

Froghall, Powis & Sunnybank Community Council
Provisional Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday, 2nd March 2022

Present: Community Councillors Geoff Goolnik (Chair),
Linda Presslie (Planning Officer), Stephen Clarke, Rachel Smith, Fred Bayer
(Online Manager) and Alex Mess
ACC Councillor Dell Hendrickson
PC Claire Tait and work colleague (no name was given)

Welcome. Apologies received from Community Councillors Albert Craig (Secretary), Daniel Warren (Treasurer), John Singer, Anne Pirie, Sgt Michael Stobie, Karen Finch (ACC Community Council Liaison Officer) and ACC Councillors Ryan Haughton, Michael Hutchison and Sandra MacDonald.

Minutes of previous meeting of 2nd February 2022 – GG would like an amendment to be made regarding the honorary amount of £20 for the minute taker. LP proposed. SC seconded.

Matters arising from minutes of 2nd February 2022 – ACC decision on Air B&B is still the same. KF has not yet sent guidance to GG on how to conduct meetings. Councillor Hendrickson will provide an update on the lamppost at Powis Place. Old Aberdeen Medical Practice – GC exchanged emails with the Chairman of ‘Save Old Aberdeen Medical Practice’. A complaint will be looked into regarding medical staff being redeployed. It is now regarded as a Stage 2 complaint.

Police Report – House breakings have reduced since last meeting. Antisocial behaviour by youths/children throwing eggs and vandalising is being tackled.

Dates and times for Police Surgeries at Powis Community Centre are arranged. LP will follow on dates to Sgt Stobie for dates for Froghall Community Centre to be arranged. LP asked about the bullying at the schools. The school based officer would need to be kept in the loop.

LP asked if the police had any further information on the incident about a man taking photographs of the children at Sunnybank School. PC Tait to find out. AM asked about the house in Froghall that is going to be used for vulnerable children. This is a really worrying proposal and he feels that the Police needs to have a heavy input of involvement. The Police are aware of the extra workload this will entail as it is concerning vulnerable children and the concerns will be passed to Sgt Stobie. Councillor Hendrickson advised that it passed planning. However, the rooms are below planning standards. The rooms would make any child depressed and affect their mental health.

ACC Councillors Reports – Full Council met on 28th February. City Centre Masterplan, Mini Masterplan for George Street, Cafe Culture on Belmont Street and the New Aberdeen Market were all approved.

City Centre Beach Plan was also approved. Proposing to close Beach Boulevard from Links Road and the Beach Promenade is going to be closed from the Beach Ballroom to King Street. Buses and Taxis are going to be back on the full length of Union Street again after the demolition of the old BHS building. This should help when work is being carried out on Market Street and it will alleviate traffic congestion on Guild Street.

Councillor Hendrickson is also aware that the lamppost on Powis Terrace, as well as the trees which were chopped down during Storm Arwen, have not been removed. There are allocated teams of ACC staff working on these repairs and all of the individual jobs will be carried out in due course. The more Health & Safety/Danger the risk, the quicker that job will be completed. ACC considering contingency plans to be set in place with Community Groups and to be more tree aware by planting more suitable trees.

Air B&B's are still being looked into – To be added to FPSCC Agenda of 6th April as F,P&S area is inundated with HMO's and Air B&B's would be an additional nuisance. FB asked if ACC get involved with the private properties if they are needing maintenance carried out. ACC tend not to get involved unless the building is in a terrible state. FB to send an email to Councillor Hendrickson

SC to email Councillor Hendrickson about 3 Powis Circle and it will be forwarded to Alex McLennan of ACC.

Graffiti – Concern raised about graffiti in the area. Please phone ACC /go on ACC website and report any graffiti as there is a small team of staff overseeing this. Concern raised about cyclists on the pavement. Would ACC be able to provide signage reminding cyclists of where to cycle? RS asked about Community Centre budget cuts. Emails to be sent to Councillor Hendrickson to forward them on.

Nothing received regarding Associate Membership or Co-option on to community council – to be removed from Agenda of next meeting.

Representations received from members of the public - this was covered in Police Report.

Planning Matters – LP reported an application for 94 Sunnyside Road (planning reference 220050/DPP). The existing house is already an HMO. LP asked Planning for an extension of time. 9 objections are already lodged. GG asked Councillor Hendrickson to pass on FPSCC concerns.

Chairman's Report – Two Bridges Project Bedford Road Pedestrian Bridge Only 1 member of the public attended today's session at Froghall Community Centre. The art students also received several ideas from the children of Sunnybank School.

Positioning of benches – They should be wood-treated. Steven Shaw of ACC will secure the benches when FSPCC have advised him of where they are to be positioned. It may not be sensible to position them next to the wall, in case young children stand on the benches to look over the wall. Maybe centrally positioned on the bridge would be better. 'Happy to Chat' bench could be for one of the two benches, and the other bench could be for people waiting to catch the bus. Sunnybank Park have been allocated 4 benches. Froghall Community Centre have been allocated two (but smaller ones).

Defibrillator Scheme – St John's Scotland Community Defibrillator Scheme – The scheme is if £1000 is raised St John's will provide the box, installation and the training. GG has spoken with the Management Team of Kittybrewster Retail Park about the housing of a defibrillator. The Management Team is unwilling to take on the responsibility because the retail park is unmanned but they will discuss this with their shop tenants and report back. SC mentioned that there are no waste bins at Kittybrewster Retail Park. GG to discuss this with the Management Team.

Secretary's Report – AC not present.

Treasurer's Report – DW not present.

Place Based Investment Fund Programme - £1000+ grants. Councillor Hendrickson received an email about this. He has the impression that it is for fairly large projects. Submission date is 20th April. Idea

suggested by LP that the area of grass on Elmbank Terrace (near the Skinny House) be cleared and the house owners/tenants in the street could look after it but that it not be used for car/lorry parking.

Mobility Scooter – LP helped a man as his scooter fell sideways whilst going over the Froghall Bridge. It would be good if the bridge was more walker friendly. LP to send photograph(s) of the man and his scooter to Councillor Hendrickson. FPSCC could start looking into applying for funding for this project for the 2023 submission date as this funding is available yearly. GG to invite contact to April meeting for him to advise what the required criteria is.

AOCB – LP mentioned the ACC Zoom meeting about the Beach and Union Street Masterplans. LP asked Councillor Henrickson if the seawall is being removed. He replied that this would be a lengthy discussion but his understanding is that the seawall is being eroded/has a movement of sand and that this needs to be addressed.

Date of next Community Council meeting – 6th April 2022 at Powis Community Centre at 7pm