

**BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4TH SEPTEMBER 2012**

PRESENT - George Ferguson, David Easson, Stan Nutt, Ken Anderson, J W Adams, W Campbell, Fiona Potton, Doug McLaren, Janice Bell.

Visitors - Carole Jenkins, Derek Scott (Councillor), Laurie Bidwell (Councillor), Kevin Cordell (Councillor), PC Dean Morrison, Dave Murdoch.

- **Welcome and Apologies.**

Apologies were received from David Hewick. There were no items for the Agenda.

- **Speaker.**

There were no Speakers this time.

3) Approval of minutes

The previous minutes were approved and proposed by K Anderson, Seconded by S Nutt

There were no matters arising.

4) Police Matters

PC Dean Morrison introduced himself – he has been stationed at Broughty Ferry for 10 years. The area is short staffed at present but this should be rectified soon.

5) Secretary's report

George Ferguson informed us that a Mrs Tierney had complained to Sandro Paladini of the Broty Traders about a dog on an extended lead which had traumatised a 7 year old boy in the Castle Green on the Sunday of Gala Week. We will feed back to the Traders re only guide dogs being allowed in the Castle Green on Gala day next year. D McLaren stated this is a serious concern locally and PC Morrison replied that all complaints are investigated and addressed. Dog wardens are the responsibility of Ken Laing of the councils department but we have no more information at present to proceed further.

A letter was sent to Gary Robertson re the state of the library ponds. Carole Jenkins had a site meeting and research has to be done regarding the willow growing, etc. but no improvements have been done to date.

- **6) Financial report**

- The annual grant of £551.00 from Dundee City Council has been received along with a cheque from the Dundee Civic Forum of £140.98. The total of our four funds is standing at £1559.95. D. McLaren stated that a film made about litter on the beach by Micheal Sandwell was very successful. He wants the same person to make another educational film about Beach Watch. Hire of a camera is £100 and he was asking the C.C. for a £50 donation towards this. The Marine Conservation Society would also be involved and perhaps others. George stated that the C.C. would need some editorial control. He felt there were 3 options for a donation –

- 1) Conditional to the C.C. being mentioned in the film, other organisations also being asked to donate or conditionals at all. 2) Concern was raised regarding the fact that Micheal is Peter Sandwell's son, and as Peter is in charge of the Beach Management Group, we would have to check there would be no repercussions. Derek Scott will check with Peter Sandwell. L. Bidwell would like the film included on the website if it proceeds. D. Easson said money would be available so George is to write to both David Dorward and Peter Sandwell and the C.C. agreed in principal subject to approval from both the aforementioned to support this venture.

7) Planning report

David Hewick had family health problems at the moment and the following report incorporated e-mails sent to the minute secretary.

The Glass Pavilion application has been withdrawn which means a new altered one can be submitted in the future.

A letter was sent objecting to the demolition of the car showroom at West End Garage.

Network rail still had to re-install the lever mechanism on the ground floor of the signal box and re-install a platform clock. Works had gone over budget and a tenant for the restaurant had withdrawn.

The number of flats at Churchill Place is to be reduced from 18 to 15 as the scaffold yard is no longer part of the site.

D McLaren mentioned that the air quality results at the Biomass plant will be known by the end of the year.

8) Elected Members Report

Kevin Cordell stated a review is to be done on the dropped kerbs in Broughty Ferry and that the pavement outside Hosies is in very bad condition.

Derek Scott said that work on the waterfront walkway is to start next month, to be completed by March 2013. Torridon Road has now been resurfaced. A new dedicated access is presently being built to the beach to stop people walking through the dunes.

Laurie Bidwell stated that work is well advanced on the coastal pathway at the grassy beach to remove the slime on the path. Cleaning will be done on a quarterly basis once the path has been upgraded. Beach Lane has been cleared and the path is to be improved – this will be the main access to the beach when the Grassy beach walkway works starts.

The positioning of the dropped kerbs between Forthill Sheltered Housing and Barnhill Shopping Centre provide very poor sight lines for disability scooters and he is trying to get these reviewed.

Concern was raised about the recent decision of the Development Management Committee on Sainsbury's and admissions about no checks being made on developers continuing to comply with planning conditions.

He is to pursue traffic calming measures in Camphill Rd.

D McLaren stated that the growth of Giant Hogweed is prolific and while quads are working in the Broughty Ferry area spraying this, he would like an official statement published regarding treatment as this is a very dangerous weed. The councillors are to seek clarification.

9) LCPP Report

Carole reported that at the last meeting on 16th August, the community plan was discussed, including work with Grove Academy, with the Traders showing willing to participate.

The chair of the Mental well-being group is on long term sick leave.

The LCPP focused work in Barnhill with a walk about in July. There was much feedback re drugs around the Abernethy, Abertay and Strathmore Streets. Local residents spoke to police re anti-social behaviour. Nothing has been previously reported but hopefully this will be done in future so police can take action.

There is a lack of direction signs for Broughty Ferry from the Kingsway areas.

Two meetings are to be held to see if a Friends of Broughty Library group would be viable.

The C.C. has sent a response to the Community Empowerment Bill questionnaire but Carole would like others to complete forms as well.

The date of the next meeting is 15th November in Eastern offices.

10) No members of the public raised any issues

11) AOCB

Fiona Potton stated that charging £1.50 for ranger activities in Shiell Street nature reserve led to drastically reduced numbers.

Beach Management – D McLaren stated the next beach watch is over the weekend of 15th September (Fri – Mon). The beach is much cleaner than in previous years and volunteers are needed. The next beach management meeting is on Tuesday 18th September.

Life Guards on Broughty beach stated that there was a lack of signs prohibiting dogs from the beach side and dog fouling on the beach was still a problem.

There is still sanitation waste on the beach although this could be due to a sewage leak last month at Tayport. The blue flag test failed again for the 5th time out of 17.

The programme Bob Servant is returning to Broughty Ferry in September to do more filming in the Ambrose and Fisher Street areas.

12) Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2nd October at 7pm.

CC - Community Council