

BROUGHTY FERRY BEACH MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Held on Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 1.45pm
Castle Green Leisure Centre, Broughty Ferry

Present: Peter Sandwell, DCC Neighbourhood Services
Sally McConville, DCC Neighbourhood Services
Ronnie McCleary, DCC Neighbourhood Services
Carole Jenkins, DCC Community Officer
Lesley Thom, DCC Criminal Justice Services
Shaun Ward, Forth Ports
Ron Findlay, Broughty Ferry Community Council
Michael Sandeman, DCC City Development (Engineers)
Andy Mulholland, DCC City Development (Planning)

No.	Item	Action
1.	Apologies: Gary Knox, Hugh Begg, Samie Muhsin, Stuart McGowan	
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
2.1	CJ enquired about the Green Dog Walkers scheme (see point 2.2, June minutes). A Professional Dog Walkers scheme is in place and a Green Dog Walkers scheme is under consideration for Dundee. CJ to contact John Whyman for further information.	CJ
3.	Beach Management Action Plan	
3.1	<u>Update: Walkabouts</u> RM and SM carried out a walkabout on 12 and 13 September to identify updates to the action plan. SM circulated the updated action plan prior to this meeting.	
3.2	<u>Action Plan</u> Updated action plan was circulated to group, completed actions can now be removed from the plan. After discussion the following points were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beach Cleaning: SNH are keen to revisit the discussion regarding cleaning the awards beach. Meeting to be held between DCC Neighbourhood Services and SNH in late September.• Boot Camps: PS has raised the issue of boot camps using the dunes with GR. Issue is to be looked into further.• Sand Martin Banks: The condition of the sand martin banks were raised at the last Community Council meeting. The Community Council are to send a letter to Ann Lolley for further information. Some work on the area is to be carried out by DCC Neighbourhood Services.• Memorial Benches: There is now a written form stating flowers should not be placed at benches. PS waiting for response from legal teams. MS informed that some benches may require relocation as part of ongoing coastal works, to be discussed with DB and RM to assess the scale of the issue.• Maintenance of historic lamppost in LNR by Criminal Justice has been postponed, on their programme for winter.• Action regarding the bins outside the Tayberry is now complete.	MS/DB/RM

- Planning condition at flats has been enforced. However, CJ commented that the access is padlocked shut.
- CJ to get an update regarding the broken windows in the telephone box.

CJ

4. Development Issues

4.1 Coastal Protection - update

- There has been public consultation and there will be further public consultation once the project has progressed further to take on feedback and comments.
- A contractor is on board and ground investigations are underway.
- The communication strategy will also be looked at.
- Dune replenishment will have to go through planning. A sand bank has been identified for this part of the project.
- The erosion at grassy beach is also part of the ongoing project.
- CJ is to contact John Gray to discuss the use of public art and local artists in the development.
- Would be beneficial to have a representative of the project at the meeting with SNH. SM to notify Gavin Smith and Michael Sandeman of the date of the meeting.

SM

4.2 Signage Review at Harbour/Beach

To be undertaken prior to summer bathing season, in particular the rip tides warning sign.

5. Operational Issues relating to Seaside Award

5.1 Beach Award

- Attained Beach Award in June and will work towards achieving one again next year.
- Overall the assessor's comments were very positive. They commented on the pile of seaweed and debris left following beach cleaning which also received a complaint from a member of the public. Allowing the pile to accumulate prior to removal is currently the most cost effective method of transporting it away from the beach.
- The Beach Award which focuses on the management of the beach combined with the Water Quality designation is currently sufficient. The option of a Blue Flag is not being ruled out, but for the time being will not be applied for.

5.2 Water Quality

- The European Water Quality designation for Broughty Ferry beach this season was 'Excellent'.
- No issues have been noted during sampling this bathing season.
- SEPA water quality signage is to be removed following the end of the Scottish bathing season on 15 September.

RM

5.3 Beach Cleaning

- A litter survey was carried out by Abertay University which noted issues with sewage related debris in the castle area (mainly historical) and dog fouling on the beach. Marine litter was not as much of an issue.
- PS to invite the organisers of the survey to the next beach management meeting.
- Litter picks by local volunteers, DCC staff and Criminal Justice Services are to continue.

PS

5.4 Water Safety

- In light of recent accidents around the UK's coasts the department H&S Officer compiled a report regarding water rescue equipment in Dundee. The only issues brought to light were vandalism of equipment in the Tesco Riverside area and the lack of a lifebelt at the Bridge Street car park.
- Beach lifeguard provision also to be reviewed.
- SW reported that the equipment often needs restocked at City Quay.
- Rip tides sign near the castle needs reviewed.

6. **Leisure Issues**

6.1 Jet Skis

No issues noted.

6.2 Events

- Beach Litter Pick to be held on Saturday 17 September 2016.
- New Year's Dook.

7. **AOCB**

- 7.1 CJ to circulate survey regarding local community plan for feedback and comments. Looking for quantitative and well as qualitative suggestions.

CJ

8. **Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 14 December 2016 at 1.45pm in Castle Green Leisure Centre.**