

BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1st OCTOBER 2013

PRESENT - George Ferguson, David Easson, Hugh Begg, David Hewick, Stan Nutt, Colin Doig, J Adams, Fiona Potton, Doug McLaren, Janice Bell, Kevin Cordell (Councillor)
Visitors - Carole Jenkins(D.C.C), John Hosie (D.C.C.) PC D. Morrison, Sergeant A Coventry, S. Ireland, J. Begg, D. Murdoch (Grove)

Welcome and Apologies.

Apologies were received from Derek Scott, Ken Guild, Laurie Bidwell and Ken Anderson

1) Items for Agenda from members of Public present

The Chair introduced Stewart Ireland, a trainee pharmacist at Boots the chemist. As part of his training he is undertaking a project asking for feedback on chemists in the local area, especially on opening hours, range of services, including what people think of Boots as a store. Responses are to be sent to him by 1st November at dsireland90@yahoo.com and a copy of the report will be provided to the C.C. Mr. Ireland agreed to return later to discuss his findings.

2) Policy Matters – The Constitution, Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct

Acting in terms of Standing Order 1(d) it was proposed that, at its next meeting in November, the C.C. should consider a proposal to amend the Constitution of the Community Council and also the Standing Orders to allow for the termination of membership of the C.C. in the event of a breach of the Code of Conduct by a member. The proposal was accepted and seconded.

3) “The Memory of Broughty Ferry”

Hugh Begg, Nancy and Chris Davey are producing an illustrated book of Broughty Ferry, to be issued in time to celebrate the Centenary of Broughty Ferry becoming part of Dundee this November. They have already received a £500 grant and hope the C.C. will publish it. All surplus revenue over sales will be returned to the C.C. The Treasurer confirmed that a grant for this purpose would be in order. Following discussion of how the book might be advertised locally, it was unanimously agreed to allocate £700 as detailed on the Treasurer’s report sheet.

An update was then provided by the Secretary on progress on the proposed leaflet advertising the presence of the C.C. and its purposes and incorporating a Heritage Walk. He had secured the services of a small team of local historians to provide content and he had liaised with the Broughty Ferry Traders Assoc. who will finance the productions of 10000 copies by way of advertising. There will be no financial consequences for the C.C. There was unanimous approval that this initiative should be progressed.

4) Minutes

With one addition regarding the sewage problem at Douglas Tce., these were accepted as a fair and full record of the September meeting, proposed by S.Nutt, seconded by C. Doig.

5) There were no matters arising

6) Police Matters

Sgt. Alice Coventry introduced herself and PC Dean Morrison to the meeting. She has just assumed responsibility for the whole of Dundee with emphasis on Broughty Ferry. There are now three community officers – Dean Morrison covering Broughty Ferry, Dorothy Forsyth covering West Ferry and Martin Townsend covering Barnhill. They hope to be able to attend

our meetings on a regular basis. PC Morrison stated that crime is reducing in our area. Following on other suggestions, he confirmed that the quickest and most effective way to contact the police on non-emergency matters was by phoning 101. There would be an immediate response.

7) Planning Matters

The Planning Secretary confirmed that Gordon Reid, the planner who leads the team responsible for the production of the new local development plan, has not yet responded to our invitation to address the C.C. A major development in the north of South Grange Nursing Home is at the consultation stage. They are also proposing a park and ride and recycling facilities which could benefit Broughty Ferry. D Easson asked if pressure would be put on schools and discussions would have to be done regarding health facilities, sewerage, etc. At Broughty Ferry station, stepping boxes for train access are now in position but are stored under the platform seats, having to be moved by guards, etc. There is evidence of increased use of Broughty Ferry station in the consequence of the revised timetable well and trains will also be stopping at Monifieth in future. The planning application regarding the Glass Pavilion will be decided on 21st October.

It was confirmed for D McLaren that the C.C. has no statutory powers to make representations on licensing. The powers are restricted to planning matters.

D. Hewick also intimated the death of Emeritus Professor Charles McKean, at the early age of 67, a leading authority on Scottish architectural history with a special interest in Dundee.

8) Secretary's report

This has previously been circulated to members and stated the intention to provide a monthly report in advance and he asked the elected councillors to do likewise when possible. He and Colin Doig are enquiring about websites – the initial estimate is for between £1500 - £2000 plus approx. £200 annually for maintenance. He agreed to present 3 estimates for consideration of the C.C. with what could be provided by each at the appropriate time. However one lead worthy of follow up was adding on to the existing “Come to Broughty Ferry” website which has been set up by the Traders. There was concern expressed by D. McLaren and D. Hewick at having a joint site. It was confirmed for him that the C.C. would have an entirely separate section on the web site and it would be our responsibility to keep it up to date by providing information to the web master Leslie Duncan. This service would cost £250 per annum. John Hosie stated, that from his perspective, it would be good to take advantage of that website, and, where possible, to work in partnership with the Traders on projects where there has been an advantage to both organisations.

With reference to a query regarding the minutes of other bodies to which we sent representatives (i.e. Beach Management, and in future, the Tourism Group), it was confirmed that the proposal is to have these placed on the web site in order that they can be readily available to members. In response to an objection to this approach by D. McLaren it was confirmed by C. Jenkins that if he had a difficulty with the Beach Management Group, that was the appropriate place to have his concerns dealt with.

The Chair and Secretary had negotiated 2 free pages in the Broughty Spotlight magazine which is regularly delivered to all 8000 households in Broughty Ferry. That would be another way in

which contact could be made with Broughty Ferry residents.
The Acting Secretary's report previously circulated was accepted.

9) Treasurer's Report

There was no change in last month but, as noted above, the £700 will be earmarked for the book production.

10) No other members of the public raised any issues

11) No matters raised by Councillors

12) Elected Members Report

K. Cordell stated policing is ongoing at both Forthill and Grove/Eastern schools, with parking tickets being issued. Cars, however seem to ignoring the parking islands in Claypotts Road outside the school. The fence at Campfield Square is being repaired. He raised the possibility of a Broughty Tartan at the AGM of the Broughty Ferry Development Trust.

L. Bidwell sent a report in his absence. A decision on longer food and takeaway opening hours out with the city centre will be reconsidered on 3rd October. Council officers have agreed to prioritise two appointments for crossing patrollers at Barnhill primary following a long absence. "Slow Children" crossing signs will be erected on Balgillo Road. Following the parking issues raised at Eastern Primary, the head teacher is meeting with Neil Gellatly to try to resolve some of the parking issues. The council approved Scottish Water's application to dig up the sea bed at Douglas Tce. to solve the problem there. Following his request, additional dog bins have been erected at Ferryfields and a larger bin is to be provided at the yacht club. The vandalised cycle rack outside Greggs on Brook Street is to be replaced by the council.

13) AOCB

J. Adams has received complaints from residents in Kerrington Crescent regarding the poor condition of the pavements. Given the apparent failure of the C.C.'s representations on similar matters in the past, it was suggested they take it up directly with the elected members for Ward.8. Councillor Cordell undertook to look up the list of proposed repairs to see when it is scheduled in and will contact J. Adams on what can be done

F. Potton stated that forthcoming plans on coastal protection will have an impact on Broughty Ferry. It is only in the initial stages but she requests the item be added to our list for future Meetings in order that, at a suitable time, and appropriate person could come and address a meeting of the C.C. at which members of the public would be made especially welcome.

14) Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5th November at 7pm.

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Proposed D. Hewick, Seconded S.Nutt