

**MINUTE OF BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2015
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PRESENT:

George Ferguson, Chair
Hugh Begg, Vice Chair
David A Easson, Treasurer
David Hewick, Planning Secretary
Stan Nutt, Licensing
Ken Anderson,

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Councillor Laurie Bidwell
Councillor Derek Scott
Councillor Ken Guild

VISITORS

Carole Jenkins, Dundee City Council
Sandro Paladini, Broughty Ferry Traders Association
Louise Boag, Dundee University Student
Robert Couper
Ron Findlay
Val Duncan
Bruce Powrie
Bobby Rae (Press)

APOLOGIES:

Fiona M Potton
Councillor Kevin Cordell

1. Broughty Ferry Community Council acknowledged receipt of an resignation e-mail sent by Janice Bell. Thanks were expressed for all the work she had contributed to the Community Council over many years.

2. **CONCERNS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

Empty shop fronts.

Fintry Place Mobile Telephone Mast.

3. **MINUTE OF THE LAST MEETING**

One correction regarding funds. It should read £1,254.95 (not .94) and agreed as a true copy.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

DCC Engineers have prepared the following statement as a response to the minute of the Community Council meeting of 6th January 2015.

**BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF 6 JANUARY 2015**

Dundee City Council Response to Concerns as Noted in the Minutes

A public Open Day was held in Castle Green on 21 January 2015 to allow presentation of greater detail of the proposals.

Alternative proposals were considered within the comprehensive Coastal Study undertaken by Consultants, Mott MacDonald, with the preferred options being approved by Council on 19 August 2013. The Study incorporated the findings of detailed modelling covering various storm scenarios from a 1 in 1 year event to a 1 in 200 year including climate change. The proposals presented are a progression of these approved options. It should be noted that the objective is to provide protection from a 1 in 200 year flood event including an allowance for climate change while limiting damage to the dune system.

The grasses to be planted will be semi mature and protected with fencing to avoid damage while establishing. Experience elsewhere along the beach shows this to be very effective.

Proposals are currently being progressed to tackle coastal erosion east of the Glass Pavilion in 2015.

It is not considered that structural damage is a risk while these works are carried out due to minimal use of heavy plant and vibration. Most movements will be from the beach rather than the road. However, dilapidation surveys of properties can be considered prior to construction at the request of owners when and if the works go ahead.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AGM, TRAINING EVENT AND ELECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The AGM is to be held on **Tuesday 5th May 2015**. There will be a need to advertise and publicise 21 days in advance.

Hugh Begg circulated a paper entitled "Looking to the Future". It was agreed to follow the same procedure of electing officer bearers as in 2014 using the nomination papers previously agreed.

George Ferguson and Ken Anderson both expressed their intention to resign at the AGM. Hugh Begg will not be seeking election for any of the office bearer posts. There is a need to elect a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Planning Secretary and a Licensing Secretary.

Considerable concern was expressed about the need to attract new people to become Community Councillors and a lengthy discussion was held about how to attract more members. Carole Jenkins suggested, as well as existing groups who already held regular meetings of their own, the Community Council consider different ways of attracting new people. Carole referred to a paper that had been discussed at Building Stronger Communities meeting regarding a Community Needs Assessment where many groups expressed the same issues in attracting new and younger members.

Concern was expressed by Stan Nutt that Dundee City Council was not doing enough to market the benefits of forming Community Councils throughout Dundee. Hugh Begg expressed the view that the £550 grant given by the Council was not enough for the Community Council to engage with the population of The Ferry. The Community Council needed more resources.

Carole Jenkins again offered to support the Community Council with finding ways of engaging with the wider public and mentioned the production of a newsletter which the Community

Council could include an article. This newsletter will be delivered to every household in Broughty Ferry throughout April.

Questions were asked about when the next election for the Community Council will be held. Carole Jenkins read out an e-mail from the Head of Democratic and Legal Services which quoted the Scheme of Operations for Community Councils which was approved by the Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee in 2010. Paragraph 7 states "provided that elections will be held on a four yearly cycle outwith local government election years on dates to be determined by the local authority but that, should the Community Council election cycle fall in the year of the Scottish Local Government or Parliamentary elections (as here,) the electoral proceedings will be held in the following year.

As a result of this Roger Mennie felt that the Broughty Ferry Community Council election should take place in 2016.

Concern was expressed because there is a Scottish Parliament election in 2016 and a Local Government election being held in 2017. Would this mean that the Community Council elections may have to wait until 2018?

Carole Jenkins agreed to seek clarification and report back to the next meeting. The elected members also agreed to seek clarification.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

David Hewick reported that he had only submitted one representation on a C listed house at 20 Dundee Road. He raised the problem of the difference in time between the submission of some planning applications and listed building consent applications.

Consultation on guidance for householder development.

David had submitted comments which were circulated to the meeting.

Conservation area appraisals.

Amendments to the Reres Hill, Forthill and Grove Conservation Areas were welcomed. The draft proposals have been circulated and the public consultation is to start approximately at the beginning of March.

Spotlight

Members noted the recent article in the Spotlight and David suggested it may provide an opportunity to mention the consultations on the three remaining conservation areas and also to mention conservation area repair grants.

Tayplan

The proposed structure plan will be published on 11th May following an eight week consultation period. There is a briefing for Community Councils and elected members on 5th May between 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm in Greenmarket. This clashes with the AGM being held on 5th May. However, there is a Display on 3rd June in the Wellgate Library which people can go along to. In the committee version of the proposed plan it names Linlathen as a "strategic development area" and sets aside 40 hectares of employment land. There is no mention of any houses as yet.

Also Dundee City Council is starting to prepare a new local plan with a main issues report for publication in January 2016.

Application for a 17.5 metre pole to accommodate antenna, three ground level cabinets.

Gallifordtry Planning Agents were invited to the meeting but had not attended. The proposal was to site the mast just outside Forthill conservation area opposite 47 Forthill Road. David explained that adverse health affects are not a planning issue if an appropriate Safety Certificate is provided. The main problem is a visual intrusion. A previous application in 2011 for a site in the Sports Club ground was refused on appeal (visual intrusion with insufficient shielding by existing trees). The application mentions 23 sites considered in the locality.

Forthill Parent Council indicated that they will strongly object. It was decided to leave it to the local residents to consider.

7. LICENSING MATTERS

Stan Nutt reported that he had received no correspondence regarding Licensing. Carole Jenkins asked George Ferguson for an update as all areas had been asked to provide an update. George Ferguson could not remember receiving anything in recent weeks.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

David Easson reported no change to the balance. A bill had been received from Thistle Software, Lesley Duncan for the development of the website and ongoing maintenance costs. The total is £252.48 and the cheque is to be signed tonight.

David had also received a Invoice from Nanotech the previous company assisting the Community Council with the website. Nanotech had asked for £125 and David was asking for clarification as to why the Invoice had been submitted as this same amount was paid on 11th February 2014. After some discussion it became apparent that the previous agreement with Nanotech has not been progressed. George Ferguson agreed to seek clarification.

9. VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

This was dealt with under item 5.

10. No matters raised by Community Councillors.

11. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Number of shop closures in Broughty Ferry

George asked Sandro Palidini as the Secretary of the Broughty Ferry Traders Association to make comment.

Sandro gave a comprehensive update of the amount of work that the Traders Association had been doing over the last year and their membership had raised from 57 to 110. Whilst he recognised that some shops were closed at the moment it was possibly a sign of a healthy trading environment as well as many of the shops did not lie empty for long periods of time. Through the "Come to Broughty" website and the Great Neighbourhood Award publicity Broughty Ferry is now being recognised much further afield. The Traders Association are also a part of the City Wide Tourism Group and continue to market Broughty Ferry as a destination for visitors. He reported that many Traders who were represented on the Association felt that trading had improved in the last 18-24 months and people will note that a significant number of premises have invested in decorating their premises.

The mobile phone mast at Fintry Place was discussed under planning matters.

12. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS

Unfortunately due to the meeting over-running the agenda had to be finished at this point.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th April 2015 at Broughty Ferry Library.