

**MINUTE OF THE FERRY LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2015 AT 5.30 PM  
AT BROUGHTY FERRY LIBRARY, QUEEN STREET**

**PRESENT:**

Elaine Zwirlein,	Chair, Ferry Local Community Planning Partnership
Councillor Laurie Bidwell,	Elected Member
Councillor Kevin Cordell,	Elected Member
Councillor Ken Guild,	Elected Member
Baillie Derek Scott	Elected Member
PC Susan MacLeod	Police Scotland
Craig Thomson,	Scottish Fire and Rescue
Stan Nutt,	Broughty Ferry Community Council
Fiona Reekie,	Dundee City Council, Housing Department
Gary Knox,	Dundee City Council, City Development
Joyce Barclay,	Dundee City Council, Social Work
Douglas Barr,	Dundee City Council, Environment Department
Karen O'Rourke,	Grove Parent Council
Nick Toner,	Dundee City Council, Communities and Policy
David Easson,	Broughty Ferry Churches Group
Mark Cooper,	Dundee City Council Housing Department
Charles Delaney,	North Barnhill Tenants and Residents Association

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Paul Raeper,	Dundee City Council, Environment Department
Iain Stevens,	Forthill Community Sports Club
Patrick Delargy,	Age Concern, Dundee (Senior Manager)
Ron Thoms,	Age Concern, Dundee (Treasurer)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

**APOLOGIES:**

Rita Smart,	Forthill Sheltered Housing Tenants and Residents Association
Graham Hutton,	Rector, Grove Academy
Steve James,	Broughty Ferry Traders Association

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and noted as above.

**2. PRESENTATIONS – ROADS MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP**

**2.1 Presentation by Paul Raeper, Dundee City Council Environment – Update on the Recycling Service**

Paul gave a detailed presentation of what had already been established in The Ferry and the plans for the next phase of the rollout which will affect the Broughty Ferry Ward in February 2016 onwards. This will include West Ferry north of the Arbroath Road and parts of the Forthill Sheltered Housing area which has not been included in the present phase.

**ACTION**

Overall the department were pleased with the response from local residents although the department accepted that there was still localised issues in certain areas.

A copy of the presentation is attached to the minute.

#### **Question from David Easson**

David commented that he thought the new calendar produced by the department was very useful, not only because of the colour coding but because of the different shapes which relate to different bins, therefore people with sight issues could still work out the relevant bin to put out on a relevant day. He had a query about the irregularity of replacement food bags as there had been some issues with the bin drivers not having enough in stock when people had tied bin bags to the handles. Paul agreed to note this as a concern.

#### **Question**

Charles Delaney from North Barnhill raised that North Barnhill area were still having issues with the whole implementation of the recycling scheme in Abernethy, Abercrombie, Aberdour and Strathmore Streets. There are two calendars in existence which makes considerable confusion and the residents had significant issues with the bin recesses and the new euro bin system which had been installed which didn't have the same capacity as the old bins.

Paul commented that he was aware of continuing issues in Abernethy and Abercrombie and staff in the department were trying to work out solutions.

#### **Question**

Laurie Bidwell commented that he found the introduction letter to residents very wordy and felt that Dundee City Council should be making more of the positive reasons of why the public should recycle rather than why they should not do it.

He also commented about the residents in North Barnhill and a recent walkabout which highlighted the need for the euro bins and different communal bins in the area to be collected on a weekly basis.

Correspondence and photographs were provided to the meeting showing issues with bin recesses that had not been emptied for over three weeks.

A separate short meeting was held outwith the partnership with the Environment Department and residents concerned.

## **2.2 Presentation 2 was from Iain Stevens from Forthill Community Sports Club**

Iain gave some background to ambitious plans that Forthill Sports Club have for upgrading some of the club facilities and the building of a 3D hockey pitch in the grounds of the Forthill Community Sports Club area. In order to achieve this the club are looking to work in partnership with Dundee City Council to obtain a small piece of land to help realise the project. The club are working with partners within the City Council to realise the maximum community benefit from any such proposals and have agreed to work with the Environment Department on the upgrading and reinstallation of a new play park in the area.

A copy of the presentation is attached.

Elaine Zwirlein updated everyone to explain that negotiations were in the very early stages regarding this project and work was being co-ordinated so that a report could be prepared for a future Committee date. However, Forthill need to work on a consultation strategy and detailed feasibility study and needed to start the consultation process with the partnership in order to allow the background work to be prepared.

### Questions

David Easson commented that he felt the play park was well used and also provided a valuable area for kickabout. Iain Stevens commented that they were working closely with the Environment Department and other partners to make sure that there would be no loss of amenity.

Ken Guild commented that there would need to be significant consultation with City Development Officers regarding access to the school as there had been major problems for Forthill Primary School.

Elaine confirmed that the prepared report will include consultations and responses from City Development colleagues.

Laurie Bidwell commented that this would no doubt both a Committee Report and a planning application, however, wanted it noted that there is a footpath running from Marlee Terrace which would need to be considered and also the considerable traffic issues in the area.

Elaine thanked Iain for his presentation.

## 2.3 3rd Presentation – Age Concern, Dundee

Patrick Delargy, the Senior Manager of Age Concern, Dundee gave a presentation giving a description of the Age Concern, Dundee, about its charitable status, Director, staff and volunteers. Presently there are two service centres, the Daycare Centre at Fiveways Centre and the St Aidan's Centre. The Fiveways Centre is a five day centre which is purpose built, has bus transport to and from it and covers the Central and West of Dundee and provides entertainment. The St Aidan's Centre is a two day centre and referral and attendance data is attached with the minutes.

Age Concern, Dundee try to make the experience for service users as positive and it used to be used more like a club. However, partners will see from the figures that referrals are going down and there are in particular many less self referrals from carers and families.

One of the other issues is that the average age of the users in Broughty Ferry is increasing and now many of the service users are over 75 and some are 80+. This provides the service with many more challenges, particularly in issues surrounding dementia.

Due to financial issues the centre in Brook Street was sold and a lease has now been taken with St Aidan's on a Wednesday and Friday and relevant charges are made depending on which service people use.

Patrick recorded that the Wednesday session at Broughty Ferry was very lively and numbers were good but the Friday session had very low numbers. The Board were looking at a number of issues that included such issues as whether the present day care model, does that fit in Broughty Ferry, and also whether the name Age Concern, Dundee was having a negative effect.

The Board and Managers are always looking at funding and are also constantly training their staff, updating and maintaining the buildings and keeping their IT systems up to date. The future for Age Concern is that they will be getting registration with the Care Inspectorate which will provide benefits but will have additional costs.

Patrick would be happy to work with the partners of the LCPP to help promote the service and there were opportunities for a description of the service to go into the newsletter presently being developed by Nick Toner.

### **Questions**

Ken Guild queries the financial commitment at the St Aidan's Centre. Patrick commended Broughty Ferry New Kirk and said that they had been very welcoming and helped Age Concern tremendously. They presently had a rolling monthly short term lease which balanced with the numbers in attendance.

David Easson questioned whether there was a lower age limit 55-64 as he knew of someone who had been turned away in the past. Patrick said there was no age limit on referrals. David also suggested that Age Concern use public noticeboards in the area of which there were now quite a few.

**Action:** Carole Jenkins to provide a list of where the public noticeboards are and encourage Age Concern to produce a flier or poster for publicity.

### **Question**

Joyce Barclay suggested Age Concern could go and give a talk to Forthill Sheltered Housing Complex and possibly some of the other complexes in the area and also may be able to look at future use of the sheltered housing lounge.

She also suggested working more closely with Nicola Mitchell who was the new Celebrate Age Development Worker. Carole Jenkins agreed to forward contact details.

Stan Nutt commented that as a former Director he agreed with the comments about the image that people perceived about Age Concern, Dundee and felt that some positive marketing would definitely help.

Elaine thanked Patrick and John for their presentations and highlighted the good work that Age Concern do in the Ferry.

## **3. PREVIOUS MINUTE AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and there were no matters arising other than those on the agenda.

## **4. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/ORGANISATION UPDATES**

### **4.1 Grove Parent Council**

Karen O'Rourke said that the school had only just got back on Tuesday of this week and as yet she had nothing to report other than that the next Parent Council meeting was to be held at Grove Academy on 8th September at 7.00 p.m.

#### 4.2 CLD Regeneration Worker

Carole Jenkins updated the partnership that Nick Toner was now working in The Ferry for 10.4 hours per week to help deliver some of the partnership work and the support of groups in the area. Nick would be meeting local groups and partners over the coming weeks and his main task would be to continue with the development of the newsletter.

#### 4.3 DCC Environment Department

Dougie Barr updated the partnership that The Ferry was judged for the Beautiful Scotland competition and the judging will take place in Perth on 10th September 2015. Broughty Ferry was also included with the city's bid to Britain in Bloom which will be judged some time in October. Thanks were expressed to all the community members who contributed to the weeks and months of hard work and preparation.

Dougie also raised the issues that the Environment had had this year with the high tides and the hard and excess refuse that has been left on the beach. Additional resources have been put in to keep the beach clean for the beach award and to allow the public to enjoy the facility.

The second application of herbicides will be carried out over the next couple of weeks which will be administered by staff on quad bikes.

Environment Department would like to pass their thanks to the Insight Youth Group for helping with the painting of seats, information boards and sheds in the Rock Garden from the week commencing 3rd August. 15 young people gave up their time to help with local community projects.

Dougie also reminded partners about the up and coming walkabout in the Forthill area which is scheduled for 11 a.m. on 8th September. He also reported that the list of environmental improvements which would include those for the Ferry area that would be going to Committee in October.

Baillie Derek Scott gave an update on behalf of Broughty Ferry Development Trust. The Trust had had its AGM and now had up to nine new members on its Committee. Their facebook page had been revitalised and their recent meeting had had a talk from Jimmy Mooney from the Timebank who was asking the Trust whether they could link the Timebank with the Trust for their mutual future development. The Trust was going to take this to a future meeting as the issues that they need to deal with more urgently are to look at the constitution and the pressing need to apply for funding.

The Trust are also looking forward to working in partnership with Council Departments and others to look at improvements at Reres Park and possibly Phase 2 of the Fishermen's Graveyard.

Derek also wanted to update on behalf of the Timebank. He explained that Jimmy Mooney now has a Committee to take work forward and the objective was now to raise funds and organise more members.

#### 4.4 City Development

Gary Knox explained that the preparation of the new Local Development Plan was being updated to the main issues report. He also mentioned that the three conservation areas in the Ferry had been reported at June's City Development Committee and wanted to pass on his thanks to the Broughty Ferry Community Council, in particular David Hewick for all his work in this regard. Details will be sent to all the properties included in the conservation areas and how this may affect their properties.

Councillor Laurie Bidwell explained that he was a member of the Dundee Fairness Committee which had raised issues with the attainment gap. This shows from the statistics that between 6% and 10% of households in the Ferry were on low income and that there were issues with families on low income and the educational attainment of young people.

Carole Jenkins to follow this up.

Laurie also raised issues in the recent press about Police Scotland's clear up rate but noted the positive figures in the reduction in issues in the Abernethy and Abercrombie Street areas.

Susan MacLeod was attending on behalf of Sergeant Graham Elrick and did not have knowledge of the issues in the press. Carole agreed to e-mail.

#### 4.5 Broughty Ferry Churches Group

David Easson commented that work slowed down over the summer, however, the first meeting of the Churches Forum would take place in the first week in September and the Our Lady of Good Council was chair for the next four meetings. He reported that the Christian Aid lunches had raised over £800 in Lent and that in May the flower festival in the New Kirk had raised over £2,000 for Christian Aid. David would be working on the update of the calendar list and would forward this on to Carole Jenkins who would ensure that a copy went into the library.

#### 4.6 Fire Scotland

Craig voted that the figures showed a spike of anti-social behaviour fires (9) in the Ferry over the summer although this was low compared to other areas in Dundee.

He also reported that the decision as to where to site the North of Scotland control room had now been made and he would be pleased to report that this would be sited in Dundee at the Macalpine Road Station.

Craig also updated the partnership that there would be a couple of dates when people could get their electric blankets tested, 22nd September and 23rd September. Carole Jenkins confirmed that she had been given information by Laura McDermott from Home Safety and Susan Lander from Fire Scotland and information would be circulated to local groups.

Joyce Barclay from Social Work queried the Home Fire Safety stats in the context of the numbers of higher elderly residents in the Ferry. Craig confirmed that visits were always continuing and that numbers were still regular for the Home Fire Safety Visit service and that all vulnerable members of staff were noted on the system. He also confirmed that the Ferry still had a supply of smoke alarms for the deafened and hard of hearing and referrals could be made to them if there were issues.

#### 4.7 Social Work

Joyce Barclay reported the major changes in the restructuring of the Social Work Department to the Children and Families Service and the Health and Social Care Service. She reported that there would be a multi agency inspection for Education and Social Work in the Children and Families Service.

There are a number of events and awareness raising campaigns surrounding the Protecting People and Joyce handed paperwork regarding the Safe Place Initiative meeting which starts in the city centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015. This was to highlight an initiative identifying areas that could be identified as a safe place for vulnerable people and shouldn't just be for the city centre but partners needed to work on where this could be in the Ferry. This could be tied in with world host training so that relevant staff could be trained appropriately regarding areas of vulnerability.

#### **4.8 Broughty Ferry Community Council**

Stan Nutt commended David Hewick for his work to do with the consultation for the conservation areas.

He also updated the partnership about the work to do with the Ward boundary consultation and in particular the deputation from the West Ferry Action Group. Issues will be discussed at the Broughty Ferry Community Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September where the Head of Legal and Democratic Services would be in attendance to give an update on the proposal.

Stan also raised the forthcoming Community Council Elections which would be held for Broughty Ferry Community Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015. The meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> September would provide an opportunity to highlight the recent work done by the Community Council and hopefully attract new members.

#### **Broughty in Bloom Update**

People will no doubt have noticed the improved area, the increase in the numbers of planters and hanging baskets. Broughty in Bloom are always looking for volunteers and partners will no doubt have noted the flowers outside the library.

#### **4.9 DCC Housing Department**

Mark Cooper introduced himself as the new Tenant Participation Officer in Dundee and look forward to meeting groups and people in the Ferry and the relevant partners.

#### **4.10 Councillor Ken Guild**

Referred to the last Broughty Ferry Community Council meeting and was pleased that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services would be attending the next meeting.

He also raised ongoing concerns from residents up at the south side of the Arbroath Road were having with the Green Belt company who were responsible for the maintenance of all the green space. Due to the challenging summer conditions, many of the paths and rights of way along East Balgillo right along to Panmurefield had been blocked and Ken Guild and others had been trying to obtain meetings with Green Belt and their sub-contractors to find a solution. Issues were being referred to the Legal Department.

#### **4.11 Councillor Cordell**

Councillor Cordell asked whether meetings could be held at different times of the day to enable a wider group of residents to attend as some people cannot make the evening. Carole explained that the meetings had been held historically in the evenings as a request from partners, however, she would carry out some work to ascertain whether this was still the current position.

**Action:** Carole Jenkins to e-mail partners and local groups regarding dates and times for future meetings.

## 5. COMMUNITY PLAN

Carole Jenkins had already circulated an update for the Ferry Local Community Planning Partnership dated August 2015.

Carole had also updated a funding update report for the Planning Partnership detailing six applications which had come in since the last meeting.

For the minute Carole is to correct paragraph 5.2 from Barnhill Playgroup to Barnhill St Margaret's Playgroup as these were two separate organisations.

Laurie Bidwell commented that due to the significant amounts Grove Academy were requesting from the Planning Partnership it would have been useful to have somebody at this meeting to talk to their projects. It was agreed by the Partnership that in future applicants should be invited to attend relevant Partnership meetings to discuss their applications.

Partners were to note that there was only £279 left in the Ferry application for the 2015/16 funding and Carole and Nick would continue to work with groups to help with accessing other funding streams if required.

## 6. COMMUNITY ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no issues further than what had been raised earlier in the meeting.

Elaine Zwirlein updated the Partnership following Joyce's update from Social Work about the wider Council restructuring into four directorates, (1) Children and Families, (2) Corporate Services, (3) City Development and (4) Neighbourhood Services. Elaine explained that she had been appointed the Executive Director for Neighbourhood Services and unfortunately this would mean that there would have to be a change to the Chair of the Local Community Planning Partnership for the Ferry. However, partners would note that with significant restructuring being carried out, wider work may need to take place across all the Local Community Planning Partnerships.

## 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015, **venue is to be confirmed in due course.**