

Ashley & Broomhill Community Council Meeting 20th July 2022
Holburn West Parish Church Hall

1. Participants

Community Council Members:

Attending Members: Steve Clark – Vice Chair
 Ronan Burke – Secretary
 Mark Langford - Planning Officer
 Leila Turner-Smith - Treasurer

Apologies Members: Tom Murray - Chair
 Louise Fotheringham – Secretary
 Kay Anderson

Aberdeen City Councillors:

Attending: Councillor Martin Greig
 Councillor Ian Yuill
 Councillor Derek Davidson
 Councillor Ken McLeod

Apologies: Councillor Jennifer Stewart
 Councillor John Cook
 Councillor Ryan Houghton

Others:

Attending: Sergeant John McOuat, Scotland Police
 Alistair Robertson – Sport Aberdeen
 Ruth Payne – Former ABCC Community Council
 Jacqueline Rinchey – Broomhill PTA Chair
 Isobel Milne - Member of the public
 Sylvia McKenzie – Member of the public

Apologies: Karen Finch – ACC Liaison Officer

2. Police Report: Summary

June 2022 Police Report can be found on our website at:
<https://www.ashleybroomhill.co.uk/meetings-minutes-reports>

3. Minute of ABCC Meeting held on 15th June 2022

Approved.

4. Matters Arising

4.1. *Ruthrieston Outdoor Sports Centre*

The Community Council invited Alistair Robertson to provide Sport Aberdeen's point of view about whether there could be more use of the facility:

Sport Aberdeen have a degree of capacity to help from a sustainability point of view. Funding may be available but long-term safeguarding will have to be the responsibility of users.

The area has been identified as potential space to be included in the LTA initiative to regenerate community park tennis. Consultants are due to do a survey to indicate what it will take to upgrade it to a useable state. The current tennis program is managed by the tennis centre. Suggestion to LTA is to upgrade all four courts to get the maximum out of the budget instead of stretching it out to six, potentially leaving the remaining area to be developed for multi-sport activity. Update from LTA in six weeks whether they are willing to invest and upgrade. Investment depends on assurance of community support. Subject to possible bylaws, demarcation for dog walkers is being considered. The pavilion is in decent order, and Aberdeen Sport have been approached to have it potentially turned into a café.

The goal is to create a Community Sports Hub that can be managed by the community and volunteers.

There is currently buy in from Broomhill School PTA, buy in from the Community Council, and previous exercises have shown community interest. ABCC to assist in community engagement to give Aberdeen Sport confidence to pull resources to improve it.

ABCC presented slides with potential ideas that could be incorporated into the improvement plan, such as multi-purpose courts, safer access points, floodlights and pods.

Action: Ian Yuill to organise a public meeting to obtain reassurance that community buy in is still there. ABCC to assist in community engagement and raise awareness.

Community Council contact points: Ronan Burke & Steve Clark

4.2. *Woodies*

Jacqueline Rinchey, Chair of Broomhill PTA, attended the meeting to discuss potential improvements to The Woodies area. An application was submitted in 2018 by Cameron & Ross on behalf of Broomhill School PTA. The application was refused by Aberdeen City

Council. Details can be found at Aberdeen City Council website at:
<https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PHRYX3BZIPC00>

Action: ABCC to work with Broomhill PTA to review application status and come up with potential ideas that will be suitable for everyone.

4.3. Holburn West Community Group:

The building will stop being a place of worship in May/June next year. It may be possible to continue some of the activities, but a huge insurance burden will be added when the premises ceases to be a place of worship.

Proposal to replace the windows in the large hall has been refused and remains a safety issue.

The team are now at Business Plan Stage, working with Church office staff, Scottish Land Fund, HIE, Airyhall Community Centre and Local Energy Scotland. Local Energy Scotland may be able to assist with an energy audit and potential funding to replace the windows and other potential work to make the premises more energy efficient and environmentally friendly subsequent to a successful community takeover.

Next HWCG meeting: **8 August 2022.**

5. Treasurer's Report

Current bank balance is: **£3,147.94**

6. Planning Officer's Report

No significant updates.

7. Committee Reports

No significant updates.

8. Other Competent Business

Meetings during the summer will continue in a more informal manner.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 17th August 2022** at Holburn West Parish Church – 19:15 for a 19:30 start.

Latest meeting minutes can be found on our website at:

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Minutes by Leila Turner-Smith, ABCC.