

BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6TH March 2012

PRESENT - George Ferguson, Davick Hewick, Ken Anderson, W Campbell, Fiona Potton, Janice Bell, Stan Nutt, Doug McLaren.

Visitors - Ken Guild (Councillor), Derek Scott (Councillor), Laurie Bidwell (Councillor), Carole Jenkins, Alan Bell and Ian Hunt.

1) Welcome and Apologies.

Apologies were received from David Easson

2) Speakers.

David Hewick introduced Ian Hunt of Fouin Bell Architects who spoke about the plans for West Bay, Due to the derelict state of the fire ravaged building, it is now to be demolished and a U-shaped block of flats with courtyard and parking built on the site. The 17 dwellings will face into the courtyard and the building is to have a slate roof, dormers and timber windows. Some concerns were raised about road congestion and the developers will be guided by the roads department regarding this.

Items for agenda.

D McLaren stated that the LCPP should be a standard item for the agenda. He feels the meetings are not advertised enough and the early start of 6.30pm discourages the public from attending. C Jenkins responded that the meetings are advertised in the library at least 3 weeks before and in the press, etc. A summary document can be included if required. L Bidwell stated that public turnout depended on the subject of discussion. Carole is only part time and it was felt Broughty Ferry really needs a full time service manager to cover the area. A motion was proposed for a C.C. member to rotate at LCPP meetings as well as George Ferguson but with no seconder, the proposal failed.

Refreshments at beach – the question was raised regarding tenders being sought to provide refreshments this summer. K Guild said he would keep the C.C. up to date regarding this and felt there was a massive improvement to the area with the demolition of the derelict cafe.

3) Approval of minutes of 6th December 2011

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

4) Matters arising

Eastern school – there has been no update on road markings – the parking problems are still there. A full review is to be taken by the council in the autumn. At the Parent council meeting, the issue of the gate between Eastern and the Grove was resolved with the gate being opened for P1 and P2 to use for pick-up. Planters are to be positioned at the west side to allow children to have a safe walkway to the crossing patrol. This will hopefully stop cars reversing in this area but will not restrict parking. Broughty Ferry is well represented on the council committee set up to monitor all school parking practices. G Ferguson felt a special investigation should be done regarding this area as the Eastern/Grove situation is unique and child safety a priority. K Guild stated a partnership committee is to be formed to study parking at all schools to try to change the behaviour pattern of parents who will be charged for illegal parking.

5) No police matters to report

There are two community officers, one of whom is on long term sick leave. The police are trying to arrange to attend future C.C. meetings

6) Secretary's report

No further items to report

7) Financial report

The cheque has now been cashed for development of the website which incidentally is waiting on an authority code and then the site will be live.

8) Planning report

David Hewick objected to the proposed hotel next to the library and to plans to convert a garage to a house at Rowanbank, Camphill Road which would have no garden; he also objected to house alterations to the lodge of Carbet Castle to put roof lights in the listed building.

Tayplan – the reporters are asking for further information regarding sewage and the beach; SEPA is satisfied at present. The consultation is now complete with the draft to be out hopefully by Christmas.

The stone balustrades are up on Linlathen bridge and the fitted metal safety rails are less intrusive than previously thought.

9) Elected Members Report

Derek Scott informed the meeting that the underpass at the railway station is now open with a better full width walkway. Hopefully regular cleaning will fade the wall tile discolouration over time.

Ken Guild informed the C.C. that the bollards are in place at the Esplanade car park and planters will be in position by May.

Laurie Bidwell is unhappy with the ramp at the pavement and platform of the railway station and hopes it will be temporary. Scotrail have committed to install electronic rail service information at the station. The official opening of the Eastern school is on the 22nd March.

10) No members of the public raised any issues

11) AOCB

W Campbell questioned the function of the yellow taxi hut at the railway station as it is never open. George is to find out.

12) Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 3rd April at 7pm.