

KINGSWELLS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Monday 13th November 2017

Time: 19:00

Venue: Adventure Aberdeen, Fairley Road, Kingswells

Chair: Kenneth McAlpine

Participants Ian Cox (Secretary), Trevor Rosbrook, Kathy Strachan, Alex Carnie, Bert Rendall, Aleen Shinnie, Russell Ritchie, Denise Poole, Dave Simpson

Apologies: Police

Representatives / Observers Councillor David Cameron, Councillor Steve Delaney, Councillor John Wheeler, Member of the public - Mark Cochrane

Item	Minute	Action
1	Introduction by Chair Kenneth agreed to chair the meeting and opened the meeting by giving a safety brief.	
2	Police Report The Police report was provided by email although the police did not attend. It was noted that it had been a quiet month for Kingswells. A summary is given below: "We never like using the "Q" word too often however this month the Kingswells area has been particularly problem free which is encouraging as the general pattern of low impact calls appears to continue. Again, it's pleasing to report zero housebreakings, thefts of motor vehicles and similar offences of dishonesty involving insecure properties and vehicles. It is hoped that continual reminders from Police Scotland to the community, reinforcing the message around keeping their homes and vehicles secure, is starting to have a positive impact. One wilful fire-raising call was reported on 15/10/17 which occurred on the AWPR site within the AN1C beat code. The circumstances suggest that an unknown offender entered an insecure cabin and thereafter set fire to some waste materials, causing substantial damage to the newly surfaced new road. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to this with no persons charged to date. One driver has been charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal for speeding on the A944 near to the Kingswells Roundabout. Speed checks will continue in this area along with marked mobile patrols. Nine public nuisance calls were received within a short space of time during the evening of 30/10/17, all reporting excessive noise and anti-social driving within the Park and Ride car park. Officers attended and advice was given to the	

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	<p>drivers found present, who thereafter left as requested with no further issues reported.</p> <p>A number of calls have recently been received regarding loose sheep on the road in various locations around the Lang Stracht area, towards the A944. Efforts are ongoing to ensure contact with the local landowners to ensure measures are taken to repair any damaged fencing to avoid any further incidents.</p> <p>Following concerns raised at the last CC meeting regarding youths littering, underage drinking, breaking glass and damaging plants, I can confirm that Police Scotland have received no reports of any of these types of incidents. That said, patrols in the community during evening times will continue and I can assure the CC that any persons found committing offences such as this will be dealt with robustly.</p> <p>There are no other incidents of note for the area. As ever patrols will continue where possible in the area and members / residents should always be encouraged to assist the Police by reporting matters they feel we need to know about.”</p>	
3	Members of the public	
	Mark contributed to the discussion during the course of the meeting	
4	Councillors	
	<p>David reported that the dyke by Prime 4 is a Scheduled Monument according to the archaeologist and should have been reinstated to a satisfactory state of repair. But he has established that the dyke was not included in the sale to Drum and is still under the ownership of ACC.</p> <p>Ian to provide a photo of the relevant sections of the dyke to David.</p>	<p>David</p> <p>Ian</p>
	Steve has contacted the owner of the collapsed manhole in the carpark by the flats/shops who are organising the repair.	Steve
	Discussed the various issues about the P&R e.g. the turning right into the P&R from Kingswells side, the buses turning left at the same lights coming from the P&R, buses not following road markings in the carpark (need photo of markings to confirm) and making more use of the bus only entrance from the Prime4 site, the phasing of the lights and the opening hours of the waiting room (currently opened by Central coaches). It was agreed that a coordinated and targeted approach to the specific issues be undertaken by both Councillors and KCC.	<p>Steve/ David</p> <p>KCC to report to ACC</p>
	Steve has asked us to keep a record of issues with the X17 turning up late or not turning up at all and the 220 being regularly late. Kathy noted that 3 X17s had not arrived at the P&R one morning the previous week. Steve said we should log specific examples.	KCC all
	Ilan to advise and encourage members of the public to report issues with the bus service e.g. buses not arriving, arriving late, or running past bus stops using	Ilan

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	<p>website/Facebook. Residents need to record the day, time and service as well as details of the issue to the bus company.</p> <p>If residents also advise KCC a log can be kept. This could be done on KCC's website.</p>	
	<p>Steve also noted that the tender for the new bus service has yet to go out but he is still hopeful a service will be in place by early 2018. He also said that the planned changes to the Stagecoach timetable should not adversely affect Kingswells.</p>	
	<p>Aleen asked about the ARI staff shuttle bus being removed once the cap park opens and was told that Steve is looking into this as he has been informed that staff in Kingswells are not entitled to parking permits.</p>	Steve
	<p>Ian noted that the Lang Stracht is heavily congested later in the day and thinks the sequencing of the traffic lights along the Lang Stracht needs to be coordinated to allow better movement of traffic. The new lights at Maiden Craig should be 'on demand'. Bert asked about making the left hand lane on the Lang Stracht for vehicles turning left onto N Anderson Drive. But it is believed that would not help the flow of traffic and could cause more delays. Steve noted that the contract to maintain the road is about to expire so no major developments are planned. David noted that the priority should be given to creating a pedestrian crossing at the junction.</p>	Steve/ Ian report phasing
5	<p>Approval of minutes</p> <p>The minutes for previous meeting were approved with a note that an action item from an earlier meeting was missing.</p> <p>All present were asked to review the new action tracker, update the relevant actions and provide details of any missing actions.</p>	
6	<p>Matters Arising from the previous meetings -</p>	
	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>Russell was going to try to obtain a list of outstanding items from the council, covering items reported by residents of Kingswells but it is thought that this would not be practical considering the number of different departments involved. Trevor noted that he is already in the process of compiling such a list (from feedback to KCC by members of the public as well as KCC) and he will work with Russell and Dave to track these items.</p>	Trevor/ Russell/ Dave
	<p>Speeding</p> <p>The issue of speeding within Kingswells was addressed again since no police speed check has been conducted recently and the incidences of speeding remain a concern. ACC has submitted a request to the police to monitor speeding and this will be followed up with the police. Ian to request update from the Police.</p>	Ian

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	<p>Webster Park</p> <p>Aleen is to contact the Chair of the Community Centre to discuss issues at Webster Park. Dave expressed a concern that the facilities were being let out to non-Kingswells groups and not local groups.</p>	Aleen
7	Planning & Environmental Issues	
	N/A	
8	Accounts	
	<p>No major changes to the accounts. Room hire £10, Website £150 plus new software. Accounts for previous years are currently being audited by Louise. They need to be submitted to ACC by December 2017 if we are to receive the grant.</p>	
9	AOCB	
	<p>Office Bearers</p> <p>The following were proposed and agreed at the meeting:</p> <p>Chair: Kenneth McAlpine</p> <p>Minute Secretary: Kathy Strachan</p>	
	<p>Bench</p> <p>Kenneth said that Prime 4 will be donating a 5th bench, not of granite, that will be installed behind Concraig Park. He has obtained one quote for the installation and is looking for 2 more if anyone knows of someone can they pass details to Kenneth. He is also looking at applying for funding to cover this cost. Dave suggested that we could install it ourselves.</p>	Kenneth
	<p>Consultation</p> <p>Ian shared a document about the work of the Communications Sub-group of the CCF (Community Council Forum).</p> <p>He also asked for feedback on the proposed <i>Scheme of Establishment from ACC for running Community Councils when it goes to public consultation in December</i>. He has previously distributed a copy with his comments attached. <i>This</i> includes changes to the CC boundaries e.g. Brimmond Hill could become part of Bucksburn CC. He emphasised the importance of having control of the adjoining greenbelt to be able to influence potential future planning and cited the case of the proposed stadium being within Aberdeen <i>City</i> but closest to the Westhill residents.</p> <p>He also said that the Standing Orders (SOs) within the proposal are perhaps too prescriptive. Ian also expressed his concern that the new guidance on consultation with the community set the bar so high that it would difficult ,if not impossible to achieve , and that it may be unworkable in practical terms especially in terms of representation.</p>	KCC to respond to Ian

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	<p>Website/Facebook</p> <p>After a brief discussion on the set-up of these pages it was agreed that we should have a meeting specifically to review these pages, the administration of these, how we can make better use of them and allow Ian to give some training to members of KCC.</p>	KCC all
	<p>Health and Social Care</p> <p>Kenneth gave an update on Health and Social Care Project. Kingswells is part of the West Locality Group of the Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership (ACHSCP). Kenneth is KCC's representative on the West Locality Leadership Group (West LLG). The purpose of the West LLG is to facilitate consultation between ACHSCP and the community.</p> <p>The West Locality Plan is now available for public consultation and can be accessed on KCC website and Facebook page as well as ACHSCP website. There will be an ongoing process of consulting with the community. Kenneth will write an article for the Newsletter explaining what the West Locality Group is about and what they want to achieve. This should be in 'plain English' and will allow better participation in future consultations.</p> <p>The article will be included in the Newsletter, Website, Facebook and Noticeboard.</p>	Kenneth
	<p>Prime4 Community Trust</p> <p>Kenneth reminded everyone that this is available to local Kingswells, Community Groups or not-for-profit Groups with up to £2000 being available for approved requests. He will prepare an article for the Kingswells Newsletter explaining what the Trust is and how groups can apply for the funding.</p>	Kenneth
	<p>Kingswells News</p> <p>Ian has asked for articles for the next Newsletter and Aleen, Dave and Kenneth are preparing items for inclusion</p>	
10	Date of Next meeting:	
	Next meeting will be on Monday 11 th December 2017 at Adventure Aberdeen @ 7pm. Meeting closed at 21:05.	