

**MINUTE OF THE FERRY LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT 5.30 PM
AT GROVE ACADEMY LIBRARY**

PRESENT:

Elaine Zwirlein,	Chair, Ferry Local Community Planning Partnership
Councillor Laurie Bidwell,	Elected Member
Councillor Ken Guild,	Elected Member
Baillie Derek Scott	Elected Member
PC Iona McIntyre,	Police Scotland
Stan Nutt,	Broughty Ferry Community Council and Broughty in Bloom
Gary Knox,	Dundee City Council, City Development
Joyce Barclay,	Dundee City Council, Children and Families
Douglas Barr,	Dundee City Council, Environment Department
Nick Toner,	Dundee City Council, Communities
Charles Delaney,	North Barnhill Tenants and Residents Association
Alison MacAulay,	Dundee City Council, Senior CLD Worker for Housing and Communities
David Easson,	Broughty Ferry Churches Group
Carole Jenkins,	Communities Officer
Graham Hutton,	Rector, Grove Academy, Children and Families Services
Gary Torbett,	Broughty Ferry Baptist Church

APOLOGIES:

Rita Smart,	Forthill Sheltered Housing Tenants and Residents Association
Steve James,	Broughty Ferry Traders Association
Councillor Kevin Cordell,	Elected Member
Fiona Reekie,	Dundee City Council, Housing and Communities
Neil Cooney,	Broughty Ferry BID

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

2. PREVIOUS MINUTE AND MATTERS ARISING

4.13 of the last minute

Carole Jenkins had been asked to find out people's preferences for when The Ferry Community Planning Partnership should meet in the future. After e-mailing the Partnership 14 responses had been received. Seven partners preferred meeting in the evening and this included all the community reps in the area. Seven expressed no preference although many commented that they felt the emphasis should go with community groups. Two expressed a preference for either morning or afternoon. It was agreed that future meetings should still be held early evening.

2.2 Forthill Community Sports Club

The Communities Officer was meeting with Property in the near future to prepare a report which will be sent to Committee detailing the proposals explained at the last Partnership meeting.

ACTION

- 2.1 Charlie Delaney said that the issues concerning recycling in their area had been addressed and some of the area had received the wrong calendar which had caused confusion with uplift days. All residents can find the calendars online.

https://www.dundee.gov.uk/forms/wastemgt_calendars.php

3. PRESENTATIONS

Carole Jenkins and Alison MacAulay gave a presentation about the Community Learning and Development delivered in the Broughty Ferry Ward. The presentation went through the various services that contributed to the Community Learning and Development in the area around the three main areas of operation:

- Community Capacity Building
- Learning for Adults
- Learning for Young People

There are a number of partners who deliver including the Community Regeneration Team and other DCC services, CLD Youth Workers, CLD Adult Learning Workers, staff at Broughty Ferry Library, staff from The Corner and Peer Education and a number of organisations from the Third Sector and Voluntary Groups in the area including the Churches, local groups, BERA, YMCA, Environmental Groups and Broughty Ferry Traders.

A copy of the presentation and a recent report on Welfare Reform and Community Learning and Development Challenges and Responses is circulated with this minute.

Questions – there were a number of questions directed to Alison about services run by the CLD Youth Team and especially about the Midnight League and female participation in football. Alison circulated information cards and a referral pack which is being worked on at present and will be circulated to the partners of the Community Planning Partnership in due course.

One of the challenges facing the city and Broughty Ferry as a Ward is the implementation of Universal Credit which came into place on 7th November. At present it is affecting single people between 18 and 32 and not homeless or families. However, the impact is likely to be greater when the phased rollout starts happening. There is likely to be a bigger impact on recipients of Disability Living Allowance and Social Work raised the concern that there could be a disproportionate affect on people living in areas like Broughty Ferry. The reason for this is that Broughty Ferry has the largest number of unreached carers that care for less than 20 hours a week. There is no Carers Allowance granted unless the service is given for 35 hours a week and this could be a potential barrier if people have to sign on for Job Seekers Allowance. Signing on and applying for work can impact into time spent on caring responsibilities and it is important information to get out to people where they can go for help.

There is a Corporate Working Group working on this which includes Officers from Dundee City Council, Department of Work and Pensions, voluntary groups and support organisations. Elaine thanked the CLD Team for the work and the recognition of how much work is going on in the area and the importance of the recognising of CLD opportunities and initiatives and the connecting of groups and organisations in communities to come together to help deliver.

4. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/ORGANISATION UPDATE

Broughty Ferry Churches Group

David Easson referred to a recent leaflet that had been printed detailing all the activities run by the Churches in the local area. Each Church has a number of these to distribute as does the Library and other public places. The Churches Group will also be at the Lights Switch On on the 26th November distributing information about the services that they all run over the next two to three months.

Dundee City Council, Children and Families Service

Joyce Barclay gave an update about the Health and Social Care Integration from the Children and Families Service. There will be a draft Strategic Plan available in February which will be circulated to the Local Community Planning Partnership. The move of functions to the Integrated Board will take place in April.

There is an event on Wednesday 3rd February about how to get the best out of technology to help with the Health and Social Care Agenda. This will be series of drop-ins and demonstrations about how to use electronic devices to help promote independence.

Joyce also mentioned that there are some detailed analysis work being carried out at the moment which could provide Ward by Ward information which could help target future work in the Broughty Ferry area.

Laurie Bidwell questioned how members of the public/elected members can be involved in the future Integrated Board. Joyce acknowledged that there was a lot of work going on in this area and in particular the complaints system was not always being used in the right way. The complaints system was not a way of getting a review of a decision but at present seen to be the way it was being used.

Elaine Zwirlein commented that this could form a possible presentation to a future Local Community Planning Partnership once more details of the structure and transfer of functions were available.

Broughty Ferry Community Council

David Easson gave an update as Stan Nutt had, had to leave early. The Community Council is now in a healthy position of having 16 nominated Community Councillors and a possible one to be co-opted. The recent public concern expressed over the Boundary Commission proposal had helped publicise what a Community Council can do for the local area. Office Bearers still have to be nominated and no doubt new members will need some background training and support.

Ken Guild queried whether there was a good balance of representation throughout The Ferry and Carole Jenkins confirmed that there were now at least three members from each area of Broughty Ferry, West Ferry, Central Broughty Ferry, Barnhill and Balgillo.

The next meeting of the Community Council is on Tuesday 1st December at Broughty Ferry Library.

Environment Services

Dougie Barr gave a detailed update of the work being carried out in the Broughty Ferry area.

- Priority over the autumn and winter was the clearing of fallen leaves to prevent as many slips and falls as possible. Priority areas are Sheltered Housing, Social Work properties and then public open spaces and green spaces. Work will continue until Christmas and the New Year and then go on to pruning and the opening up of green spaces.
- Environmental Improvements
 - Castle Green, the second part of replanting and work in the potting area was commencing. The old chestnut fencing was coming down and will be replaced with a metal fence.
- Orchar Park
 - There is a requirement to reduce the labour costs and maintenance costs in all green spaces. As a result some of the hedges are going to be removed from Orchar Park. Those around the Bowling Green will be staying but others around the play park area will be removed and replacement railings will be put into place.
- Dawson Park
 - Old dark hedging and planting will be removed to open up the park visibility from the Arbroath Road and also provide more visibility to the Tennis Courts.
 - Future Capital spends needs to be identified to reduce staff maintenance burden for the future.
- Peter Sandwell has applied for the National Beach Award for Broughty Ferry.
- Reres Hill
 - There has been considerable amount of work by local voluntary group, the Broughty Ferry Development Trust looking to improve the green space. After a recent site visit and a Take Pride In Your Park event, some work had started to remove overgrown planting and Dougie confirmed that a group with mental health issues were becoming involved in helping clear the area. There is consideration being given to establish a Friends Group and to include Reres Hill into the Green Flag System so that it gets an inspection and scoring. He also confirmed that the Forestry Section had agreed to complete some work on the crown of trees to open out the viewpoint to the south and west.
 - Elaine Zwirlein passed on her thanks to all staff regarding the amount of work that had gone into the successful Britain In Bloom Award which had been a UK wide award for Dundee. She acknowledged that all partners involved, the NHS, University, Dundee City Council etc had played a part but in particular the voluntary communities in Broughty Ferry were heavily involved in a lot of work throughout the city.

- Carole Jenkins queried the proposal about the hedge removal in Queen Street Car Park and its replacement with fencing. Dougie explained that this was one of the proposals in the potential Capital spend to save with suggestions of planters being provided for Broughty In Bloom to maintain. Carole explained that the Traders had commented that if this does happen the recycling would need to be moved and they would be grateful for discussions to see whether a central area could be provided for a large Christmas Tree. Comments were made that any works should not affect the provision of car parking spaces.
- Laurie Bidwell also reminded everyone that Dawson Park has been selected for a National Award which local people need to vote on. Carole is to provide the link to the partners.

Police Scotland

PC Iona McIntyre explained that Operation Challenge regarding an initiative around dealing with anti-social behaviour will continue. Partners are to note that The Ferry has the lowest numbers in the city, however the Police are aware that this still has an impact on local communities.

There is also targeted work going on around house-breaking and in particular Operation After Dark is in place again. Carole asked if there were any updated posters available for this as community groups could place these on local Notice Boards. The Community Safety Hub will have some but Iona said she would try and get some dropped off.

David Easson queried whether there would be a possibility of showing like for like statistics from the same period last year and it was agreed that there would be a request put into the Community Safety Analysts.

Laurie Bidwell queried whether there would be any traffic initiatives in particular with the use of speed guns and Iona confirmed that this would probably be more to do with the Traffic Department of the Police, however she would check.

David Easson queried the height of the speed restriction at the bottom of Ralston Road and Ken Guild confirmed that this had been done in a deliberate manner because of the need for traffic coming in from different junctions to be able to see the signs. These were purely preventative and there are no cameras or enforcements attached to the signs.

Alison MacAulay queried the reference to motor bikes and in particular the project that is run by the CLD Youth Team, George Thomson. Most referrals come from the Anti-Social Behaviour Team but it would be useful to have information about the age groups involved with offences.

Graham Hutton from Grove Academy raised his concerns about the increase of issues and offences surrounding online and technology devices. Iona confirmed that recording for these crimes falls under a number of categories, only some of which will be recorded under the Anti-Social Behaviour category. There is a possibility for some searching to be done on this, however the information will not be made available for the public domain. Carole Jenkins agreed to contact the Community Safety Base and arrange a meeting to discuss ongoing work in relation to this. A considerable amount of work with both Grove Academy and Eastern Primary around issues to do with misuse of technology had taken place over the last two to three months.

Charlie Delaney raised his concerns about the amount of anti-social parking in Forthill Road, particularly between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm when the Schools come out. PC McIntyre confirmed that there is an initiative to start in the New Year around Forthill and the Police will work in partnership with Dundee City Council's Parking Teams.

There followed discussions around issues of inappropriate parking around Schools and in particular Grove Academy.

Elaine Zwirlein asked for partners to e-mail Carole with suggestions for how parking can be made safer and how educational messages can be developed. Elaine agreed to organise a future meeting with Neil Gellatly and bring the results back to a future Local Community Planning Partnership.

Councillor Laurie Bidwell

There is a consultation being developed by City Development about a proposal for 20 mph zones and there will be an opportunity for communities to give opinion on which areas these should be put in.

Recent meetings at both Barnhill Primary School and North Barnhill Tenants and Residents had highlighted the need for improved pitches and he wondered whether Gilles Park could be improved for use by the local School and community.

The renewal of the Pitch Strategy would be the appropriate vehicle to look at this issue and Dougie agreed to feed this into the Environment Department.

Ken Guild raised the issue in the past where residents around the park had complained about initiatives. The need for wider consultation may be required.

Councillor Derek Scott

Councillor Derek Scott gave an update regarding The Ferry Time Project which had recently had an Extraordinary General Meeting. They have agreed to become a constituted group so that the work developed by Jimmy Mooney can be continued in the area after the Volunteer Centre confirmed that they were withdrawing funding from the project. The group will have an AGM in March and Jimmy is working on attracting funding to allow future work to continue.

Broughty Ferry Development Trust

The Broughty Ferry Development Trust is progressing well with the work regarding Reres Hill and is trying to attract funding to work on the arches and gates. They are also working on the old street signs and the Roads Maintenance Partnership have been invited to the next meeting to discuss some of the concerns. There is also work continuing in the Fisherman's Graveyard and The Trust are very grateful for a bench that has been donated by a local resident.

Councillor Scott also updated the partnership about the traffic order being promoted and going out to consultation about the Parking Survey undertaken in Central Broughty Ferry.

Some concern had been raised by the Community Council about the moving and removal of disabled bays. Carole Jenkins had been in contact with City development and had information regarding the proposals to take to the next Community Council meeting. Some of the work that has been undertaken in The Ferry may not fall under this current report and consultation and may come under different sections of legislation.

Ken Guild reminded everyone that parking was now not a Police issue apart from if it caused obstructions.

City Development

Gary Knox gave an update about the Local Development Plan. The main issues report is going to the December Committee and consultation will start in January/February 2016. He also updated the Partnership about the restructuring of the City Development Department, Mike Galloway is the Executive Director, Gregor Hamilton is Head of Service of Planning and Economic Development, Neil Gellatly of Roads and Transportation and Fergus Wilson of Design and Property.

Laurie queried the issue The Trust was having with the street signs. Gary explained that there were no statutory protection for the old signs, however what they had tried to do in the conservation areas was identify clusters of signs for important streets.

Grove Academy

Graham Hutton provided a detailed update with Gary Torbett regarding the Life to the Full Project. A report is attached to the minute for partners attention.

He also provided an update on the installation of wifi in Grove both of which were partially funded by the Local Community Planning Partnership. The installation of wifi will allow for the introduction of the Bring Your Own Device and will enhance learning and teaching for all pupils across the School. He also updated about the successful Japanese exchange where 17 young people and three staff had travelled to Japan representing the School and local community and 17 Japanese children had visited Broughty Ferry.

Ken Guild passed on his congratulations to two third year Grove pupils, Heather and Joe who had been present at the Scottish Cities Convention and gave an excellent presentation on the Waterfront.

There are a number of Sporting Awards read out where local pupils had represented Scotland and the UK. Angie Obanarjee had received an award by the Institute of Actuaries for obtaining 100% in the advanced Higher Maths exam. Partners are to note that there is a Christmas Event held at School on 5th December from 10.30 am until 3.00 pm. Also the Grove Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday 17th December.

North Barnhill Tenants and Residents

Charlie Delaney raised a concern about the lack of litter bins at bus stops and Dougie Barr confirmed that he will look into this and get back to the group.

5. THE COMMUNITY PLAN

Carole went through the funding applications that had recently been received in particular:

- An application for support with Outdoor Education Programme from Eastern Primary. Partners to note the attached report.
- Carole also asked for permission to progress with the assessment of an application received from The Ferry Timebank for the balance of £300 which will help them with Insurance and staffing costs for January, February and March of next year while they apply for other funding. Partners were happy for this to be progressed.

Finally Carole informed the Partnership that an application had been received for £1,995 from the Dundee Chinese School for the free trial of Chinese Language and Culture. Due to the fact we did not have the money in the budget for this the Chinese School have withdrawn this application but may apply again next year. Carole agreed that she would forward details on about the application in due course.

6. THE SYRIAN VULNERABLE PERSONS RELOCATION SCHEME

Partners will be aware that Dundee will be helping with the Home Office Initiative to help relocate Syrian families from the conditions they are living in abroad. Elaine Zwirlein asked that all partners work together to make Dundee a welcoming place and support where necessary and appropriate.

Ken Guild made reference to a number of pieces of correspondence he had recently received and was concerned at the amount of mis-information. He reminded everyone that the money for the relocation was coming from the Home Office and did not come directly out of Dundee City Council's budget.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Elaine confirmed that the next meeting would be a handover meeting where she would be handing the Chair over to David Simpson who was the new Manager for Housing and Communities.

The next meeting is to be held at Broughty Ferry Library on Thursday 18th February 2016 at 5.30 pm.