

Castlehill and Pittodrie Community Council
Minutes of meeting 26th September Fittie Bar at 6.00pm

Present

- Mike McConnell
- Kate Bailey
- Alex Gemie
- Pauline Brown
- William Rae
- Evan Budge
- Pat Chilton

Apologies

- Michael Heaney
- Finlay Bennet

The previous minutes were proposed by Mike and seconded by Pat and the minutes were accepted.

Action points from minutes

- Communications – Pauline to report later
- Treasurer to investigate apparent minor discrepancy in figures
- A local warden had been invited to attend the meeting but none were available
- Thanks to William for the results of the Community Council elections.
- The committee have lost the chairman and the treasurer who chose not to run for re-election.

Fittie Play Park

Dale was not present at the meeting but Mike reported Dale has been in contact with the harbour board about a press release and with Sandy about the extra wave seat which will arrive as part of the second phase of the play park.

Treasurers' report

There is actually no discrepancy in the figures. The amount reported in the minutes was an estimate the time that RBS lost all the details of accounts in an IT shut down and no bank statements were issued

The amount currently in the account is £2735.26

Mike requested reimbursement of the money to keep the website running for another year with the current hosts. A sum of £29.00 was approved and paid.

Communications

The notice board by the park in Fittie can be used. Sandy will supply paint and brushes.

- **Action** - Mike to follow up with Sandy and also check with the harbour board that they have no objection.
- **Action** - Pauline reported that ASDA were happy for us to use their notice boards for communications

The poster we have is out of date.

- **Action** – Alex volunteered to put together a generic draft poster and circulate it to the CC members, and discuss with Lindsey of Peacock Press getting it printed at a reasonable price

Pauline agreed to continue to lead on Communications and investigate other places for the placing of the poster in our area.

There was some discussion about what the role of the Community Council actually was. Clarification was expected from Karen Riddoch of Aberdeen City Council as there will be more new members after the elections. Mike confirmed the map of our area is on the website.

The annual income is now only £600 standard and then a small amount per head of population which in our case amounts to about £1150. There was some discussion about how best to use this and what it had funded in the past, when the amounts were more generous. Once clarification of the role is received this will need to be discussed further.

- **Action** - Kate to get clarification on the roles and responsibilities from Karen.

Matters Arising

Civic Forum – Mike attended the session on the police and Fire force reform bill. There are currently 12 areas and these are being reduced to three with funding being more centralised, and there were fears raised that the central belt would benefit at the outlying areas expense. The fire service are losing expertise due to pension arrangements. The Civic Forum are keen on feedback and Mike was impressed by the amount of information available. There was a general feeling that where possible we should try and attend relevant Civic Forums. Their website is www.aberdeencivicforum.org

Concern was raised by Mike about the funding for Operation Begonia, working with on street prostitution in Aberdeen.

- **Action** - Kate to contact DI Soutar and see if they felt their funding might be in danger and to offer support for the programme

Matters arising

Community Resilience Platforms

Documents regarding this were sent to the CC. After the recent foaming of Fittie this had particular resonance with the meeting.

- **Action** - Pauline to look at possible responses and look at our response to the document and any future discussion and action. Flooding of parts of our area were considered to be the main concern.

Transport discussion Meeting

Unfortunately nobody was available to attend this forum but all agreed to fill in the questionnaire. There was some discussion about the isolation of Fittie at night now the bus service stops at 19.00 but unfortunately the usage numbers do not give us much support to argue for the reinstatement of the evening service.

STV Service meeting hosted by local MSP

There is a meeting on Friday 28th with STV who are launching a new service. William, and if possible Kate, will attend.

AOB

A member of the community has reported that masonry has fallen on the bus shelter and could pose a hazard.

- **Action** - Pauline will check if the masonry is still there and the extent of the fall.

Mike proposed a vote of thanks the outgoing Chair Mike Heaney and Treasurer Evan Budge for their long service to the Community Council. Both have worked for around 10 years. The Community Council would like to formally record their appreciation for the service and guidance they have given over the years. They will be missed.

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 31st October at 18.00 in the Fittie Bar