

Ashley & Broomhill Community Council (ABCC) Meeting 17th August 2022
Holburn West Parish Church Hall

1. Participants

Community Council Members:

Attending Members: Tom Murray - Chair
Steve Clark – Vice Chair
Ronan Burke – Secretary
Leila Turner-Smith - Treasurer
Kay Anderson (online)

Apologies Members: Mark Langford - Planning Officer
Louise Fotheringham – Secretary

Aberdeen City Councillors:

Attending: Councillor Ian Yuill
Councillor Derek Davidson
Councillor Ken McLeod
Councillor Jennifer Stewart

Apologies: Councillor Martin Greig
Councillor John Cook
Councillor Ryan Houghton

Others:

Attending: Sandy Stephen – Queen’s Cross & Harlaw CC Chair
Sergeant John McOuat, Scotland Police
Ruth Payne – Former ABCC Community Council
Isobel Milne - Member of the public
Sylvia McKenzie – Member of the public
Jenny Watkiss – Member of the public
Jennifer Butler – Member of the public
Richard Butler – Member of the public

Apologies: Karen Finch – ACC Liaison Officer
Jacqueline Rinchey – Broomhill PTA Chair

2. Police Report: Summary

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

3. Minutes of ABCC Meeting held on 20th July 2022

Approved.

4. Matters Arising

4.1. Ruthrieston Outdoor Sports Centre

Bid to Tennis Scotland:

ABCC to assist with community engagement – the goal is to gauge community interest in any improvements/renovation at the grounds, including resurfacing, landscaping, and lighting. Potential for the grounds to become entirely a community managed asset.

Concerns were raised of the potential extra parking upgrading the grounds could cause. It's important that the community and those using the outdoor space respect the residents that live in the area. Having the area upgraded into a safer space for children and those using the grounds, and making it more accessible to different age groups, will hopefully encourage more recreational activities in the community. ABCC & QXHCC to assist the community and those who will manage the premises in the future to encourage good behaviour and respect residents living in the area.

The goal could be to create a Community Sports Hub that can be managed by the community and volunteers, this would allow for additional funding schemes not currently available to Sport Aberdeen. Current suggestions are to upgrade all four courts out of six, leaving the remaining area to be developed for multi-sport activity.

Action: Councillor Yuill will organise a public meeting with Sport Aberdeen to obtain community input. ABCC & QXHCC to assist in community engagement and raise awareness.

Community Council POC: Ronan Burke & Steve Clark

4.2. Woodies

No updates on the Woodies. Link to original application submitted in 2018 by Cameron & Ross on behalf of Broomhill School PTA: <https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PHRYX3BZIPC00>

Action: ABCC to reach out to residents in the area for feedback and review pushbacks. 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:

Currently at Business Plan Stage. The team are waiting for the following:

- Business Energy Scotland to confirm whether they can provide an energy audit.
- Contractor quotes for a structural survey and a building valuation.
- Community feedback and input.

As an unincorporated body, Holburn West Community Group will not be able to purchase the building when/if funding is secured. A separate SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) will have to be established to take over at this stage. Holburn West Community Group will set up an open meeting to explain the purpose of the SCIO where the public will have the option to apply for Trustees Membership of the SCIO. The team have meetings set up with ACVO and DTAS in the next few weeks for further assistance with this.

Action: Holburn West Community Group to set up an open meeting to explain the purpose of the SCIO. HWCG to follow up with VSA, RVS, Bon Accord Care and others for community input. Team to contact the schools to potentially assist with community input. ABCC & QXHCC to assist in community engagement.

Link to HWCG community input questionnaire:

<https://www.ashleybroomhill.co.uk/hwcg-questionnaire>

Community Council POC: Leila Turner-Smith

4.4 Community Orchard

The idea of creating a community orchard was discussed in previous meetings. ABCC discussed working with Ramona, owner of Simply Bee and Mad Potato (previously based on Great Western Road), to possibly create a community orchard. Even though Mad Potato has now relocated to Dobbies, ABCC is still keen on the idea of a community orchard. Councillor Stewart suggested we contact environmental manager at Aberdeen City Councillor, Steven Shaw, to discuss potential ideas.

Action: ABCC to liaise with QXHCC and contact Steven Shaw.

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

To celebrate ABCC's one year anniversary in October, community councillors discussed potentially hosting a free Halloween event for the community.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21st September 2022** at Holburn West Parish Church – 19:15 for a 19:30 start.

Latest meeting minutes can be found on our website at:

<https://www.ashleybroomhill.co.uk/meetings-minutes-reports>

Minutes by Leila Turner-Smith, ABCC.