

**MINUTE OF BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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PRESENT:

George Ferguson, Chair
Hugh Begg, Vice Chair
David Hewick, Planning Secretary
David Easson, Treasurer
Stan Nutt, Licensing Secretary
Ken Anderson
Janice Bell
Fiona Potton
Jimmy Adams

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Councillor Laurie Bidwell
Councillor Ken Guild
Councillor Derek Scott
Councillor Kevin Cordell

VISITORS:

Janet Wade and Jim Byrne (Environment Department, Dundee City Council)
PC Dean Morrison, Police Scotland
Nicola Mitchell,
S Thomson
Jane Begg

IN ATTENDANCE:

Carole Jenkins (who agreed to record the minute in the absence of a Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES:

Colin Doig

1. PRESENTATION FROM POLICE SCOTLAND

PC Dean Morrison reported that there was a new Communities Officer for Broughty Ferry whose name is PC Darren Bannister who will be introducing himself to local communities over the next few weeks. Priorities for the local area include Operation Bedrock which is returning Communities Officers to streets. The Police are also dealing with repeat callers and are continuing with foot patrols and cycle patrols.

In the last quarter there was a reduction in youth calls and many of those calls were to do with young people playing football in the streets and some vandalism to some "No Ball" signs.

They are continuing to implement the Policing Plan with priorities of Road Safety in particular to do with speeding and anti-social driving. Community Council are to note that corroboration is always required under Scots Law although if an Officer is patrolling on their own they can still do education and give warnings.

Drugs Misuse

The Ferry has few complaints on this and the calls are going down, however the majority of the calls are from the Barnhill area and this is hopefully an issue that PC Darren Bannister will be addressing.

There are a number of noise calls and neighbourhood disputes particularly around the Pubs in The Ferry now being able to open until 2.00 am. The "Ferry Safe" Initiative has been established by the Police and there are regular patrols particularly on Friday and Saturday nights. There was some vandalism recorded to Shop Fronts and wing mirrors along Long Lane.

House Breaking

These dropped from 13 to 8 in The Ferry.

Violent crime is a key priority as well as domestic assault.

PC Morrison was questioned about the advertising vans which are situated at the junction of Brook Street and Queen Street as people felt that they were causing an obstruction and reduce the visibility. There is no law being broken by the parking of these vehicles and is therefore not a Police matter, however it was suggested that the Community Council contact the Transportation Department of Dundee City Council to see whether additional yellow lines could be installed.

Councillor Bidwell asked about late night noise and queried whether all the calls were logged and sent to the Licensing Committee. It was confirmed that this was the case.

The matter of the vans at the junction of Brook Street and Queen Street used for advertising was raised. Could Dundee City Council explain why a Road Traffic Order could not be put in place? Councillor Guild explained that there would need to be a specific reason and that there could be local resident opposition.

Ken Guild raised the fact that there had been reports of jet skiers being charged a couple of weeks ago. Details of the jet ski and the registration number of the vehicle used to transport the jet ski was recorded. It is noted that this was not a member of a local club.

PRESENTATION BY JANET WADE AND JIM BYRNE FROM DCC ENVIRONMENT REGARDING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO DOMESTIC RECYCLING SERVICES

Janet explained that due to changes in legislation Local Authorities are now required to have plans in place to collect domestic recycling. There is also got to be an increase in recycling.

Janet went through a presentation and gave the Committee details of the changes that are to be introduced. A copy of this presentation is attached to the minute.

There were a number of questions including the following: Jimmy Adams asked about when the instructions would come out about the changes as some of them were significant and if information would be needed well in advance to alleviate as much upheaval as possible. He mentioned that in Broughty Ferry there were a lot of elderly people. The reply is that leaflets will come out straight after Christmas and will be pictorially based. Staff from the Environment Department will also be happy to arrange individual local meetings and are already speaking to communities about their requirements.

David Easson queried about the food waste and whether people would be supplied with compostable liners for the bins. It was confirmed this would be the case. He also queried about the need for a colour coded calendar with a number of symbols rather than providing five or six individual ones. It was confirmed that all these issues are being looked into.

David Hewick clarified that the changes would include one extra bin for glass. He also queried about the use of waste disposal units for food waste. Janet explained that these have now been banned for commercial purposes, however domestic properties are still able to use these.

David Easson asked about the range of recycling facilities on the streets. There are already a number of Eurobins and there will be a rationalisation of some on-street recycling, however local solutions will be discussed in each local community area.

For example Schools have large clothing receptacles outside the School but some of these are owned directly by the Charity. Schools can source their own funding to obtain these and they can be an income generator for the School. The Chair thanked both PC Morrison and the Environment Department for their presentations.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Just one amendment to be recorded. Minutes were proposed as an accurate copy by Ken Anderson and seconded by Hugh Begg.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were not matters arising from the minutes.

4. PLANNING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Objections to 182 Long Lane an inappropriate house in a garden.

FEEDBACK UPDATE

Sainsbury's have appealed the refusal of their application to increase the comparison goods area in their Super Store.

383 Brook Street – the official decision is to be held back until a bill is paid.

The Conservation Officer is working on the re-assessment of three remaining Broughty Ferry conservation areas (Grove, Forthill and Reres Hill). They hope the report will be ready for November's City Development Committee and going out to public consultation in December.

David explained that he had sent an e-mail to DCC Planning about supplementary guidance on developer contributions, however the Community Council response was not mentioned in the City Development Committee on 22nd September. After querying the issue with Gordon Reid apparently the e-mail in June had been quarantined and not read and then eventually deleted. Carole Jenkins mentioned that some of the e-mails that are now coming through from the Community Council are listed as SPAM and this may be something to do with the changes in security. This issue is being looked into.

"What's in a Name" Book authored by Calum Webster is now available and includes an interesting local history about people in houses. This will be launched on 7th November at an event organised by the Friends of Broughty Ferry Library. The event is at Broughty Ferry Library on 7th November.

477 Brook Street has ongoing issues with Planning due to the clarification of what were separate dwellings and the applicant has been asked to provide further information.

Cedar Road and Fort Street flooding is still causing ongoing problems which David is working on.

5. LICENSING

Stan had nothing to report.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Community Council have a balance of £1,404.95 made up of the following: DCC allocation is £493.04, Broughty Ferry Community Council own funds are £778.73, the Beach Fund is £54.16, and the Special Projects Fund £79.02.

7. VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

Which is attached to the minute.



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8. ELECTED MEMBER REPORTS

- 8.1** Kevin Cordell asked about representation on the Community Council from young people or what opportunities there were for young people to become involved. George explained that since Dave Murdoch had retired from Grove there was now little contact with the Grove about bringing young people. It is critical to get the views of the young. George to write to Graham Hutton.

Carole Jenkins mentioned that as part of the Community Council's ongoing work to encourage new members this would form a critical part of the Action Plan.

Ken Guild reported that he had had a complaint about litter from the Centenary Wing blowing into resident's gardens and he had contacted Environment about replacement of bins.

Councillor Bidwell discussed the trees that had been damaged in the recent storm in Anton Drive which had damaged the new fencing.

Queen Street will be closed for five days to allow for the new pedestrian crossing to be installed. It was confirmed that the Lolly Pop lady would still be in attendance.

10. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Hugh Begg mentioned that the Community Council, Broughty Ferry Traders Association and possibly Broughty Ferry Development Trust were looking to work together to plan work for Reres Hill. Hugh was asking for approval in principle from the Community Council that this would be a project supported by them. There were no objections.

Nicola Mitchell asked whether she could go on to the mailing list for the Community Council to receive the minutes. It was explained that only Community Councillors were sent minutes, however they were all on the website.

David Easson confirmed that he had given 25 years of old minutes from April 1989 to December 1995 and he had lodged these with the City Archives. Mrs Fiona Potton was queried about the records held by her late father Mr Campbell. It was confirmed that these records had been destroyed.

It is confirmed that the Co-ordinator from Ferry Time regarding Timebanking will present at the next Community Council meeting.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th November 2014 at Broughty Ferry Library.