**Ferryhill and Ruthrieston Community Council**

**Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 11th January 2023**

**Present:** Michael Winn (Chair), Catherine Campbell, Gregor McAbery, Kevin McIvor, William Rae, Ishbel Shand, Eleanor Leslie. Guest speaker Leila Turner-Smith. Lady with Blonde hair Leeanne?

 Karen Finch, Community Council Liaison Officer (CCLO)

 Councillors Derek Davidson and Iain Yuill from the Ruthrieston section of the boundary and Councillors Lee Fairfull, Christian Allard, Michael Kuznir from the Ferryhill section of the boundary.

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. Apologies were received from Miriam Martinez Lodin and Prema Arumugam, Simon Watson.
4. **Police Report**

No police were present.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Councillor Michael Kuznir

* S. College Street works causing ongoing disruption to businesses and residents.
* Millburn Street Grit Bin had been locked behind works barriers,
* Parking permit issues. Residents encouraged to contact the administration. Decisions can’t be reversed within 6 months. Council funding is extremely limited this year.
* Visiting Heritage Railway Trust next week, who have just received a grant for £50K funding.
* Anti-social behaviour around hardgate where mix of private & council tenants.
* Prospect Terrace empty property. Council are exploring what avenues could be progressed to seek the sale of the property.
* Polmiur Road similar empty property

**Action**

Blonde Lady to email Michael Kuznir.

Councillor Christian Allard

* Ice on pavement, gritting schedules are publicised on social media by ACC. Residents are encouraged to grit the pavement outside their houses where possible.

Councillor Derek Davidson

* Quiet period over Christmas and New Year. Update on

Councillor Iain Yuill

* Encouraged residents to check on their neighbours during cold weather.
* ACC do not have resources to grit every road and pavement in Aberdeen, echoed Cllr Allard’s comments.
* Eleanor is in an over 55s residence in Ruthrieston Terrace where the grit bin is frequently empty. Unadopted roads are not refilled by the council unfortunately. One option is to take a 1ton salt bag.

**Action**

* Food bins in same area were not emptied. Iain to follow up after email from Eleanor.
1. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting 23rd November were duly approved by the community council.

1. **Guest Speaker – Leila Turner-Smith (Ashley & Broomhill CC)**

Engagement and collaboration with other community groups is important.

Asking for help, and being proactive about your goals. Little engagement from the community on issues, so had to generate these ideas themselves.

Events very successful.

Guides, Church, Schools

Some kind of easter event – chocolate making?

Intend to look deeper into sources of fundng. Callum for advice.

Iain Yuill offered to share any social media posts or news whenever requested.

Large piece of work early on to list all local businesses and engage for funding etc.

Website –

Ferryhill House Hotel encouraged the establishment of the CC so will be worth engaging with them.

Charities needing help (chair based Tai Chi) will collaborate and give an opportunity to promote both on social media.

Canva for advertising.

Broomhill & Harlaw Schools catchment area is within the Ferryhill & Ruthrieston Community Council area.

Attending other Community Council Meetings and CC Forum meetings (1st Monday of month) is also useful.

**Actions**

1. **City Centre Road Changes – Impact on Ferryhill (Catherine)**

Cllrs took note to follow up.

David Dunne could attend a meeting and present to the CC and the public.

Boards showing the city centre masterplan could be available

Fiona ? heads consultation

Is it possible to have Union Square entry & exit be one-way.

Disabled access is also hampered by these changes.

**Actions** – Michael Winn to send letter to David Dunne.

Larger Venue needed if public are to be invited.

1. **Planning, licensing and public transport update (William/Ishbel)**

**Planning**

* Nothing additional to weekly emails.
* Arch 13 - Change of use Class 1 to Class 11 retail – taking over one of arches to turn into Snooker Room.

**Licensing** – No changes

1. **Financial Report**
	1. Bank Account has been applied for.
	2. 2 invoices being paid by Karen on behalf of Community Council
	3. New Grants from April.
2. **AOB**
3. Pre-application received for Aberdeen Hydrogen Hub Solar Farm. 28th January consultation see [www.bpaberdeenhydrogenhub.com](http://www.bpaberdeenhydrogenhub.com) for further details.
4. Facebook page – if nothing by end of next week, Willie to start a Facebook Page. Jackie to amend the old page to say it’s defunct.
5. Posters up in Libraries etc – Willie to draft a poster.
6. Venue – Meet in Ferryhill Community Centre & Ruthrieston Community Centre. February meeting tbc

**Action**

Gregor Check availability for next meeting 8th February.

* **Michael Winn, Chairperson**