

Froghall, Powis & Sunnybank Community Council

Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday, 4th May 2022

Present: Community Councillors Geoff Goolnik (Chair), John Singer (Vice Chair), Linda Presslie (Planning Officer), Stephen Clarke, Alex Mess and Albert Craig

Bedford Road Footbridge Student Team attended to speak about that Agenda item. Their names are:- Katie Taylor, Erin Donaldson, Phoebe Mackie, Carla Smith, Erin Jarret and Georgia Walker

Apologies: Councillor Henrickson, Councillor Hutcheson, Fred Bayer and Anne Pirie.
No show – Daniel Warren (Treasurer)

Welcome. GG opened the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting of 6th April 2022 – Spelling correction. “Councillor Harrison” should read “Councillor Ryan Haughton”. JS would like the words Vice Chair to be in brackets after his name. SC proposed. LP seconded.

Matters arising from minutes of 6th April 2022 – GG had not yet received updates from Councillor Henrickson for his actions.

Action – to be carried forward to FPSCC meeting of 1st June.

There has been no apologies submitted for non-attendance or any updates received from the Police. There is not a member of the police in attendance tonight, nor was there any police attendance at 6th April meeting.

Police Surgeries – Sgt Stobie has not been in contact regarding setting up dates for Police Surgeries.

Action – JS to contact Sgt Stobie to remind him about FPSCC.

Police Report – LP mentioned the graffiti on the storage container at Froghall Community Centre’s carpark but she will contact Sgt Stobie personally. There is also graffiti painted on the Froghall Bridge. GG advised that the Hydro on Bedford Road have painted over the graffiti tag which had appeared.

ACC Report and Discussion – JS reported the dead tree on Sunnyside Road. He reported it onto ACC website 6 months ago but the tree is still there. If there is more severe stormy weather again it may fall down. SC said that the Tree Team at ACC are aware of the trees that have been damaged during the storms and that they are working on the trees depending on the gravity of their situation. AM reminded that this was discussed at FPSCC meeting of 6th April.

Action – LP to contact ACC Roads Department to ask about the tree area of Erskine Street Bridge/Powis Terrace as there are still bollards for ‘No Walking’ which means that pedestrians walking is restricted.

Cycling on pavements – GG has not yet contacted ACC regarding the cycling. GG asked the FPSCC members for their opinions on what the preferred route /alternative route to that of Bedford Road should be.

Representations received from members of the public – None

Planning Matters – None to report. No update on the Air BNB at Sunnyside Road. Land beside Skinny House, Elmbank Terrace - FB is waiting for ACC to reply but they have missed their deadline for replying. More trees have been planted on the strip of land since our April meeting and they are not well spaced out. Living Walls are another option for growing flowers (similar to that on bus stops in London area). This was supposed to be in place on the wires grid-locked fencing which is in place between the two blocks of the Skinny House.

Chairman's Report – The Bedford Road Footbridge Student Team were asked by GG to attend regarding this Agenda item. It had been voted and agreed at FPSCC meeting 2nd March that the wording "Lots of different fish swim here" would not be included with the drawing design for the walkway. However, the students put their suggestions forward tonight as to why the wording should be included.

The FPSCC members liked the drawing designs for the sides of the bridge, which include the suggestions and designs from the children of Sunnybank School as well as the historical aspects of the area. When the Student Team left tonight's meeting, another vote took place by the FPSCC members and again it was agreed and decided (by a vote of 5:1) that the wording "Lots of different fish swim here" would **NOT** be included on the walkway design. It was also requested that swirls, lily pads and smaller fish be added to the walkway design INSTEAD of the wording. However, AM suggested as a compromise that suitable wording would be put onto a plaque instead of on the walkway. This wording would include the name of our community council, RGU and where the funding came from for this project to be carried out. This was agreed by all of the FPSCC in attendance.

Action – GG to update the team of students of the unanimous decision that the wording is NOT to be included in the design. It is important that they are aware of this decision as it also affects the cost involved; it would cost more money if the words were included in the design for the walkway.

Action – The actual wording for the plaque will be discussed at the FPSCC meeting of 1st June as an Agenda item.

Benches for Erskine Street Bridge – The benches are being used by members of the public. AC would like ACC to site them properly as they are not fixed steadily. FB's Risk Assessment will be completed by June 2022. Daniel will paint the benches. The best paint is Weatherseal. AM suggested wood stain or wood oil/decking oil.

Action – GG to ask Daniel to contact LP.

Defibrillator Scheme – Pure Gym already have their own defibrillator. FPSCC can ask St John's to pay for the signs advising of where the defibrillator is based.

Action – St John's and Pure Gym to be asked if they are happy for the defibrillator to be sited on an outside wall.

There are a couple of options to be considered:-

Option 1 – Code for operating the defibrillator to be obtained by phone-call or text.

Option 2 – Get our own defibrillator and house it. Pure Gym are happy to maintain our one as well as their own one if FPSCC pay for the signs to be sited.

AC suggested an Arnold Clark funding request of up to £1000 for Community Fund be used towards this.

Action – AM suggested speaking with the First Aid Trainer who was overseeing a one day course First Aid at Powis Community Centre, as to whether it is preferable for defibrillators to be sited inside or outside.

Action – GG will ask St John's for their selection of defibrillators.

Secretary's Report – There has been an upgrade to the system. It is now on the new server. Same colour coding applies as before. If the Secretary is not cc'd into any official FPSCC written correspondence or if the Secretary is not notified about any official FPSCC correspondence, then the Secretary will not be responsible for saving them into a Drop Box. Individual email accounts could be set up for the FPSCC Online Manager, Planning Officer or any other FPSCC member who wants them.

AC has not received any information from Karen regarding FPSCC being a legal organisation.

Action – AC would like to see a copy of the grant application from GG as he has not seen the copy of the Statement for the artistic work on Bedford Footbridge.

Treasurer's Report – DW not present. A Treasurers Report has not been generated within the last year's Financial Report and it is not known if the online banking is fully set up. The Bank Statement has not yet been circulated by the Treasurer.

Action – DPB (Minute Taker) to send an email with her invoice to the Treasurer, and cc the Secretary (AC).

Monthly Report from Council Forum – No update to give.

AOCB – JS asked if more dispensers/bins for dog waste bags could be sought and sited as there are not a lot of the dog waste bins in the catchment area.

Action – to be looked into.

Old Aberdeen Medical Practice – The surgery is going to be renamed Kings Health Centre. Appointments are not readily available and neither is the E-Consult Triage system. Prescriptions are being sent out without the patients being seen and quite often, the prescriptions are not available when they should be available for collection. If a complaint is lodged, it has to be sent to the surgery directly and not to the NHS/ACC Complaints Department.

Date of next Community Council meeting – Wednesday, 1st June at 7pm at Powis Community Centre.