

**BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013**

**PRESENT - George Ferguson, David Easson, Stan Nutt, Ken Anderson, Fiona Potton, Doug McLaren, Janice Bell, Hugh Begg, Colin Doig, David Hewick, Councillors K. Guild, K. Cordell, D. Scott and L. Bidwell.**

**Visitors - Carole Jenkins, S. Fox, J. Begg, C. Forrester, J. Forrester, Dave Murdoch, P. Yuile and M. Gardiner (Grove), C. Melville and K. Laing.**

**1) Welcome and Apologies.**

George welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the 2 youth delegates from Grove Academy, Paul Yuill and Martha Gardiner, and said he would be pleased if they would speak at future meetings. There were no apologies.

**2) Speaker.**

He then introduced Craig Melville and Ken Laing who addressed the meeting on the closure of the Marchbanks recycling facility. This was done to make substantial budget savings although the decision to restrict recycling at Riverside and Baldovie had been reversed. K. Anderson had used Baldovie recently and found staff very helpful. K. Laing said training had been introduced for staff resulting in very good public feedback. D. McLaren asked if tonnage figures could be released to the public – Marchbanks had been the busiest site before closure and rubbish at Monifeith had increased by 50% after the restrictions were imposed. C. Melville replied only limited statistics were available but people recycled more rather than adding to the general waste. There had also been an actual reduction in fly tipping in the last 6 months. D. McLaren questioned these statistics but had not brought his evidence with him. A suggestion for the addition of after hours walk-in skips to made available will be taken back to the department. D. McLaren then asked about overflowing open bins in Beach Crescent which result in rubbish ending up on the beach, etc. Area based teams have been formed and working practices have been changed which should be reflected in the future.

**3) Approval of minutes**

The minutes were proposed by D. Hewick and seconded by D. Easson  
There were no matters arising.

**4) Police Matters and General Public**

There were no matters to report.

**5) Planning Report**

There have already been 11 objections to date regarding the Glass Pavilion. D. Hewick urged people to object to this application. The Gulistan Restaurant and adjoining plot are now up for sale – this will be kept under review as only planning permission in principle had been given for the adjoining sports centre. There is an extension to the library in the pipeline to create more community space – this is a listed building and the application will have to have regard to its status and setting. There has been no further progress on the Armistead development since plans were withdrawn six months ago.

The Reporters have now finished their inquiry into the Local Development Plan and we await the final version. He would like a Planning Officer to be invited to address a meeting once it has been finalised.

D. McLaren also asked if an officer from the Coastal Study group could address a meeting as This has also now been finalised.

## **6) Financial report**

The outgoings for last month were £60 for the Marine subscription and secretarial expenses of £23.

## **7) Secretary's Report**

The report was previously emailed to members. A licence application has been made by Weatherspoons to operate the existing functions suite for weddings, etc.

## **8) Elected Members Report**

Kevin Cordell informed us that some councillors had met with Police Scotland and were assured no stations will close. Litter is becoming unsightly in Sandy Park and Campfield Square due to open rubbish bins.

Derek Scott said that more children's swings will be considered in Castle Green but unlikely in the present budget. The speed limit on the Dundee Road is to be reduced to 30mph by the end of the year, with new signs in place. The sale of the old Eastern school has been completed with plans to follow for Housing.

Ken Guild stated that there were no plans to close Balmossie fire station in the near future.

Laurie Bidwell said that the revised policy regarding late hours opening and alcohol and takeaways will be published shortly. Sewage is pumped from a holding tank at Douglas Tce and Scottish Water are still working on the problem of a blockage, with work going out to tender in the near future. Work to renew the pavements in Gray Street begins on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The Education Committee met on 19<sup>th</sup> August and he stated that a Grove member present is on the committee, providing a good link with the Community Council.

Scottish Water say there is no budget for the sewage problem/ repairs at Cedar Rd.

S. Nutt asked about the parking of advertising vehicles on Dundee Rd. as he had witnessed a girl coming off her bike because she could not see a car coming out at the bridge due to the parked vans. Restricted parking is to be introduced in the near future.

George Ferguson commended the council on the restoration of the bench on Reres Rd.

## **9) Action Plan**

A plan giving ideas for the way forward for the C.C. was circulated by the secretary before the meeting – he wants the C.C. to show a positive approach to raise its profile in the community.

## **10) AOCB**

S. Nutt was asked to raise the issue of parking at Eastern Primary by concerned parents and members of the public. This is resulting in major concerns regarding Health & Safety. Teachers are parking so closely together in the playground and surrounding area that if there was a fire, there would be no means of escape for wheelchairs and prams to get out through the playground. He asked the elected councillors to take note as he can supply times and reg. nos. of offending vehicles if required.

Paul Yuile confirmed there was much congestion at school starting times in insufficient parking for Eastern school, stating that the Seafield Rd. entrance can also become grid locked.

Martha Gardiner said plans to encourage pupils to cycle to school by an Eco group seem to be working. Pupil parking is allowed within the grounds but very few pupils bring a car to school.

Carole Jenkins said it was also a concern of the Head teacher. Queen St. car park allows 20 minutes free parking for school drop offs but this is not being utilised.

Martha then told us of the Kenya Exchange next year where each participating pupil had to raise

£3500.00 On requesting more information to be relayed to the C.C., George suggested they have have a slot on a future agenda.

**11) LCPP**

Carole stated that Grove pupils are holding an afternoon of tea, cakes and chat for the elderly on 12<sup>th</sup> September from 2 – 4pm. The next LCPP meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**12) Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 1st October at 7pm.

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Proposed by S Nutt  
Seconded by C Doig  
01/10/2013