

**Gourdon Community Council Meeting
Tuesday 6 September 2016 at 7.30 pm
Gourdon Primary School**

Minutes

Present: Jerry Joynson - Chair
Sandra Stuart – Secretary (Minutes)
John Gove
Cllr Jean Dick
Cllr George Car
Jacky Niven

Apologies: Emma Joynson
Angela Wells
Cllr Dave Stewart
Sharon Vanderuit
Jim Shipp-Diamond

1.	Welcome by Chair
2.	Police Report As per Monthly report issued for September 2016.
3.	Approval of Minutes Previous minutes approved. Proposed: Jacky Niven Seconded: Sandra Stuart
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes</p> <p>Old path to beach by Old Mill (since 2 February 2016): Still awaiting response from Aberdeenshire Council. Jerry Joynson is now going to send one further email copying in Willie Munro, Area Manager and Councilor's.</p> <p>Action: Jerry Joynson to email Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>Sewage on the Foreshore: SEPA reported that they are happy that there is no sewage on the foreshore and that it's just litter. Scottish water has no further responsibility.</p> <p>Purchase of Xmas Lights: Lights for lamp posts are not suitable for use. It was decided that there would be no lamp post lights this year and Community Council will look into this next year. Sandra Stuart volunteered to make enquiries about having two Christmas trees in the village. Update at next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Sandra Stuart to enquire about Christmas tree at top and bottom of village.</p>
5.	<p>Angela Wells – Gourdon Primary School</p> <p>Angela was unable to attend meeting – no update given.</p>

6.	<p>KDP Update – J Niven Mearns Tourist Association The “Our Mearns” project was launched in response to information and knowledge gathered by Kincardineshire Development Partnership (KDP). KDP realised there are a number of community projects and initiatives across the Mearns at various stages of development. There is a cluster of ideas along the Coastal Trail South of Stonehaven and additional activities further inland. KDP understood the value of bringing these initiatives together to optimise local community effect on building local economic growth. The aim was to facilitate the collaboration of these groups and projects to contribute to a bigger picture;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Creating an Arts, Cultural & Heritage Tourism Destination”</p> <p>A steering group was formed to explore ways in which this can be achieved. The group has now begun taking steps to form a local Tourism Association and is in the process of developing a Strategic Plan. The Our Mearns Tourism Association will fulfil its role by providing a platform to support Arts, Cultural and Heritage attractions, events and groups in attracting and retaining visitors to the Mearns.</p> <p>KDP Community Cash Kincardineshire Development Partnership are offering local community groups the chance of up to £300 micro grant to support their group or project. With a difference... The community will decide which group or project will receive the grant.</p> <p>The first of four events to be held across Kincardine and Mearns, is planned for the evening of Wednesday 19th October at Drumoak Community Hall 6.45 pm until 8.30 pm.</p>
7.	<p>Planning</p> <p>N/A</p>
8.	<p>AOCB Gourdon Community Action Plan: Jacky Niven reported that the Community Action Plan for Gourdon is well underway. First engagement event to be held at the Tadpoles MacMillan Coffee morning on 7 October 2016.</p> <p>Installation in Boath Park: Jerry Joynson advised that a new floodlight has been erected in Boath Park with no communication to Community Council. Aberdeenshire Council are now looking into the installation.</p> <p>Opportunity for Volunteering in Gourdon: Three local teens are doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award and contacted the Community Council nominate a sponsor for them. Jacky Niven volunteered to sponsor the boys. They will be doing various tidying up of the village and surroundings.</p>
9.	<p>Chair thanked all for attendance.</p>
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 4 October 2016 at 7.30 pm at Gourdon Primary School.</p>