

**BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6TH NOVEMBER 2012**

PRESENT – G Ferguson, D. Easson, D. Hewick, J. Bell, W. Campbell, S. Nutt, F. Potton, K. Anderson, D. McLaren

Visitors – C Jenkins (DCC) P. Machin and R. Holme, (Green Party), M. Owens, A Mulholland (DCC), H. Begg, C Myles (DCC) A. Llanwarne, G. Ogston, D.Scott (Councillor) L. Bidwell (Councillor),K. Guild (Councillor), K. Cordell (Councillor), J. Yellowlees (Scotrail), D. Murdoch.

1) Welcome and Apologies.

There were no apologies. George Ferguson welcomed all to the meeting and introduced John Yellowlees from Scotrail.

After a brief history of Broughty Ferry Station – it being the oldest working station in Scotland, dating to 1838 – Mr. Yellowlees informed us that from December 2nd, two additional stops will be made after teatime and also seven trains will stop on Sundays. Network Rail are internally sorting out the management and marketing of the restored buildings, which was previously within the station lease. Liability is now to transfer to their commercial department who will take forward the marketing of the restaurant, etc. Scotrail expressed their appreciation to S. Nutt and Broughty in Bloom for the floral displays and gardening work done to the station.

Mr. Anderson asked about the steep gap between the trains and the platform. People requiring assistance should make themselves known to staff as all Scotrail trains carry portable ramps which on-train staff use at unstaffed stations. He is to investigate whether stepping boxes would be an appropriate solution to the stepping distance at Broughty Ferry.

R. Holme of the Green Party asked about more trains stopping between 8am and 9am for the school run, etc. but there is no slack in the schedule to accommodate this during the present franchise. It might be possible in the future under the Tay Estuary Plan but affordability is the key – all trains that currently stop at Broughty Ferry are Scotrail trains.

C. Jenkins asked if the 2014 consultations would be made public but no further meetings are visualised. Dundee City Station will be upgraded but this should not interfere with rail times.

L. Bidwell asked why the Broughty Ferry – Aberdeen fare is higher than the Dundee - Aberdeen one. Mr. Yellowlees reported that there were two levels of advanced fare but the lower of these is available only on a small number of tickets. He also indicated that if passengers used a Dundee ticket to travel from Broughty Ferry it would not be valid. Finally, the arrangements for meeting particularly mobility impaired travellers at Dundee are the same as for other stations – staff are there to help.

Andy Mulholland of Dundee City Council then addressed the meeting on the Dundee Local Development Plan. He said policies have been researched and developed since the last plan in 2005. The present draft plan was approved by the committee at the end of October. He was looking for suggestions from the floor to see if the plan was wide enough, etc. as it will be another two years before it receives the approval of the Scottish Parliament. He then showed a map of planning proposals throughout the city and the action programme to accompany it. The main theme is to promote regeneration and economic growth. The council website is available for comment sheets from the public.

The Council is not looking to expand villages north of the Arbroath Road, and Broughty Ferry centre is protected, as are open spaces such as the Dighty, Beach and Cemetery areas.

Questions were asked about a park and ride situation for the East end, access to the new cemetery and future housing development. Mr. Mulholland replied later by e-mail stating that no site has been identified at present for a Park and Ride but it is very unlikely to be within the Dundee City

boundary. The access to and from the cemetery will be from Drumsturdy Road as approved on 20th Feb. 2012. The proposed future housing development on site H71(2) Linlathen /Arbroath Road is for the 2020 – 2024 period. No educational problems have been presented by the Education Department in terms of coping with additional pupils.

F. Potton asked if the recession would have any impact on the quality of buildings originally accorded. Mr. Mulholland replied the council is trying to be realistic and wants to promote building work in the city.

D. McLaren asked if there was an open space strategy showing all levels from country parks to small areas. The council is encouraging partnerships and communities to ask if these areas meet present needs. D. Hewick asked what developers would do about building on green spaces – although the council would like the areas to be protected, the Reporter could decide otherwise.

D. McLaren asked about sustainable carbon in new builds – i.e. the Wallace works on Broughty Ferry Road – and should the city make the attempt to force developers to improve the standards in sustainable construction. The Council is looking to improve transport cuts in carbon which should improve air quality at new developments.

W. Campbell asked about the NHS's involvement regarding health centres, etc. in the proposed area north of Arbroath Road. Mr. Mulholland stated no consultation had been made to date and suggested feedback should be given.

As there were no further questions from the floor and time had expired, Mr. Ferguson thanked the speakers and closed the meeting. Any outstanding business will be completed at the next meeting on Tuesday 4th December at 7pm.