

## **BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2014**

#### PRESENT:

George Ferguson (Chair); Hugh Begg (Vice Chair); David Hewick (Planning Secretary); David Easson (Treasurer); Stan Nutt (Licensing Secretary); Ken Anderson; Doug. McLaren; Janice Bell; Fiona Potton

#### *Ex. Officio Members*

Councillor Laurie Bidwell; Councillor Ken Guild; Councillor Derek Scott

#### VISITORS:

Elaine Zwirlein; Alison Honeyman (both Dundee City Council); Jim Crowe (Abertay Rotary Club); Ann Ferguson; Jane Begg

#### *Also in Attendance*

Carole Jenkins

#### APOLOGIES:

Colin Doig; Councillor Kevin Cordell

1. George Ferguson welcomed everyone to the meeting and accepted apologies. In the absence of a Minute Secretary he volunteered to make a brief record of the proceedings.
2. The Chair introduced Elaine Zwirlein and Alison Honeyman who attended to give an update of the progress of the new Welfare Reform one year on. This was a very informative session with plenty of questions and very clear answers.
3. George stated that the City Council had given final approval of the Standing Orders and Constitution which were discussed at our meeting in November 2013.
4. There were no matters raised by members of the public.
5. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved by the members.
6. There were no matters arising from the approved minutes.
7. David Hewick gave a report on planning matters and answered all the questions put to him.
8. There were no police in attendance but they will be doing a presentation at the next meeting.
9. The Vice Chair presented a written report and responded to questions.
10. David Easson presented a report on the current financial situation of the Community Council indicating, inter alia, that the current assets from all sources stood at £1404.95.

11. Doug McLaren again raised his concerns about the conduct of the AGM and the subsequent appointment of members of the Community Council to serve on sub-Committees of the Local Community Planning Partnership. In the course of his intervention he stated, in terms, that the process and the method of appointments was “corrupt” and indicated that he had proof to support his allegations. These complaints, and his manner of pursuing them, were considered by the Chair within the context of Mr McLaren’s previous complaints at successive meetings about the procedures and conduct of the Community Council. Because of his current disrespect to the Chair and bearing in mind the terms of our Constitution, Standing Orders and Councillor’s Code of Conduct the Chair felt justified in cutting short Mr McLaren’s list of complaints on this occasion. Mr McLaren objected to this decision.

12. There were reports on local matters from the Councillors present and all questions were answered fully.

13. There were two matters under AOCB:

(a) The issue of the possible dissolution of the Broughty Ferry Development Trust which we are keeping an eye on.

(b) Thanks were made to Carole Jenkins for the work she did in the National Competition for the suburban awards.

14. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7th October, 2014.

*Meeting closed at 8.35pm.*

George Ferguson,

Chair.