

**Froghall, Powis & Sunnybank Community Council**  
Notes of Meeting on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Present: John Singer (Chair), Linda Presslie (Planning Officer) and Albert Craig (Secretary)  
Councillor Kairin Van Sweeden, Councillor Dell Henrickson and Councillor Michael Hutchison  
Police Inspector Lesley Clark

Apologies: Geoff Goolnik, Fred Bayer, Daniel Warren (Treasurer), Stephen Clarke, Alex Mess and Anne Pirie  
Councillor Sandra Macdonald and Councillor Desmond Bouse

There were not enough community councillors present at tonight's meeting. Therefore no Community Councillor decisions were made. Precedence is that if a meeting is not quorate it still goes ahead with details ratified at the next quorate meeting. The attendees decided to use this opportunity to have a discussion.

1.	Police Report	<p>Police have been short staffed recently. New probation officers starting now. It is hoped to have a dedicated Problem Solving Team. Current ongoing police programmes are bicycle security, crime, ASBO related incidents etc. LP thanked Inspector Clark for the police car that was present at the Powis Gala and advised that it was a good event.</p> <p>LP asked if there would be any police staff who would be interested in the bicycle maintenance equipment project at Froghall Community Centre. <b>Action – Inspector Clark authorised AC to forward on her contact details (email address) to LP. LP to email Inspector Clark regarding dates to start the bicycle maintenance project.</b></p> <p><b>Action – Inspector Clark will chase up the accessibility of the strimmer which was promised at an earlier FPSCC meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Action – Sunnybank Park bollard is continually being broken. LP reported this.</b></p> <p><b>Action – George Street Community Council are having a gala beside the Bon Accord Street. LP will email Councillor Van Sweeden about future galas and their dates</b></p>
2.	ACC Update	<p>Councillor Henrickson has been told that the trees which are overhanging are not going to be cut back. Planning query from AC is being investigated.</p> <p>Short term lets/Air BNB's – All owners of Air BNB's have to be registered and checked. Any problems should be reported to the ACC ASBO team and when the owner's licence needs to be reviewed their record should be looked into. Short term lets/Air BNB's should only apply to privately owned properties. No Council properties should be rented out as short term lets.</p> <p>Councillor Henrickson was aware of the traffic chaos due to the cycling event which took place in Aberdeen at the weekend. The Wonderland Festival by Aberdeen Performing Arts commences on 8<sup>th</sup> September and there has been another weather warning for tonight.</p> <p>Energy bills should have the money in. Council Tax Bands A-B should be getting reductions applied.</p>

2.	ACC Update (continued)	<p>Councillor Van Sweeden went along to Sunnybank Park with AM. Case work in Powis area has been looked at. Education looking into capacities in schools. Some schools are under capacity and some are over capacity now and are expected to be like that in the close and coming years.</p> <p>A question was asked if the Council are purposely housing large families from Nigeria and other African countries in the Froghall and Powis areas as it has been reported that there has been a sudden influx of people from Nigeria moving into these housing estates and schools within the catchment area. It was advised by both Councillor Henrickson and Councillor Hutchison that this is not a deliberate method by the ACC but if there are available family flats that these would be offered to the Nigerian and African families.</p> <p>C-Fine's current behaviour toward Froghall Community Centre and the people who use the food distribution - Councillor Hutchison acknowledged that a large amount of ACC funding was given to C-Fine. He was asked if there were any conditions attached with the funding, ie have C-Fine been given authority/ownership of overseeing procedures towards the charities that pay C-Fine their annual amount to receive the free food to distribute to the communities that they look after and help. Councillor Hutchison is not aware of any such conditions being attached to the funding grant which C-Fine received from ACC. All ACC Councillors suggested that C-Fine's CEO be contacted by LP and if no satisfactory action is taken by C-Fine's CEO that the ACC Councillors would assist.</p> <p>Councillor Henrickson mentioned the 6 week bin strike and that some bins had not been lifted because of the collection days of the bins in specific areas on Aberdeen landing on the days that the strike was on. JS stated that the communal recycling bin in his area is far worse with overflowing waste than the communal general bin.</p>
3.	FPSCC Updates	<p>JS mentioned the Bon Accord Centre and asked what would happen if it is not sold. Would ACC step in and assist? Planning permission was approved 3 years ago for a cinema to be created within the Bon Accord Centre and cycling shops to go onto Union Street. The retail structure has changed significantly. Hardly anyone goes out to the shops. The retail shops need to rethink their idea of attracting people back into their shops. Whether or not this would be achieved by incorporating sport and leisure methods. The Bon Accord Centre currently have their rainbow slide for young children to use while their families enjoy coffees in the COSTA cafe. That is a positive method of attracting families into the shopping centre.</p> <p>The drains in Powis Terrace are currently blocked. These have been reported to ACC.</p> <p>Trees near Sunnybank Park appear to be losing most of their bark on their tree trunks. ACC are aware and have advised that nothing can be done to prevent this.</p> <p>Doors Open Day – No details have been circulated about the Bedford Bridge being part of the 2022 Doors Open Day.</p> <p>Scottish Government Health &amp; Social Care Survey – The Denburn and Oldmachar Surgeries are bottom listed. Complaints are sent direct to the surgeries and nowhere else to address the complaints.</p> <p><b>Action – JS to forward on the survey details to Councillor Van Sweeden.</b></p>

3.	FPSCC Updates (continued)	LP attended the Community Council Forum and reported that Ben Farthing advised that doctor surgeries are now promoting self-medication or going to a chemist instead of seeing a GP. Councillor Van Sweeden advised that there is a definite shortage of GP's, especially in Aberdeen, and where possible people should try to do more self-medication. <b>Action – Councillor Van Sweeden will try to get information on the current situation at Old Aberdeen GP Surgery as there are no GP's currently present and GP observations/appointments are being carried out by paramedics, trainee doctors and nursing practitioners.</b>
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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7pm at Powis Community Centre**