

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 3rd May 2016

1. Community Councillors Present: Adele McGrath (Chair), Ian M Gray (Vice Chair & Secretary), David A Easson (Treasurer), David Hewick (Planning Secretary), Stan Nutt (Licensing Secretary), Joan Chalmers (Minute Secretary), James Adams, Fiona M Potton, John Watson, Ron Findlay, Sean Moore, Pat Moore, Isobel McLean, Gill Bloomer, Carolyn Forrester, Hugh M Begg

In Attendance: Carole Jenkins (Communities Officer DCC)
PS Gair Forbes & PC Mike Brown, Police Scotland

Ex Officio: Bailie Derek Scott

Members of the Public Present: Richard Smith, J C Forrester, D McLaren, Frances Morgan, Benjamin Chambrier, Jeanette Thirsk, Stewart Thirsk, Jane Begg, Hannah Dolman (Evening Telegraph)

Apologies: Neil Cooney

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes were accepted as read and proposed by Ian M Gray, seconded by David Hewick

3. Matters arising:

Bailie Scott reported that he had checked and the lights at Panmurefield were not the responsibility of Dundee City Council but may be the Co-Op who look after the immediate vicinity of the shopping area.

Sewage in Dalhousie Road following the heavy rain had been cleared by Scottish Water. A defect was discovered in the pipe and a large quantity of wipes were cleared. They will run a local advertising campaign to warn customers of the dangers of putting these down the toilet.

The footpath between Strathern Road and Albany road was known as Dunella Road and formed a part of the property of Claypotts Farm. There is no record of the current owner (previously this parcel of land belonged to Douglas & Angus Estates – owned by the Earl of Hume). It is not a registered Right of Way & has been out of use for more than 10 years. Perhaps the owner of the adjoining house has done checks prior to beginning work to clear the land.

A discussion followed & it was decided that Stan would speak with the resident who originally contacted him regarding this matter as it is felt the Community Council could not take on the responsibility of further clearing the land & maintaining it, even with aid from, perhaps, Community Payback. SSE will have a Wayleave which allows them access to the sub station from Albany Road so perhaps they will know the owner. Residents who are interested in using/maintaining the path may wish to contact SSE.

4. Matters to be raised by Community Councillors

See above

5. Matters to be raised by members of the public

Benjamin Chambrier asked for advice on how to proceed with an application for an outside seating area in front of his café in Brook Street. He circulated a paper showing how it may look. It was agreed that Hugh M Begg & David Hewick will liaise with Benjamin & he will check with the neighbouring properties on how they proceeded with their applications.

Residents from Balgillo raised the problems they are having with the Greenbelt Company over the problem of littering & ground maintenance in their area. Carole confirmed the same problem is happening elsewhere - in Monifieth – and had previously been dealt with by Dundee City Council Chief Executive with all local Councillors involved in the matter. Advice was given to the residents & it was felt they should contact their MSP & MP as more nationally needs to be done to deal with this Company.

6. Police Report

PS Gair Forbes introduced himself & PC Mike Brown. He has only just been appointed to look after Broughty Ferry but has been an Officer for more than 25 years. They take the matter of policing in Broughty Ferry very seriously & are aware of the concerns of the residents, particularly with regards to anti-social behaviour. He urged us to make use of email to contact him with any problems & will make the contact details available to Carole at the end of the meeting.

There have been several attempted break-ins to retail premises in Brook Street, various sneak-in/opportunistic thefts in nearby Whitfield & Douglas. Forthill Tennis Club was also targeted & persons have been caught & reported for this.

Question: Will extra police be on duty during the Gala Week?

There will be individual teams out & about but can't guarantee numbers. High profile events are risk assessed. Graeme Anderson will advise if necessary.

Jimmy Adams asked about the regulations regarding skips as there seem to be several without the usual cones/warning lights etc. Sgt Forbes will check on these & whether the necessary permits have been obtained.

Carole Jenkins reported she had had a general enquiry from Broughty Ferry Traders re security. Would it be possible to arrange a Crime Prevention session? Sgt Forbes will look at arranging this. He will also make the local community aware of the need to secure cars/doors/windows & sheds.

BFCC could arrange a safety meeting for the community.

YMCA also wants to arrange contacts with Police Scotland.

Any reports of 'boy racers' – get the registration number of the vehicle. Only if they are identified can they be warned & if the warning is ignored, vehicle may be seized.

Questions about the safety regulations/roadworthiness of quad bikes. Again, Sgt Forbes confirmed they need to comply in the same way any vehicle used on the road does.

7. Planning Report

David Hewick confirmed that the building work at Armistead House is proceeding on the basis of the latest approved application for 24 dwellings. Reuse of some of the original stonework is one of the conditions applied to this development.

Work done in Davidson Street at a pedestrian access 7 years ago has now been completed properly to comply with the Conservation Area status.

It will be very useful to have the 2 new Planning Secretaries coming on board in July.

Carole had been asked to look at training and this has been costed at up to £600 for 1 day. Carole confirmed that West End CC had a session with the City Council planners & that Fintry may also be interested in the training. Hugh then offered to do a training session at no cost!

It is understood that DVA can offer training to other Office Bearers & that Dundee City Council can also do training for a new Licensing Secretary.

Carole will organise with Hugh, City Planners, Licensing & all those interested.

8. Licensing

Nothing to report this month.

The Minute Secretary apologised for omitting this from the Agenda.

9. Treasurer's Report

David Easson confirmed no change – see AGM report

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10. Contributions from Elected Members

Bailie Scott confirmed that at a meeting of the City Council, they had changed their minds over the matter of the Boundary Commission and were now recommending no change. The Report is due to be published following the Scottish Parliament elections.

Carole Jenkins confirmed that she was at the Committee when this item was tabled as an emergency motion by the Lord Provost. Hugh Begg raised the concerns of all of us as to whether this will be taken into account by the Commission.

11. AOCB

Carole Jenkins spoke about the LCPP meeting on 19th May & about the Beach Management Committee meeting in June. Hugh Begg has been the representative for BFCC so looking now for others to attend. The Beach Management Committee normally meets during the day & the next meeting of the LCPP is at 5.30pm at Balmossie Fire Station.
The next meeting of the Traders is 24th May.
Hopefully we will be well represented.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th June at 7.00pm