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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DUNDEE CITY
CENTRE AND HARBOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
IN CENTRAL LIBRARY
THURSDAY December 15 2005**

In attendance Robin Bremner
Kenneth Hunter
Scott Milne
Brian Massie
Sheena Wellington
Dawn Marshall
Jim Gordon Communities
Lindsay Matthew Dundee City Council
Brian Gilmore Dundee City Council
Iris Coghill Dundee City Council
Liz Ross

Apologies Will Dawson
Fraser Macpherson
John Milne

1. Welcome.

Liz Ross extended a warm welcome to everyone present.

2. Minutes of last Meeting (17 November))

Minutes proposed by Scott Milne and seconded by Kenneth Hunter.

3. Seagulls

Lindsay Matthew from Dundee City Council Environmental and Consumer Protection Department, gave a presentation on the results of the City Centre Residents survey on the perceived menace of the Seagull population in the city centre and other areas of Dundee.

The results were extremely interesting and a very good response was obtained, showing the interest and significance that this issue has for residents.

The birds are protected in law and any culling requires a license. The ECPD tend to remove eggs from civic buildings which appears to have some effect as the birds do not return in the same numbers. This egg removal service is available to all but a fee is charged. Once the eggs hatch however, they can do little to control numbers.

One tactic has been the introduction of street hopper bins to the city centre area to discourage household waste being deposited in plastic bags for collection. This has already shown some effect in the reduction of the presence of the birds in the area and the mess that they leave.

A report on the survey and its findings will go to the Committee in January, after which time it is hoped that a copy of its findings will be in the public domain.

A lively discussion then took place with the Council officers
The Community Councillors thanked Lindsay, Brian And Iris for an informative and lively evening.

4. Matters Arising (Pre Agenda meeting)

Christmas Issues

The leaflets are now in the print shop and will be collected tomorrow (FRIDAY)

Robin to collect leaflets and make sure that Fraser and Will get the numbers required.

Sheena, Brian to collect leaflets from Robin for distribution to MVS, other outlets and establishments.

Details also on Website

ALL

5. Questionnaire

This is now ready to run with, but will need to be printed and distributed. Sheena to get costings for 700 leaflets and costs of Freepost and acquiring a Freepost address
Jim to enquire if his department can help. The bank account may be able to bear the cost of printing, distributing and returns..

6 Programme

Not discussed due to pressure of time..

LIZ

7. BEAR Scotland.

Scott and Liz met with BEAR representative Gary Allen re the temporary closure of a footpath on Dock Street near Roodyards Road in March/April. Minutes of that meeting will be emailed by Scott to everyone for information.

8. Web Site

Scott reported that this is now up and running with one or two adjustments to be made.

9. Election of New Chairperson

Scott Milne was nominated by Brian Massie and seconded by Sheena Wellington.

Scott Milne was duly declared Chairman of Dundee City Centre and Harbour Community Council.
Congratulations Scott!!

Brian Massie led a vote of thanks to Liz Ross the outgoing chairperson.

10. AOCB

Interim Treasurers report was tabled showing a healthy balance. Funding from DCC for 2005/6 is still to be received.

It was proposed and agreed that a donation of £50 be made to MVS funds to help cover expenses of the Hogmanay events.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 19 January 2006 at 645 for 7.00pm

Pre Agenda Meeting to be held on Tuesday 10 January at 700pm in the Horseshoe Bar, Commercial Street.