

**Froghall, Powis & Sunnybank Community Council**  
**DRAFT Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022**

Present: Community Councillors Geoff Goolnik (Chair), Linda Presslie (Planning Officer), Daniel Warren (Treasurer), Stephen Clarke, Alex Mess and Albert Craig (Secretary)  
Karen Finch, ACC  
Councillor Kairin Van Sweeden, Councillor Desmond Bouse and Councillor Dell Henrickson

Apologies: John Singer (Vice Chair), Fred Bayer and Anne Pirie  
Councillor Sandra Macdonald and Councillor Michael Hutchison  
Police Sergeant Peter McAndre, Kittybrewster Station

**Welcome.** GG opened the meeting.

**Minutes of previous meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022** – Amendments to be made.

1. Section “Minutes of previous meeting” - ACC Councillors cannot approve Minutes of the meetings. **Action – LP’s initials to be inserted in place of Councillor Van Sweeden’s name.**
2. Slight spelling amendments to attendees’ names throughout the minutes.
3. AC requested that it be noted in the section ‘Secretary’s Report’ that he also requested financial assistance for printing of any documents, ink cartridges, paper etc.
4. It was a red Seat that was moved away and not a red Fiat.  
LP proposed ongoing July minutes and they were seconded by SC.

**Matters arising from minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022** –

Page 1 - The benches on Erskine Street Bridge are not yet painted. AM advised that LP has purchased the correct paint. **Action – LP to project manage the painting of the benches. DW will help LP.**

Page 1 – DH will chase up with ACC his query about the need for additional wheelie bins beside the new flats in Bedford Place.

Page 2 – The redecoration of the St Machar Sub-Station – Currently there is no tagging at the sub-station. Powis & Bedford Residents Group had this as one of their projects.  
**Action – SC will ask them if they are still willing to do the project.**

Page 3 - Online Manager’s Update. FB was not in attendance at tonight’s meeting.  
**Action – The website needs to be an Agenda item at September’s FPSCC meeting.**

**Police Report** – There was no police at tonight’s meeting. **Action – To be an Agenda item at September’s FPSCC meeting.**

**ACC Councillor’s Updates** – Councillor Henrickson spoke to Doug Ritchie at ACC about the possibility of having a pedestrian crossing at Froghall Bridge. It can be done but there would be an issue with the flow of traffic as well as the costs that would be involved. DH will continue to speak with Doug Ritchie. AM has repeatedly raised this with the Roads Department over the year, but the pavement on the bridge is also not safe, especially for

blind people. LP uses that junction repeatedly on a daily basis and reminded everyone that the lights change really quickly at the bottom of Elmbank Terrace/Froghall Bridge. Network Rail would need to be notified regarding any changes to Canal Road.

DH will look into see why the drain cover on the pavement half way down Erskine Street was removed at end of July without any road signage/warning signs to pedestrians.

Wheelie bins are filling up quicker. If aware of any problems regarding this please contact DH.

AC asked about Sunnybank Park. Now that the new play equipment has been installed who would be responsible for the removal of the rubble and mess that was left behind? It was advised that it would be Steven Shaw's team at ACC who would be responsible.

AC asked if the ACC Councillors have maps of areas that they look after. They do have ward boundaries but Community Council's ward boundaries differ slightly to the Councillor's ward boundaries. **Action – KF to forward on the information to AC.**

As noted in July's minutes, Steven Shaw refused the request for bins to be located on Erskine Street Bridge.

AC – The bus stop on Powis Terrace is closed at the moment. Signage is not very adequate. However, First Bus oversee any signage about the temporary closing of bus stops. ACC look after the cleaning of the bus shelters.

Councillor Bouse – DB has chased up the issue of the clutter in Froghall Avenue but had no address or contact details for the person who raised the complaint. He has also received queries about the speed of traffic on Elmbank Terrace driving more than 20mph. DB has asked ACC to look into speed bumps but if that is the only solution ACC would hopefully liaise with all of the Elmbank Terrace residents beforehand.

**Chairperson's Report/Painting of Bedford Road Footbridge** – GG said that the footbridge officially opened on 16<sup>th</sup> July and that he sent an email to FPS Community Councillors to advise them but received no response. There should be a mention of the bridge in the Evening Express of 6<sup>th</sup> August. GG wrote the press releases that were used. GG mentioned an invitation for Doors Open Day but nothing else was advised (ie, no date, no time given). DW stated that he was under the impression that everything regarding the opening ceremony for the Bedford Bridge had been agreed at the July meeting and asked GG why he changed what had been agreed by the FPSCC.

LP stated that she was really disappointed that the opening went ahead regardless of what had been agreed at the July meeting. She lives on the same street, see's the bridge from her house window, and would have been in attendance at the opening had she known about the changes that GG made.

**Action – If a decision has been agreed at any FPSCC meeting, no FPS community councillor should undermine that decision and do something completely different after that meeting has taken place and after that decision has been agreed. They don't need to send emails about a decision which has been agreed and try and change it. The idea of a community council is that they work together as a team on behalf of the community. Any decision that is discussed and agreed stands regardless of anyone's personal thoughts after that decision has been made.**

**Action – KF will oversee training for the FPSCC on how to work together in a proactive manner as a team.**

**Secretary's Report** – Website annual payment is due in September. Agreed.

SC asked if FB was looking into options for new domain. **Action – DW will pay them directly if AC sends details to him.**

Data Protection – Emails have been sent out to third parties without permission.

Server had an upgrade. The address is now .com and not .co.uk. TSO did the automatic upgrade.

Declaring Conflicts of Interest – This should be added at the start of meetings. To be added to Agenda from now on.

**Treasurer's Report** – Grant from ACC received. Payment sent out to the Collective. At the previous meeting FPSCC had an unanimous vote and agreed an allowance for the materials to be £800 for the students painting the Bedford Road Bridge. Receipts for £800 have been submitted but not for the remaining £60 as the total spent was actually £860. FPSCC then voted and it was unanimously agreed to accept the remaining £60 expenditure without the receipts being submitted. Agreed.

KF will put together a procedure on how to use internet banking and making payments. KF has also looked into funding for digital working. There is not a lot of funding applications available at the moment. There were more funding applications available at the beginning of the Covid lockdown. KF will continue to look to see if there are more funding applications available.

LP stated that Bank of Scotland now have a facility to get a Debit Card. Forms can be completed and secondary signature would be required. AM would not be in agreement with this method if it is used. **Action – KF will look to see if other Community Councils use debit cards and include pros and cons of it into the procedure that she is writing.**

**Future Projects** – Team Training by KF.

AC suggested that for any future community projects that the community is given the chance to decide which project should be carried out via Survey Monkey.

AC mentioned the Jute Street area, the grass area beside Sunnybank School and areas in Froghall could be identified to see if anything can be done there.

Most of the wooden noticeboards which St Machar Rotary made for FPSCC have been vandalised. The Rotary put on locks which did not open to allow any leaflets/posters etc to be displayed. The noticeboards should be used by anyone who has something to advertise. FPSCC Agendas could be displayed. AM suggested bolts be used to keep the doors of the noticeboards closed. **Action – LP advised that there is still some finance remaining to buy bolts for the noticeboards. LP will oversee the displaying of anything from FPSCC if it is printed out for her or emailed to her for printing. Agreed and SC seconded.**

**Online Manager's Update** – To be an Agenda item at September's FPSCC meeting.

**Defibrillator Scheme** – FB was not in attendance at tonight's meeting. To be an Agenda item at September's meeting.

**Land at Elmbank Terrace** – We could think about someone to assist with the tidying up of the area. Sergeant McAndre is not in attendance and there has been no further update about receiving a strimmer.

**Monthly Report from Council Forum** – It was reported that the temporary marquees which were erected in the city centre during Covid that the establishments are now applying for planning permission. There are no current marquees in our FPS area (at the moment). AM mentioned that some shops in George Street are using outside pallets to hold food supplies. Planning permission would probably be needed to do this.

A member of the community can always approach community councillors about any concerns they may have, including any concerns outwith the FPS area. If that does occur please forward the information and if permitted the person's contact details to the ACC Councillors.

The Beach Masterplan – LP stated that if the stadium stayed at Pittodrie that car parking in our area would be horrendous. **Action – Any concerns can be submitted to Fiona Rennie of ACC (for the City Centre Masterplan)**

**Planning Matters** – Nothing in our area.

**Friends of the Park** – Markings for bicycles are still required. Sunnybank Community Centre got new tarmac laid. LP will raise it at their next meeting and will report back.

**AOCB** – DW want to the opening of the Science Hub. It was very good.

**Date of next Community Council meeting** – Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at Froghall Community Centre. GG will be absent and so JS will Chair the meeting.