

Froghall, Powis & Sunnybank Community Council
Final Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday, 5th July 2022

Present: Community Councillors Geoff Goolnik (Chair), Linda Presslie (Planning Officer), Daniel Warren (Treasurer), Fred Bayer, Stephen Clarke, Alex Mess and Albert Craig (Secretary)
Karen Finch, ACC
Councillor Kairin Van Sweeden, Councillor Desmond Bouse, Councillor Dell Henrickson and Councillor Michael Hutchison
Police Sergeant Peter McAndre, Kittybrewster Station

Apologies: John Singer (Vice Chair) and Anne Pirie

Welcome. GG opened the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting of 1st June 2022 – No amendments to be made. LP approved and seconded by SC.

AC asked which version of minutes should be published on the website. The Final Minutes should be published on the website, ie once amendments have been made to them following a FPSCC meeting.

Action - DP, the Minute Taker, will make any amendments (if any) to the minutes and she will then email them to AC. As Secretary, AC will then distribute those amended minutes FB will put them on website and mark them as the Final version.

Matters arising from minutes of 1st June 2022 – FB wanted to apologise for the heated exchange in the email correspondence between himself and GG. Accepted.

GG asked Sergeant McAndre about the email correspondence. Noted by Sergeant McAndre.

The benches on Erskine Street Bridge have not yet been painted (which was an Action for DW from the previous FPSCC meeting).

Steven Shaw of ACC has declined the request for litter bins to be sited on the Erskine Street Bridge. He believes that the existing bins are adequate.

AM mentioned that the existing bins at the bottom of Bedford Place are no longer adequate following the new flats which have been built and it is encouraging seagulls etc.

Action – Councillor Hutchison will look into that.

Police Report – There is currently not a dedicated Community PC at Kittybrewster at the moment. Sergeant McAndre would like to encourage all police officers to be community police. It would be nice to have more of a regular police presence walking about the community. They will try to have a member of police attending all FPSCC meetings and it would be good if it was the same members of police staff attending, as opposed to different police staff, for continuity. The member of police staff who is based at St Machar Academy reports to the Tillydrone Station but if there is an issue at the school the police at Kittybrewster will run with it (if they are made aware of the issue).

The police are aware of the red Seat car which has been parked longterm beside Powis Community Centre (which DW mentioned).

GG asked if the police would consider a temporary surgery. Sergeant McAndre is open to suggestions. Councillor Hutchison stated that the George Street Community Council would also appreciate police presence at their meetings. Sergeant McAndre is happy for his email address to be circulated to community councils in order for them to send him a note of the dates for their meetings. He is happy to attend FPSCC meetings if he is able to attend them.

ACC Councillor's Updates – Changes being made to the Administration at the Town House.

Councillor Hutchison – He will chase up the car parking in the George Street area.

Councillor Henrickson – He is now the Vice Convenor for Planning. Union Street is now open to buses. Road signage on Union Street is correct but still no cars allowed from Broad Street to Market Street.

Councillor Henrickson has been in discussions with ACC about the Canal Street Bridge.

Widening the bridge would be very expensive but it could work with a pedestrian crossing.

Action – He will chase it up next week and ask if the ACC officers can meet with him on site and will provide an update at the FPSCC August meeting. He will also look into the lamp post on the bridge which has been cut down and has a stump left. Also will look into the request made at tonight's meeting for double yellow lines to be extended to the corner of Sunnybank Road/corner shop adjacent to the Sunnybank Primary School as the shop owners van is permanently parked on the corner/mounted on the pavement.

The Bedford Road bus gate closures – No notices were forwarded to FPSCC and the details on the ACC website were not clear when AC looked for any updates.

LP asked if the fibre optic cables which have recently been put in place would be disrupting people's internet as a lot of people are having major problems recently with their internet.

FB advised that it may have something to do with the fibre trunk and that may lead to people's internet having a reduced speed. **Action – Councillor Henrickson will query.**

Councillor Bowes agrees with Councillor Henrickson's update and is very impressed with the painting of the Bedford Road Bridge, as is Councillor Van Sweeden.

Chairperson's Report/Painting of Bedford Road Footbridge – There is a problem with the hardening of the paint. The Managers will look into it this Friday, weather permitting.

There was a slight overspend from the agreed allowance for the materials of £800. The FPSCC then agreed that the plaque should be bolted on as opposed to welding or gluing it on. AM requested that the volunteers who painted the bridge be gifted £25 per day for their hard work. There were 6 girls doing the work. It was voted and agreed that £25.00 per day x 6 girls would be adequate. The overall total would be £750.

Opening ceremony of the bridge – GG feels that it would be nice to have an opening ceremony on 16th July, before the students graduate and leave Aberdeen. AC suggested that ACC only temporarily close the street opening (Elmbank Terrace/Bedford Road Bridge) for 10 minutes for a photo shoot of cutting the ribbon. LP has offered the teas and coffees to take place at Froghall Community Centre. It is too short notice for the Lord Provost to cut the ribbon. **Action – GG or FB to email the students to find out their availability for the weekend of 16th July for a photograph opportunity and then advise the rest of FPSCC.**

Future Projects – The redecoration of the St Machar Sub-Station. However, this would be a project for Powis and Bedford Residents Group to do so it should stay with them.

Secretary's Report – AC circulated email yesterday from KF with details of various funds which are available. Everyone is aware of the Code of Conduct. With regard to data protection, no names to be circulated unless that person has given permission.

AC felt it was important that all CC members have access to a computer and asked if money could be spent to buy laptops for elected community councillors to take to meetings and Chromebooks for other members. The computers would be owned by the CC and loaned to members. One being for the Secretary to use as he is currently using his own computer. Agreed. AC also requested financial assistance for printing of any documents, ink cartridges, paper which was refused. It was agreed by FPSCC for KF to look into any available funding which would allow to buy a new computer/laptop for the Secretary to do FPSCC work.

Action – AC to provide update at FPSCC August meeting.

Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s Report was circulated. FPSCC formerly approved the Financial Statements.

The Treasurer advised of the opening balance, amount for outgoings and incomings and closing balance.

Action – KF to write a procedure on how to use internet banking and making payments.

Online Manager’s Update – Social Media Engagement on the Bedford Road Bridge project reached 4000+ views. On the website it reached 29 views. There is currently a lot of cut and pasting from the Facebook and Twitter accounts to the website.

Action – FB can share information to Councillor Van Sweeden and she will share it onto the ACC social media.

Action – The website needs to be an Agenda item at August’s FPSCC meeting.

Defibrillator Scheme – No update from the Pure Gym regarding the code to access the defibrillator usage.

Action – FB to follow up.

Land at Elmbank Terrace – We need a volunteer to maintain it. Sergeant McAndre will get a strimmer if a volunteer can be found to do the work.

Monthly Report from Council Forum – All circulated.

Planning Matters – None to report.

AOCB – City Wardens to be notified about parking on zig zags at Sunnybank School. They need to be there more than just the last week of school and they need to talk to every car driver that is actually parked on the actual zig zags, and not the parents who are parked just touching the start of the zig zags. It would also be nice if they could talk to the parents in the cars without being verbally offensive.

Date of next Community Council meeting – Wednesday, 3rd August at 7pm at Powis Community Centre.