



To: Councillor Donnelly, Convener; Councillor Carle, Vice Convener; Councillor George Adam, the Lord Provost and Councillors Graham, Malik, Nathan Morrison, Taylor, Cormie, Hutchison, Jaffrey, MacGregor, Samarai, Sandy Stuart, Delaney and Reynolds.

Town House,  
ABERDEEN 12 April 2016

## **PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

The Members of the **PETITIONS COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in Committee Room 2 - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 2016 at 2.00 pm.**

FRASER BELL  
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

### **B U S I N E S S**

#### **PETITIONS TO BE CONSIDERED**

##### **1 Agent of Change Principle**

We the undersigned petition the council to make representation to the Scottish Government, asking that they strengthen Scottish Planning Policy, by adopting the Agent of Change Principle, whereby the person who causes a change should be responsible for ameliorating any consequences of that change.

The U.K. as a whole has lost 40% of its grassroots music venues to a combination of gentrification and noise abatement notices throughout the past decade. Many of the city's small venues have already been affected by this issue to some extent. Where someone opens a new venue, or suddenly starts holding gigs, then any noise complaints are entirely foreseeable, and it should remain the operators' responsibility to soundproof their premises. Where any new residential accommodation is built within the vicinity of an existing music venue, then the developer should be required to install adequate soundproofing, and to later remedy this should it ever prove insufficient. Existing buildings, which have showcased music for many years, should be officially designated as music venues, and afforded special dispensation, provided reasonable efforts are made to soundproof them. There is a movement to adopt the Agent of Change Principle at a national level, and we ask that the council support these changes to the planning policies. Please be referred to the following link for additional information: <http://musicvenuetrust.com/2014/09/what-is-agent-of-change-and-why-is-it-important/>

2 Fishing Boats at Cove Harbour

We the undersigned petition the council to note the situation faced by the Cove Bay Fisherman and the recent petition of over 11,000 signatures in respect of allowing the fishing boats to remain at Cove Bay harbour

Fishing boats have been working out of Cove Harbour for hundreds of years. They have been told to move but have been given no explanation or information as to why. A number of physical barriers have since been put in place which prevent the fishermen from removing and having full access to their boats. These barriers also prevent the emergency services from launching rescue vessels from the harbour. The general public's access to the foreshore is also restricted.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

3 Minute of the previous meeting of 21 January 2016 - for approval (Pages 3 - 4)

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