

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY IN THE HOLIDAY INN, WESTHILL

Community Council		
Name	Position	Present
Chika Edeh	Chairperson	✓Until 7:20
Stuart Bews	Vice Chairperson	✓
David Ritchie	Secretary/Interim Treasurer	✓
Daniel Hay	Minutes Secretary	✓
Dawn Anderson	Member	✓
Heather Coull	Member	✓
Raymond Swaffield	Member	✓
Bill Loudon	Member	✓
John Thornton	Member	✓
Alan Eastell	Member	✓
Diane Priestley	Member	✓
Ken Stewart	Member	✓
Kate Lumsden	Member	✓
Mandy Duggan	Member	X
Brian Colvin	Member	✓
Cllr David Aitchison	Ward 13 Councillor	X
Cllr Iris Walker	Ward 13 Councillor	✓
Cllr Ron McKail	Ward 13 Councillor	✓
Cllr Alistair McKelvie	Ward 13 Councillor	✓

Members of Public/Invited Guests		
Heather Cook	Aileen Swaffield	John M Imrie
PC Cockburn	PC Thomson	PC Emslie
Audrey Findlay	Donald Davidson	Nancy Manning
Holger Lonze		

Due to the presentation from Barton Willmore, there were some changes made to the agenda order. The chairperson stated that he would have to leave shortly after the start of the meeting and that the Vice Chairperson would be chairing the meeting.

		<u>ACTION</u>
1	<p><u>Presentation by Barton Willmore</u></p> <p>Stuart Bishop and Christine Dalziell from Barton Willmore (planning agent) attended to present the proposal for 100% affordable housing on land beside the Hampton by Hilton Hotel on Straik Road. There is currently planning permission for three office blocks on the site, but this expires in March 2019. Barton Willmore will be submitting the housing planning application in March 2019.</p> <p>The proposal is for approximately 63 homes, comprising of two and four storey blocks of flats and a terrace of houses. There will be a generous amount of green space. Each unit will have at least one parking space. The earliest start for building work will be Winter 2019 and it should take 18-20 months to complete, should the planning application be submitted and approved.</p> <p>The Chairperson asked if they had considered the already stretched local schools when planning the new development as the homes will be likely to bring a lot of new families to the area. Stuart Bishop stated that there will be a developer obligation should the development go ahead and this could be used to help the schools accommodate the inflow of new children.</p>	

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	<p>The Chairperson also asked if there will be electric car charge points in the carparks for those with electric cars. The response was that this is not an Aberdeenshire Council priority and not a legal requirement, however it will be looked into.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about traffic congestion on Straik road as this is already a busy road. Assurances were given that there will be a full junction capacity assessment undertaken for Straik Road. The only entrance to the development will be via the existing road off Straik Road called Gordon Park. The Vice Chairperson thanked Barton Willmore for their presentation.</p>													
2	<p><u>Chairpersons welcome and opening remarks</u></p> <p>The Vice Chairperson opened the normal monthly meeting and welcomed everyone. He announced that the police report would be moved to the next item on the agenda to allow PC Thomson and PC Emslie to return to their police duties thereafter.</p>													
3	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>The police report has been received and has been attached as an appendix.</p> <p>To summarise: In the January reporting period there has been 1 vandalism, 2 Assaults, 1 breach of the peace, 3 shop lifting incidents and 3 road offences. There has been an increase in counterfeit notes being circulated. No drug offences have been reported</p>													
4	<p><u>Apologies and Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Apologies from Mandy Duggan and Councillor Atchison</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest made by any WECC member.</p>													
5	<p><u>Approval of Draft Minutes of January Meeting</u></p> <p>Two small changes: item 3- says that the December minutes were 'approved', should be 'proposed'</p> <p>item 4- 'subgroup leaders' should be 'subgroup co-ordinators'.</p> <p>The January minutes were proposed by Brian Colvin and seconded by Raymond Swaffield.</p>													
6	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p><u>Appointment of Treasurer</u></p> <p>David Ritchie is prepared to continue as treasurer. David's appointment as Treasurer was proposed by Kate Lumsden and seconded by Diane Priestley.</p> <p><u>Approval of Sub-groups Terms of Reference and Nominations for Sub-group members</u></p> <p>The Vice Chairperson stated that there needs to be more clarity of who is in each subgroup and members were asked to volunteer to join subgroups which they feel that they can share their expertise in.</p> <p>He advised a small change to the Finance sub-group terms of reference- the first line refers to 'spend', it will be changed to 'income and spend'.</p> <p>John Thornton raised a few concerns about the document. The Terms of Reference can be reviewed in the next few months when the sub-groups are up and running.</p> <p>A member of the public suggested that it might be better to have a flexible review time on the document. The Vice Chairperson replied that this is a working document and it can be reviewed and changed at any time.</p> <p>The Vice Chairperson proposed the approval of the Terms of Reference for the sub-groups as previously circulated. This was seconded by Diane Priestley. John Thornton indicated again that he had some concerns on them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sub-groups Members</u></p> <p>Nominations for members of each sub group were received as per the table below. The nominations were proposed and seconded for approval as per the table below.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Sub-Group</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Co-ordinator previously agreed</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Other members who wish to be in group</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Proposed & Seconded By</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Governance</td> <td>Brian Colvin</td> <td>Stuart Bews, David Ritchie</td> <td>Kate Lumsden Ken Stewart.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communications</td> <td>Chika Edeh</td> <td>Kate Lumsden, David Ritchie, Daniel Hay</td> <td>Stuart Bews Bill Loudon.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sub-Group	Co-ordinator previously agreed	Other members who wish to be in group	Proposed & Seconded By	Governance	Brian Colvin	Stuart Bews, David Ritchie	Kate Lumsden Ken Stewart.	Communications	Chika Edeh	Kate Lumsden, David Ritchie, Daniel Hay	Stuart Bews Bill Loudon.	
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	Development	Diane Priestley	Dawn Anderson and Stuart Bews	Brian Colvin Ken Stewart.	
	Events	David Ritchie	Daniel Hay, Heather Coull and Ken Stewart	Stuart Bews Raymond Swaffield	
	Projects	Kate Lumsden	This will be left until the Gateway Art Project is completed.		
	Community Liaison	Mandy Duggan	Heather Coull and Brian Colvin	Dawn Anderson Kate Lumsden	
	Finance	David Ritchie	Dawn Anderson and Daniel Hay	Heather Coull Raymond Swaffield	
	Environment	Ken Stewart	Bill Loudon and Raymond Swaffield	Stuart Bews Daniel Hay	
	<p><u>'Planning Matters' Training Event at Gordon House, Wednesday 30th January</u> There were only 3 members from WECC in attendance at this event. The Vice Chairperson announced that we would hold our own event for members and the public, using the slide-packs from 30th January. The session will be on Monday 25th February at Holiday Inn.</p>				
7	<p><u>Proposal for the Co-option of Mr John Imrie to Westhill and Elrick Community Council</u> The Vice Chairperson stated that the constitution (4.2.2) states that if it is a matter of urgency, the Chairperson of a meeting can add an additional item to the agenda and therefore he would like to propose the co-option of John Imrie to WECC. He spoke about the concerns raised from some members about only getting 9 working days' notice instead of 10 working days as specified in the constitution, however "working days" is undefined within our constitution and office bearers had previously taken the view that every day was a working day in the context of WECC.</p> <p>Co-option requires a vote in which two thirds of the eligible members in attendance are in support of the co-option proposal. Raymond Swaffield requested that the emails between office bearers should be made available to members for transparency purposes. The Vice Chairperson advised that he wasn't sure what emails were being referred to. Daniel Hay repeated the concern on the issue of 10 working days' notice, WECC do not want to be seen as not following the constitution. The Chairperson had sent out an email to members stating that the vote will be left until the March meeting. The Vice Chairperson restated that there is no definition of Working Days in our constitution and therefore due to the time scales for dealing with matters which John Imrie can assist us, namely the governance documents review and LDP MIR, it is appropriate to deal with the co-option at this meeting. The vote was taken with result that 3 members voted in favour of the co-option and 8 against it. 2 members abstained. Therefore John Imrie has not been co-opted at this time.</p>				
8	<p><u>Appointment of Associate Member</u> The Vice Chairperson stated again that the constitution (4.2.2) states that if it is a matter of urgency, the Chairperson of a meeting can add an additional item to the agenda. He advised that section 3.4 of the constitution allows for Associate members to be appointed to help with specific tasks; they do not have voting rights and are only a member as long as required. No notice period is required for appointment of Associate members The Vice Chair proposed John Imrie as an Associate member to WECC, specifically to support with the work of the Governance sub-group and the Development sub-group, up until the AGM in June 2019. John Thornton seconded this. The appointment of Mr John Imrie as an Associate Member was confirmed and effective immediately.</p>				
9	<p><u>Residents Items from the Floor</u> Raymond Swaffield raised an issue about the proposed cuts in the X17 evening bus services from Monday to Saturday; it is proposed to be dropped from every 20 minutes to every 30</p>				

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	<p>minutes. Raymond asked if this can be raised as part of the current consultation on changes to bus services. It was agreed that Raymond Swaffield should draft a response to the consultation regarding the X17 bus service.</p> <p>A member of the public asked if WECC had a Twitter page, it does not. The Vice Chairperson responded that all social media will be looked at by the communications sub- group.</p>	<u>RS</u>
10	<p><u>Update on Kingsford Stadium Development</u> The Vice Chairperson stated that the next working group meeting is due soon, he will email AFC to find out when the next meeting is planned for. The Judicial Review took place in Edinburgh at the end of January. The result is due by late April or early May.</p>	
11	<p><u>Planning Watch -</u> <u>Two Cafes in Kingshill Commercial Park- Update on WECC Objection</u> The Secretary advised that the objections from WECC on both cafes have now appeared on the planning website. Cllr Walker advised that at least one of the applications is expected to be before Garioch Area Committee in February but nothing confirmed yet. There have been no other planning applications for the area submitted that warrant our attention.</p>	
12	<p><u>Ward 13 Councillors Reports/Updates</u> Cllr Iris Walker Fireworks Survey Thank you to all who responded to my recent survey on fireworks. Here are some of the key responses: Those who buy fireworks for private use for Guy Fawkes Night spend on average £36. Some residents spend up to £100. Residents travelled between 5-20 miles across Aberdeenshire to attend organised community firework/bonfire events in Alford, Banchory, Inverurie, Kintore, Stone haven as well as Aberdeen. 62.9% of respondents have pets. Of all respondents, most said their pets were badly affected by the sudden noise of unexpected fireworks, a few said their pets were not affected and a small number thought that pet owners had a responsibility to make sure their pets were not frightened. 80% of respondents have experienced anti-social behaviour locally involving fireworks. Nearly 68% said they would attend a community organised firework/bonfire display in Westhill but only 24% said they would volunteer their time or organise such an event. Some of the individual comments: "Silent fireworks are a thing now, this should be looked in to more". "I do like fireworks but they don't feel special anymore because so many people buy them for their homes and set them off for several days." "I would be happy to help at a display, e.g. shake a collection bucket if needed". "I couldn't organise the event because I do not know enough about the guidelines for doing so safely". "I think this would be a brilliant idea for the local community – there has been such a lovely community feel with the scarecrow trail/art and craft decorations".</p> <p>Council Budget Full council meets on Thursday to set the revenue, capital, reserve and carbon budgets as well as the Housing Revenue Account which sets council house rents and charges. Council tax rates for the 2019/20 period will also be set that day.</p> <p>PC Steve Middleton Cllr McKail and I attended Steve's retiral presentation at Inverurie Police Station. Steve has been a great support to the local community and always on hand to help with local policing issues. We look forward to working with his successor PC James Stewart.</p>	



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Crossing on Westhill Drive near Arnhall

There have been complaints raised about drivers either not stopping at the pelican crossing or driving over the crossing while pedestrians are on it. Although no car registrations have been noted, this has been reported to Police Scotland and they are to move their speed sign to that location in about three weeks' time. Residents are reminded to report any incidents to Police Scotland on 101.

Elrick Primary School

Congratulations to Elrick Primary School who were awarded £10,000 from the Aviva Community Fund to create an outdoor classroom.

Cllr Iris Walker stated that at the budget meeting today, council tax was raised by 3% and a 4.9% rise in council home rent.

The Vice Chairperson asked about the fireworks survey-could WECC potentially research silent fireworks and see if this is an event which WECC could host, this could help reduce the noise levels on Bonfire Night. The Vice Chairperson will look into this, reporting back next month and handing over any findings to the relevant sub-group.

SB

David Ritchie asked if there was any update on possible solutions to the Westhill Drive traffic congestion. Cllr Walker stated that this was passed on to the roads development team.

Dawn Anderson raised an issue re pot holes at Westhill Academy car park. Cllr Walker advised it has been reported on numerous occasions and that it is a schools budget issue. The appropriate budget holder will be reminded.

IW

Cllr Ron McKail

Waste Collection- Moving to a three week kerb side collection. Phasing-in of this will take a couple of years. Extra bin being provided for paper and card. Food waste will continue to be collected weekly.

Receiving emails indicating that this new collection system is not being well received.

Budget- Council meeting on 14th February. Report refers to savings required of £27million. Council tax increase is proposed to remain at 3%. Could have been higher at 4.7%

Local Development Plan 2021- For Westhill some 24 Bid Sites are up for consultation. I've been receiving emails from concerned constituents who are not supporting the bids. Have explained this is a consultation process that finishes 8th April. Final decisions will be confirmed in the following months.

Grit Bins-Receiving several complaints that grit bins are not being filled or are not located in the right place. Council officers advised of empty bins and have supplied a response to those who expressed concern

Parking Fines at Shopping Centre-Concerns expressed by those `caught out` by exceeding the parking time limit. Appealing to the parking agency has been rejected. Advised that contacting Citizens Advice Bureau may be worth considering.

Retirement of local police officer Steve Middleton- Attended the retirement `do` for Police officer Steve Middleton. He has been an excellent officer for Westhill, for Community Safety and an ambassador for Police Scotland.

Trailers Parked in Layby at Peregrine Road- Trailers parked in this `short stay` layby has been an issue of late. Stewart Milne Homes have been very supportive and their vehicles are not (now) responsible. Last complaint was a trailer with foreign number. Suggested to Council they erect a

`POLITE` Short Term Parking Notice.

Toilets in Shopping Centre- Due to the Men`s Toilet being vandalised a proposal is that they may be demolished, a decision which may not be universally supported. Does WECC have a view on this? There are other toilets in and around the shopping centre. However none of them are Comfort Toilets.



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	<p>Councillors Ex Officio Members of WECC- Could consideration be given to elected members who are ex officio members of WECC being listed in the Bulletin alongside Community Council members.</p> <p>It was agreed that the office bearers should draft a letter to the Council regarding the toilets at Shopping Centre.</p> <p>David Ritchie advised he can add the Councillors to members list in next Bulletin, but Cllr Walker stated that Councillors do not need to be named in the Bulletin as it may cause confusion between the role of WECC and the role of Councillors in particular with regard to planning applications. It was therefore agreed that this would not be taken forward.</p>	<p><u>DR</u></p>
13	<p><u>Sub-Group Reports</u> Environment Sub-group Submitted report:- At the January meeting the dog-fouling signs we had purchased were displayed. It was suggested we protect and include further information on the signs. Four quotes were obtained, ranging from £75 to £253 for 5mm Perspex covers and we selected the lowest priced option. We could not get permission to use Aberdeenshire Councils logo on these signs. The cost of the art work to be added to provide the further information is £148, and is all in hand. We hope to bring the finished article to the March meeting.</p> <p>With help from Cllr. Walker, we are arranging a meeting with the Aberdeenshire Environment Officer, the Ranger and friends of Denman Park to explore the upkeep of the ponds. The recent tidy up of the park was fantastic but stopped at the ponds. We feel they could be improved to create a more attractive place for visitors and for the local schools nature studies projects.</p> <p>The Vice Chairperson proposed approval for the £223 cost of the perspex and additional wording for the dog-fouling signs. This was seconded by Bill Loudon.</p> <p>Litter The Litter team will run the first Litter Pick of 2019 on 16th February. After some initial problems with email, all the known volunteers have now been informed of the dates for the full year. A reminder will be emailed a few days prior to the event. In communication with Stuart Neil, the manager at Westhill Tesco, he has informed me that he has decided to no longer send staff to join in with our litter picks, as he kindly has done for the last few years. Instead, he says he will still support our efforts by sending, hopefully more of his staff, to clear litter in the area around his store and the lane behind Shepherds Rest. He says he will source his own kit and can more easily justify the staff time. He will continue to do these picks on the same day that we do our own. This in turn should allow us to concentrate more on other areas.</p> <p>Ken, Raymond and Bill</p> <p>Projects Sub-group- Gateway Art Project Submitted report:- The sculpture will be unveiled on Saturday 11th May at 2pm. The project team have had several meetings to start planning how the day will proceed. The Hampton by Hilton hotel are providing teas afterwards and we will have to invite people to this, although we are hoping that</p>	



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many residents will come to see the unveiling. We are planning a quiz for children and an exhibition in the library of memories, maps and photos, which we can also use on Gala Day on 8th June. Holger is over for 2 days this week to meet Landscape Services staff and will come along to our meeting at coffee time.

Kate Lumsden

Kate further advised that her team are arranging the 11th May unveiling event. She has asked Shelia Kelly, who lives in the oldest house in Westhill (Prospect Cottage), to do the unveiling. The MC will be Iain Walker, the first Head Teacher at Westhill Primary. There will be a quiz and a drawing competition for the children, with the winner announced at the Gala on 8th June. Holger Lonze advised that he had spent some time during this visit looking to see what still remains of the buildings that existed on Old Skene Road area in the 1960s. The Vice Chairperson asked Kate to set up an Event on Facebook for the unveiling on 11th May.

KL

Events Sub-group

Submitted report:-

Christmas Lights- The lights are back in storage at Broomfold. In March I will be contacting our supplier to see if I can trade in the 10 or so lights that are outside the new Council spec against cost of replacement lights.

A member of the public asked if we could get good quality smaller lights which will look as good as the bigger lights did. It was also suggested that it may be possible for some of the bigger lights could be put up in the shopping centre. David Ritchie will look into this.

Westhill Gala- As advised in the Gateway Art Project report above, the plan for 8th June is to display the Westhill history exhibition after it has been in Library. If anyone has any suggestions for other things we could have on our stall please let me know.

David Ritchie

Community Liaison Sub-group

Submitted report:-

We continue to focus on 3 areas:

1. Forging links with 'obvious' local groups – SensationALL, Westdyke Leisure Centre, CAB, Library etc.
2. Looking for 'less obvious' groups to forge a link with – what are their needs and how can we support them?

ACTION - We still require further support to have access to obvious and less obvious local groups

3. Approach local employers- We really need to have something concrete to approach them with in order to get 'in the door'. We therefore propose that the new website have a Volunteers section with a 'Volunteering' button. Volunteers could select from a drop down box what areas they would like to be involved in e.g. litter picking, local charity work etc. If this could be highlighted to local employers as a way of giving their employees a chance to volunteer in the community they operate in then this could lend support to their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) agenda. We could then post on the website the companies taking part and hopefully this would encourage others to follow suit.

ACTION:

- We still require access to list of local employers approached previously
- Brian presents a proposal for the development of a feasibility study for a project called Cycling without Age (CWA). This encourages volunteers to take older people for bike rides, using specially designed 'trishaws'. It aims to help socially isolated older people meet others and be physically active. Following a pilot scheme, the Scottish Government is providing £300,000 to set up the CWA project across the country.

Mandy, Brian & Heather

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The Vice Chairperson mentioned that the Scottish Government funding for Cycling Without Age scheme is not currently available to communities in Aberdeenshire. Brian Colvin stated that they would like to do a study to see if this is something that can be brought in.

Governance Sub-group

Submitted report:-

The process of reviewing and updating all WECC governing documents is now in progress. Documents will be examined one at a time and will be redrafted / amended where required. The Standing Orders document appended to the constitution has been redrafted and is currently being reviewed for errors / omissions / corrections etc.
Brian Colvin

John Thornton asked what is being done by the Governance sub-group at the moment. The Vice Chairperson stated that they had just finished redrafting the standing orders.

Communications Sub-group

Submitted report:-

At present our subgroup consists of Chika Edeh (co-ordinator), Kate Lumsden and Daniel Hay.

Website- Following members' views and feedback on our initial presentation for the website, we have gone back to look at a different approach.

We are reviewing the way website itself looks. We agreed that there is a need to enliven the outlook. Members' pictures and roles ought to now appear on the website as it is contemporary to better inform the public on who is doing what. That includes the elected members whose profiles ought to be primarily hosted on WECC website even if a link may still be included to their own public service profiles. At present, a link exists which simply takes a visitor straight to their profile on Aberdeenshire or other site, with no hosted info by WECC. Chika will now be exploring simpler, cheaper website building alternatives that could still deliver at least, a minimum transformation for the now.

We will also be exploring the use of Instagram as a modern social media tool that could help achieve our goal of engagement and info dissemination.

We also agreed to work more closely with the Westhill Parents Info and Marketplace Facebook group. The page has over 4000 members, and so we thought that rather than trying to reinvent the wheel, we could be best served by working closely with them to get our information and programs across. At the same time, we would be looking at opportunities to support the group's page managers through invitations to exchange knowledge and share best practice with WECC at any of our meetings in future.

Our main reason for going as far as we had intended with the scale and dynamism of the original presentation was to draw in the youth. Because we are having to scale down, we thought of other ways to still win over the youth engagement. Therefore, we are proposing that at least a page or two of the quarterly Bulletin be dedicated to articles on the youth, by the youth and for the youth. This could be initiated as early as the summer Bulletin should the members approve. Our sub-group intends to canvass the academy and primary schools to promote the idea and establish a regular flow of materials from them for the Bulletin.

Finally, our review is ongoing. We will present a formal proposal once we have a fuller picture. In the meantime, members should please consider sending in their pictures for the member's page on website. Or, for uniformity, we could invite a photographer to one of our meetings to take us individually and as a group.

Chika Edeh



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Daniel Hay added that we are looking to improve the current website rather than designing a new one at this time. We would like to make it more user-friendly. John Thornton asked if we are getting an updated version of WordPress; this will be looked at by the group.

Bulletin- Spring issue will start getting distributed this weekend. It includes a page summarising the history of Westhill in the 1960s and 70s. The summer and autumn issues will cover the history from the 80s onwards.

I emailed members in January to check if they were ok for their telephone numbers to be added to their names in list on page 2 in Bulletin. I had asked for negative confirmation, but due to GDPR I should have requested positive confirmation. I didn't proceed with this but the secretary will send out an updated members list shortly and this should be used for a reference point.

David Ritchie

David advised that the Bulletin printer had told him today they will not manage to do deliver it on Friday, so it will be Monday now.

Finance Sub-group

Submitted report:-

Our £5,000 share of the £15,000 cost of the sculpture landscaping work has been paid to Aberdeenshire Council. The contract for this work is between the Council and Bert McIntosh. This means the Council can recover the VAT, which will be £3,000 on top of the £15,000.

David Ritchie

Development Sub-group

Submitted report:-

The objections to the planning applications for a Starbucks and a McDonalds on the Kingshill Commercial Park can be viewed on the Aberdeenshire Councils planning portal; as yet no decisions on these planning applications have been announced.

The sub-group met representatives from Kingswells Community Council to discuss the Aberdeen City LDP. Aberdeen City Council are in the process of assessing each of the sites submitted and will be presenting their views in the Main Issues Report (MIR) reportedly sometime this month. Kingswells Community Council have an excellent planning site on their website which lists and summarises all the proposed developments, particularly those along the A944.

The planning liaison officer from Cults, Bieldside and Milltimber Community Council has contacted WECC and once the Aberdeen City MIR is published we are planning to meet.

At the end of January the Judicial Review against the development of the Kingsford Stadium was held in Edinburgh; the outcome of the court case will be made public in approximately three months' time.

Just a reminder that on Thursday 21st February there is a drop in session from 12.30 to 19.00 at the Holiday Inn which has been organised by the Planning Team at Aberdeenshire Council for residents to discuss the MIR findings.

On Wednesday 6th March WECC have organised an additional follow up session at the Holiday Inn for 7.30, this will be our opportunity to find out if Westhill and Elrick residents have any concerns that we can feedback to Aberdeenshire Council prior to the close of the consultation period on 8th April.

Diane Priestley

Diane suggested that there could be an extra meeting of the Community Council after 6th March for members to look at everything in detail. This can be arranged, however time is running out.

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	<p>John Thornton had emailed the secretary and Cllr Walker to ask who is responsible for gritting the path between Aldi and the Shopping Centre as in icy conditions this path can be rather dangerous.</p> <p>Cllr Walker had spoken to the Aldi manager; the person who grits the car park was unaware that the path was Aldi's responsibility, however this path will be now be treated when required.</p> <p>The Secretary advised that he had recently circulated details from the Area Office re a workshop on Community Participation Requests on 9th March. Brian Colvin had indicated that he would like to go to this.</p>	
15	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Dawn Anderson asked if there was any update on the planned new crossing on Old Skene Road. Cllr Walker hoped that this would be taken forward in the next financial year.</p> <p>The Vice Chairperson drew the meeting to a close at 9:40pm.</p>	
	<u>Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th March 2019 at Holiday Inn</u>	

Daniel Hay
Minutes Secretary

TREASURER FINANCIAL REPORT (Receipts & Payments between the January & February meetings)	GENERAL FUNDS	ADVERTISING PRE-PAID FOR 2019	LITTER CAMPAIGN FUND	TOTAL
FUNDS IN BANK AT 10/1/19	21874.45	9694.00	727.30	32295.75
<u>Receipts in period 11/01/19 to 14/02/19</u>				
Bulletin advertisers-Winter issue	277			277.00
Bulletin advertisers- 2019 prepayments		8915.00		8915.00
<u>Payments in period 11/01/19 to 14/02/19</u>				
Spring Bulletin honorarium	-450.00			-450.00
Kate Lumsden- reimburse Art Project sundries	-20.00			-20.00
Xmas Lights & Tree sundries	-8.75			-8.75
Westhill Men's Shed- Xmas lights Pat Testing & assistance with tree	-100.00			-100.00
Gateway Art Project -WECC share of landscaping costs	-5000.00			-5000.00
Reimburse Ken Stewart for Dog Fouling signs			-643.02	-643.02
FUNDS IN BANK AT 14/2/19	16572.70	18609.00	84.28	35265.98

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Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Westhill Community Council area during the period **01 January to 31 January 2019**

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Community Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

Police will continue to show presence at licensed premises.

There has been 1 incident of vandalism in this reporting period in Westhill.

There have been 2 assaults in this reporting period in Westhill.

There has been 1 incident of Breach of the Peace in this reporting period in Westhill.

We would encourage members of the public to report any antisocial behaviour to Police on 101 at the time to report incidents in order for us to take positive action.

Acquisitive Crime:

In regards to acquisitive crime throughout November there were 3 reports of theft in the Westhill area. All of these incidents were reports of theft by shoplifting.

There have been reports that between September and December 2018 there were a number of reported cases of counterfeit £50 notes being used in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray with incidents reported in locations such as Aberdeen, Portlethen, Ellon, Fraserburgh, Portsoy, Banff and Elgin.

There have been no reports of counterfeit notes in the Westhill area, however anyone with any information if they are able to contact Police Scotland on 101 quoting reference 3548 of 5 December 2018.

Road Safety & road crime:

During this reporting period, there were 3 reports of road offences which included; careless driving and vehicle lighting offences.

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Police act on information from the community, with regard to road safety issues and although Police can't always act on information immediately, local officers will continue to target those we have information about, in an effort to make our streets safer.

Police responded to a number of road traffic collisions within Aberdeenshire in the reported period due to the early fall of snow and icy conditions. We urge drivers to consider whether their journey is essential at the time they leave home or, can they leave later when surfaces are treated and determine if they need to travel at all. If journeys are made we would again urge drivers to adjust their driving style to suit the conditions where braking distances can be increased by more than 6x on ice.

Residents are encouraged to contact Police on 101 at the time to report concerns of drink/drug driving in order for us to take positive action.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

There were no reports for drug related charges.

We continue to encourage members of the community to report any suspicious activity.

Police are aware of the parking issues at Elrick Primary School and patrolled the area for the morning school run, with the aim to educate and prevent parking offences which could have an effect on child safety. The morning Police patrol was well received by the parents.

Breakdown

In January 2019 there have been 15 reported incidents to the Police. That is a decrease of reported incidents to Police from December 2018 where there were 16 reported incidents.

9 of those incidents are detected crimes in the Westhill area, and will either will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal, warned or have been dealt with means of a Conditional Offer or Fixed Penalty.

Contact Us

Please also remember you can communicate with us using any of the following:

- 101 – Non emergency;
- Twitter - @NorthEPolice
- Facebook – www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision
- Web – www.scotland.police.uk
- 999 – Emergency;
- 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers;

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