

**MINUTE OF BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2016 AT 7.00 PM
IN BROUGHTY FERRY LIBRARY**

PRESENT:

Adele McGrath
Ian M Gray
Joan Chalmers
David Easson
David Hewick
Fiona M Potton
Pat Moore
Sean Moore
Carolyn Forrester
Gill Bloomer
Jimmy Adams
John Watson
Stan Nutt
Ron Findlay
Hugh M Begg
Isobel McLean

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Bailie Derek Scott

VISITORS

PC Mike Brown, Police Scotland
PS Gair Forbes, Police Scotland
Carole Jenkins, Communities Officer, Dundee City Council
Doug McLaren
Frances Morgan
Richard Smith
Benjamin Chambrier
J C Forrester
Jeanette Thirsk
Stewart Thirsk
Jane Begg
Hannah Dolman – Evening Telegraph

APOLOGIES:

Neil Cooney

1. RECORDING OF MEMBERSHIP PRESENT AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Details as above.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR ADOPTION

These were agreed as a true copy. Proposed by David Easson, seconded by Fiona M Potton.
There were no matters arising.

3. CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

Good evening everyone. Well, when I heard a few mum's talking about the boundaries issue when I picked up my little girl at school a few months ago, I never imagined that it would lead me to be here now, as Chair of the Community Council. I only came along as I wanted to find out more about the boundaries, but that night I thought it was glaringly obvious that the Community Council was in need of people to take over posts and I stood there and thought that this was something that I could do. There was no point in moaning about something when I could make a small, but significant, change. I still wasn't imagining that I would be the Chair at this point – but here I am!

Obviously, all of this is very new to me, but I am trying my best with it all and to learn 'on the job' so to speak. Although I am new to this, I am very committed and I do genuinely feel that I have the backing of the Office Bearers. It makes me feel better that my 'other-half', or Vice Chair, Ian, is also new to this. So it has been a case of 'sink or swim' for us – or 'blind leading the blind' is probably a better way to describe it. One thing which is obvious through talking to Ian is that we both want to move the Community Council forward. We need your help to do so.

I would like to thank all the Office Bearers for their hard work over the past few months, and obviously prior to me being in this post. To Ian Gray, who has taken on not one, but two roles as Vice Chair and Secretary, Joan Chalmers who keeps us all up to date with Agendas and Minutes, David Easson, our Treasurer, Stan Nutt, our Licensing Secretary, David Hewick, our Planning Secretary in his last few months with us, and Neil Cooney, our Communications Secretary. I know that you are all extremely capable in your posts and I hope that that I do the Community Council proud in my first full year ahead. I would also like to thank George Ferguson for doing such a wonderful job for all those years, prior to me coming along and attempting to fill his shoes!

My final thanks are to Carole Jenkins, who can't possibly be paid to work all the hours she does. Carole is never far away from the end of the phone and has personally been extremely helpful as I have tried to get my head around the way in which the Community Council operates.

So, where do I see us going from here? Well, I hope that we can move forward in a more proactive way, seeking new, younger voices, and making the Community Council something that everyone in Broughty Ferry knows about and cares about. I welcome anyone with views on how to do this as I am personally passionate about it. We do have the updates website and I am happy to be an administrator on a Facebook page, if that is what the Community Council wants. We need to strengthen our links with the Community (who are the real reason we are here).

Thank you all for accepting me as the new Chair and I will do my best for the good of this Community, not because I came along and found myself in this post 'sort-of' by accident, but because I want to.

4/5 THE VICE CHAIR & SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Looking at our constitution, the guiding principle reads as follows: -

“In addition to any other purpose which a community council may pursue, the general purpose of a community council shall be to ascertain, co-ordinate and express to the local authority the views & concerns of the community which it represents”

For me this means we need to ensure that our local community realize that they have a community council that they can call on. How can we better get this message across: -

- Communicate through social media
- Suggestion boxes set up at the library – better understand the issues that concern people.
- Public Notice board

Communications Secretary: Neil Cooney. Proposed by Adele McGrath and seconded by Ian M Gray

Minute Secretary: Joan Chalmers. Proposed by Ian M Gray and seconded by Adele McGrath

8. An auditor is not required but the Independent Examiner of the Annual Account is confirmed as Patricia McFarlane

All the above having been duly nominated were confirmed by the meeting to have been elected to serve for the following year.

9. **DATE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2nd May 2017**

Next Community Council Meeting in Broughty Ferry Library is 7th June 2016.