

**BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL – MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD IN BROUGHTY FERRY LIBRARY ON TUESDAY 6TH MAY 2014
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE AGM**

PRESENT:

George Ferguson (Chair)
Hugh Begg (Vice-Chair)
David Hewick (Planning Secretary)
Doug McLaren
Fiona Potton
Jimmy Adams
Craig Watson
Stan Nutt
David Easson

VISITORS

Jane Begg
Carole Jenkins
Councillor Ken Guild
Councillor Derek Scott
Councillor Laurie Bidwell
PC Dean Morrison
Councillor Kevin Cordell

APOLOGIES

Colin Doig
Ken Anderson

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

George welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

2. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

None raised.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Doug McLaren asked for an amendment to the April meet as he wanted a full account of discussions held. George Ferguson explained that a decision had been agreed at a previous meeting that the minute would give a summarised account. Agreed that the minute would stay as a summarised account.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Doug McLaren continued to ask for a full account of his discussion in the minutes. Councillor Bidwell raised a point of procedure. When minutes are circulated to members then they are able to make comment in writing to the Secretary. Hugh Begg explained that the Community Council had discussed this in the past and decided that the minute records a decision and therefore the April minute was correct. Councillor Guild confirmed that

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the minute should record what was discussed, what was amended and what was agreed.

The minute was agreed as a true record.

5. POLICE MATTERS

PC Morrison provided an update about the current changes being made within Police Scotland. Due to T in the Park, Ryder Cup and the Commonwealth Games, full changes to Police Scotland still had to be implemented.

Police Scotland has reorganised and now there are specialist teams and departments which try and support the police officers on the street, policing is about risk management and there is more planning. There is a new Chief Super Area Commander for Tayside and there were likely to be changes by the end of the year. Dundee Police numbers had been bolstered with officers being taken from Angus and other surrounding areas. Crime figures showed that Dundee was a good place and in particular Broughty Ferry was a good place to live. There had been a small spike in housebreaking over the last month and as a result specialist teams, including plain clothes patrols, had been out on the streets.

Jimmy Adams asked whether there could be a speed check done on Dalhousie Road as there was a perceived increase in traffic and speed. It can take up to ten minutes for a person to cross the road. Fiona Potton concurred with this and said that they seemed to have gained traffic and that the road was being used almost like a rat run. PC Morrison confirmed that he would put in a request to Chief Inspector Conrad Trickett.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

David Hewick confirmed that he had submitted the following representations on behalf of Broughty Ferry Community Council:

- (1) Support for the conversion of the former Eastern Primary School for flats. Community Councillors to note that the plans are now displayed on the notice board.
- (2) Objection to any unsympathetic conversion of the cottage at 477 Brook Street in the newly enlarged part of the conservation area.

Updates

- (1) The Community Council objected to an extension on 45 Reres Road. This has been resubmitted and is an approved application and therefore will not object again.
- (2) 42 Victoria Road which is a listed mansion in attractive grounds has objected for a second time to this to the original and to the resubmission. This will be considered at Development Management Committee next week.

Local Plan

There is new guidance on developer contributions where houses are built on green field sites. Community Councillors are to note the need for additional primary school provision on any green field site over 150 houses north of the Arbroath Road. There are also provisions to do with cycling in core routes and on a city-wide basis for developments over £1m, 1% has to be contributed to public art projects. New developments would need to also consider the provision of public transport services until the route became viable for commercial purposes.

Councillor Bidwell raised issues for the future, in particular to do with road layout for new housing schemes similar to Ferry Field which had been built on a cul-de-sac design. These are not economic for buses. Fiona Potton asked for clarification of education provision, especially the numbers for secondary. Building more primaries would put pressure on the local Grove Academy.

Laurie Bidwell updated the Community Council on the consultation about parents making their placing requests for 2015/16. Parents now have to make the same test for secondary as well as primary. He reminded the meeting that parents have a right to make a placing request which the Council have a duty to provide if there is a space. Councillor Guild confirmed that the main change was the feeder primary did not make it an automatic right to get into the secondary.

David Hewick continued to explain that the consultation on the main issues report for the Tay Plan was ongoing. There are two local consultations taking place, one at Discovery Point on 15th May from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. and the second at the Caird Hall and the Marryat Hall on 7th June from 11.30 am. – 4.30 p.m. They are asking for expressions of interest for developers near the Ferry Field which is an area designated for green manufacturing.

David discussed the application for Sainsburys which is wanting to increase its comparison goods from 20% to 30% which could have an adverse effect on Broughty Ferry retail area. Sainsbury's arguments are:

- (1) This complies with the local plan
- (2) The main competitors can already sell this amount
- (3) The proposal will have a small negative effect of no more than 5%
- (4) A lack of medium and low price range goods.

David said there was a considerable amount of analysis needed for this and he had contacted the Case Officer for more information.

There was considerable discussion about the application, however, the meeting agreed that they would submit a letter of concern from the Community Council.

7. THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hugh Begg confirmed he had no further updates other than to just clarify that he would be happy to keep the website and the Broughty Ferry Spotlight up to date with relevant Community Council matters. Laurie Bidwell asked whether the new heritage leaflet could be downloaded on the Community Council website and Hugh confirmed that John Wyman was looking into this.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

David Easson confirmed there is no change as of the accounts given at the AGM, a copy is attached to the minute for the record.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

No matters raised by Community Councillors.

10. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS (EX OFFICIO MEMBERS)

Ken Guild just updated that although Queen Street roadworks had caused some disruption overall the work had made a vast improvement.

Councillor Scott informed the meeting that Dundee City Council had a new computer programming tool which would be available from the summer which could record the traffic approaching from the eastern side of the city and may help with the issues along Dalhousie Road. The programme will help with the future management of traffic. Other streets that are going to be upgraded are Whinnybrae, Long Lane, Westfield Road junction and Strathern Road. New surfacing would be on Strathmore Street, Balgillo Road, Falkland Crescent, Oakley Place and Collingwood Crescent and car parks would be repaired at Torridon Road and Marlee Road.

Broughty Ferry is going to be one of the first areas for the new domestic waste collection which will start in the winter. There is no one solution for all and a round of consultation will take place. Councillor Scott also confirmed that he had been approached to have the speed limit reduced on Linlathen Road to 30 mph. Finally, there had been very little reduction in speed on the Dundee Road since the new speed limits had come in so Police Scotland are looking at other measures. Locals have also asked for a pedestrian refuge to be put in the middle of the road.

Councillor Bidwell raised the point that Barnhill After School Club had had a very positive school report and also commented about the road layout at Linlathen where the road signs were very confusing.

12. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

George told the meeting that he has received a formal request from the Communities Officer for representatives to go to a number of meetings. The Community Council agreed the following:

George Ferguson would represent BFCC at the Local Community Planning Partnership. Hugh Begg would be the Community Council Representative for beach management and tourism.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd June.