

BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7TH February 2012

PRESENT - George Ferguson, Davick Hewick, Ken Anderson, Colin Doig, W Campbell, David Easson, Fiona Potton, Janice Bell, Stan Nutt.

Visitors - Ken Guild (Councillor), Derek Scott (Councillor), Laurie Bidwell (Councillor), Paul Ireland, Fraser Middleton.

1) Welcome and Apologies.

Apologies were received from Jim Adams, Gary Manini, Carole Jenkins and Doug McLaren

2) Speakers.

Fraser Middleton of Arktx Architects spoke to the C.C. regarding the land to the west of the library which recently had planning refused for a hotel. He was here to gather proposals from the C.C. prior to a second application being submitted for a purpose built 23 bedroom hotel much lower than the last one. Mrs Potton expressed concern about the demolition of an existing house. The presented model and plans had a sedum living roof and open roof garden, and onsite parking.

Paul Ireland, who is setting up the C.C. website, then gave us up to date information about progress of the site. He has taken information from the existing site and made it more user friendly; removing links to other dead sites which have not been updated and it should be up and running by end of February depending on the transfer of the domain name. He is to redo the photographs to improve the quality and include others, i.e. the Linlathen bridge. A form will also be included for public feedback. The site can be viewed at present through his business website – paul@nanotechscotland.com. The restricted cost will be £700 but we are hopeful of reclaiming money from the council to offset this. The proposals to the site were unanimously approved.

3) Approval of minutes of 6th December 2011

The minutes were proposed by D. Hewick and seconded by W Campbell.

4) No Matters arising

5) No police matters to report

6) Secretary's report

This was given by George Ferguson in the absence of Gary Manini. Due to business commitments, Gary has had to resign the post of Secretary but it is hoped he will return in the future. George will continue as Chairman/Secretary meantime, with Stan Nutt acting as Vice Chairman. Janice Bell will continue as minute secretary until the AGM in May.

Tree planting and repairs to the Esplanade are ongoing. Suitable trees, due to the sandy soil all salt laden air are Acers and Rowans.

The next LCPP meeting is the 23rd February at 6pm. More publicity is needed for the C.C. and Wave 102 and the Courier are to be informed by George of ongoing and events.

Eastern school – nothing appears to have been done since the last meeting; cones are being moved and although the traffic order was passed for Camperdown Street, nothing has changed. Stan Nutt expressed concern that this was an accident waiting to happen. The PTA also has concerns. Derek Scott met 2 city engineers on site one day at 3pm and they agreed to additional road marking and traffic warden presence to catch parents illegally dropping off children. George is to write to the Chief Executive and relevant departments about our concerns.

7) Financial report

No interest is now being paid on our account which stands at £1662.97 less the cheque for the website.

8) Planning report

David Hewick objected to the proposals for 26 houses at Ferryfields and a house in the grounds of 37a Albany Road. The council deferred the application at Churchill Place for two months and he wrote re-overdevelopment of the site using public funds.

The Tay Structure plan is being considered and will be published in August. Many planners, construction companies and others expressed interest in responding to plans including SEPA and Scottish Water. Our preferred options of keeping Brown and Greenfield land, restriction of new build flats and house types and sizes in suburbs were also preferred by the majority. Work on St. Aidan's Halls, the railway station and Linlathen East bridge is in progress.

9) Elected Members Report

Derek Scott informed the meeting that 34 trees are to be planted on both sides of the Esplanade with black ornamental trunk guards. Grasses are to be planted to restrict sand erosion.

Ken Guild informed the C.C. that temporary bollards or planters are to be installed at the car park at the old bathing shelter.

Laurie Bidwell spoke of an idea to restrict parking in King Street on a rotation system to enable gutter repairs and cleaning.

10) No members of the public raised any issues

11) AOCB

A beach management meeting was attended by Doug McLaren and Fiona Potton. Extra dog bins had been erected but were not getting emptied due to lack of communication between departments. Records are now being improved.

ADAPT hold free group sessions on budget, borrowing and banking, etc. – a public meeting is to be organised.

The Civic Forum is to be dissolved after the AGM. A report is to be compiled on its successes and failures. Our suggestion of quarterly meetings was not agreed by members.

Finally, congratulations were extended to our treasurer who has recently become a grandfather.

12) Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 7th February at 7pm.