

**BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5TH March 2013**

**PRESENT - Stan Nutt, Davick Hewick, Janice Bell, Doug McLaren, Hugh Begg, Fiona Potton .
Visitors - Laurie Bidwell (Councillor), Dave Murdoch (Grove).**

1) Welcome and Apologies.

Stan Nutt took the chair in the absence of the chairman who was representing the C.C. at the Citizen of the year award, and welcomed everyone present.

By 7.06, there were not enough councillors present to constitute a quorum but as there were several planning issues it was decided to proceed with the meeting to minute these for next month.

Apologies were received from G Ferguson, D. Easson, J Adams, C Jenkins, W. Campbell, D. Scott, K. Guild and K. Anderson

2) Speakers.

The speakers were unable to attend this month but hope to come in April.

3) Approval of minutes of 6th February 2013

To be held over until next month.

4) No Matters arising

5) No police matters to report

6) Secretary's report

We received notification of traffic changes in Dock Street, a licensing application from Marks & Spencers to increase the area for liquor sales by .85sq.m. Robertson's pub application has been withdrawn (33 objections)

7) Financial report

No report

8) Planning report

David Hewick objected to an unsympathetic extension to a stone cottage at 5 Fintry Place. The plans for flats at 383 Brook Street and 3 Norrie Street were refused.

The developments to the west of the library have been withdrawn as have the plans for 1 Castleroy Road.

David withdrew his objection for the roof lights at 41 Albert Road after the number of roof lights were reduced.

The upcoming development regarding the listed building, gatehouses, walls, new houses and apartments within Armistead grounds covers over 60 pages in total. As he feels improvements can be made, David will probably object.

Regarding the east greenfield areas versus the west areas, we will have to wait and see what the planners come up with and what the committee decide. L. Bidwell received a planning brief for the North Grange area but this is not even included in the designated area. Any future development needs a lot of study – i.e. flooding, education, etc. D. McLaren stated it would be logical if Dundee and Angus councils could amalgamate over education to save lengthy time travel. Logistically, the Eastern gateway does not reduce carbon emissions. Betts had withdrawn from the West development stating that people want to live on the Eastern side.

A new one way system in Seafield Road will be effective from the 11th March and is programmed to be in place by the end of May 2013.

Dundee City council senior planner (David McDougall) is retiring in April – David is to send a card wishing him well.

D. McLaren circulated a photo of the restored railway signal box, complimenting David on his hard work.

Finally, regarding the Biomass plant – the nearest monitoring point is Broughty Ferry Road. As there are no safe level of particulates, Government ministers are to decide how Forth Energy's results are worked out regarding air quality. Hugh Begg will investigate and report back.

9) Elected Members Report

Laurie Bidwell has had several complaints re – parking in the King Street and Beach Crescent areas. He would like the C.C. to respond by asking people to get in touch with solutions.

The Pilot pier has now been re-chained for safety.

It was noted that bus shelters are still in situ in the old locations after bus route changes. The new routes are now settled but it costs between £6000 - £8000 to move each shelter.

The coastal walkway was closed to back fill the area with concrete.

The Fort Hotel finally got a permanent late licence until 2am. Laurie feels others will follow as well as take away premises, etc.

The council has reduced the mileage rate for several employees, resulting in some industrial action taking place – affecting janitors going from school to school for opening and closing premises for out of school groups, etc.

10) No members of the public raised any issues

11) AOCB

D. McLaren is receiving beach maps from the council and he is marking out hot spots on the beach showing rubbish, especially beside the rock garden. This will become an interactive site in the future and a team of watchers could send information to the council. This is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting when further discussion can take place.

The next beach walkabout is at 1.30pm on the 16th March, with the beach management meeting on 26th March.

LCPP – D. McLaren feels things are being missed – i.e. the closing of the Marchbanks refuse depot could lead to much increased fly-tipping.

12) Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2nd April at 7pm when Elaine Zwirlein and Greg Colgan will address the meeting on Welfare Reform..