solution as soon as possible. Karen commented that Community Councils in Aberdeen adopt a variety of ways when completing minutes. She could offer CC various templates for consideration.

Action:

Chair offered to undertake the minute of this meeting while Linda (PO) offered to do the same for February's. Secretary also agreed that as a last resort he could complete the minutes.

10. Secretary's report

Albert reminded those present to please use his official email address secretary@fpfcc.org.uk as well as his personal email address on communications. Karen pointed out that he hadn't previously agreed to release his personal address to AC Councillors and Community Councillors. **Albert verbally gave his agreement to this.**

11. Treasurer's report

Alex – as *pro-tem* Treasurer from preceding session - reported that the last printed bank statement from 22nd. August showed an account balance of £1,783.74.

Actions:

Alex & Daniel to visit the bank & obtain necessary the documents for incorporating his name as Treasurer, for the present signatories to be changed, for the name of account to be brought into line with that of the CC & for online banking to be established.

15. Online Manager's report

Fred now has full access to the FPSCC Facebook page, & will create an "event" for February's in-person CC meeting, & will be creating a FPSCC Twitter account to more prominently promote our activities. He has also worked on the CC existing website & removed outdated code which makes for faster access. Old content has been removed and the old "Community News" section has been replaced with a smarter diary feature.

Discussion ensued: An up-to-date CC map was mentioned as being needed on Facebook page, community links, control of content and there were questions about if accessibility was being sufficiently addressed. Fred emphasised that he had used experience of Aberdeen University's Accessibility Toolkit to increase inclusivity in all the design changes & adopted features, but he was certainly happy to receive any further feedback & to undertake any improvements based on this.

Actions:

- 1. Incorporate an up-to-date map of the CC on Facebook page.**
- 2. Community link on the website to the Facebook page is out-of-date.**
- 3. Accessibility statement needed on the website. Karen can supply.**

13. Monthly report from Aberdeen Community Council Forum

Nothing much of note had occurred at last month's meeting & a report would be given In February of December's meeting (which was yet to occur).

14. Reports from other Community Councillors

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15. AOCB + discussion**a) Letter from former GPs of Old Aberdeen Medical Practice to concerned stakeholders**

A copy had previously been circulated by John. During the discussion, strong backing was expressed for its content.

The CC unanimously expressed their wholehearted support for the content of the letter, & pressed for the reinstatement of the practice as a type 2C & that the **former** GPs be re-employed within it.

Action:

These views to be passed on by John as Vice-Chair to all those originally sent the referred-to document.

b) Planning Democracy; campaigns on housing and other planning issues. Discussion.**# Action:**

The Treasurer, on behalf of the CC, to send Planning Democracy a donation of £20.

16. Proposed date of next meeting

Confirmed that this was intended to be a face-to-face meeting & occur at Powis Community Centre at 7 p.m.