

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 7th June 2016

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

In Attendance: Carole Jenkins (Communities Officer DCC)
Ron Wilson & Gavin Smith (City Development DCC)

Ex Officio: Bailie Derek Scott, Cllr Laurie Bidwell, Cllr Kevin Cordell

Members of the Public Present: J C Forrester, D McLaren, Maggie Anderson, Ann Bates, Judith Stewart, Margaret Smith, Bob Preston, Chris Davey, Angus McIntosh, Frances Morgan, Brian Cunningham (West Ferry Action Group)

Apologies: Cllr Ken Guild, Hugh Begg, Fiona M Potton, Stan Nutt

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes were accepted as read and proposed by Ian M Gray, seconded by James Adams

3. Matters arising:

There were no matters arising

Proposed Flood Protection Scheme for Broughty Ferry

Adele introduced the presentation on the proposed scheme. Ron Smith gave us an overview of the project to fulfil the local Flood Risk Management Plan, put in place following the Scottish Parliament Act of 2009, as it affects the Tay Estuary & Montrose Basin. SEPA has identified 4 areas requiring action in Dundee. Of 42 areas in Scotland, Broughty Ferry has been ranked at number 2. The cost estimate of the works is £10 million with the Scottish Government paying 80% & Dundee City Council 20% of the costs. After consultations, it is anticipated that work will be done during 2017/2018. Comment forms are available & the presentation will be made available online as well as at Dundee House.

The response so far, following the presentation last week at Broughty Castle Bowling Club, has been mainly positive.

Members of the public present queried the need, firstly for the scheme at all & secondly, the width of the 'boardwalk'. A discussion followed regarding these items & also the parking available in the area as well as storm drainage & the types of gates to be used in the wall.

Members of the public should be aware that ongoing investigations into the exact placement of the sewage pipes in the area will be made. Comments on the proposals are welcomed.

Adele thanked Ron for his interesting presentation.

LGBC Proposal

Ian Gray referred the Community Councillors to the various reports & papers on the LGBC proposals which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Prior to deciding how to proceed, Brian Cunningham of the West Ferry Action Group was asked to give us an idea of how his group was feeling. Brian confirmed that the outcome of the proposals has been devastating for the community but that they are determined to make full use of the opportunity for further consultation which is open until the 7th July 2016. Responses have to be in the hands of the Minister, Kevin Stewart by then. Despite what had been an unprecedented number of responses to the consultation, the LGBC had ignored the very strong local ties and had opted for the worst possible outcome. The response of Dundee City Council at the outset was disappointing & it took until 25th April 2016 for them to change their stance, too late for the LGBC to take it into account.

The Report was published on 26th May & in light of the £23 million cuts in Dundee it is felt that to have to find the money to pay for a further 2 Councillors is contrary to rational thought.

The West Ferry Action Group are now planning to do a mail drop in the area to encourage residents to contact the Minister & will be meeting with Shona Robison MSP on Friday 10th June.

Everyone who wishes to object to the proposed change is encouraged to email the Minister, copying in Shona Robison MSP & all 4 Ward Councillors

Cllr Bidwell advised those writing or emailing should emphasise the local ties between West Ferry & Broughty Ferry as the Report contradicts itself in this area.

Bailie Scott confirmed the Dundee City Council meeting next Monday will discuss the Report. There may be room for an objection to the Report on a technical basis in that the LGBC did not meet following the submission by the Council having changed their opinion & therefore ignored the wishes of the Council.

After some discussion, it was agreed that Community Councillors should meet next week, having heard the outcome of the meeting with Shona Robison MSP, to decide whether to resubmit the original objection with the names of the new Community Councillors appended and to consider whether to attach a codicil to that objection containing any new issues that have emerged from the meeting with Shona Robison or from the further considerations of any of the Community Councillors since the meeting on 7th June 2013.

Carole Jenkins agreed to liaise with everyone on suitable meeting places/times.

4. Matters to be raised by Community Councillors

None at this time

5. Matters to be raised by members of the public present

Mr McLaren wishes to speak about the hedge at the Queen Street Car Park

6. Planning Report

David Hewick confirmed that objections have been submitted regarding the H71 site at Linlathen for 150 houses. Again, this expansion can impact adversely on the proposals contained in the LGBC Report going forward.

7. Licensing

No report

8. Secretary's Report

No report

9. Treasurer's Report

David Easson advised he has spent a considerable amount of time trying to get the signatories on the account held at the Bank of Scotland sorted out. Adele McGrath, Ian M Gray & Joan Chalmers had agreed to become the new signatories & the required forms were handed out for completion. As part of this change, George Ferguson had completed a form to resign as a signatory.

In order for the Bank of Scotland to complete the alterations, we are required to pass a resolution that we are all agreed that the above named persons together with the Treasurer, David Easson, be signatories to the account. This resolution was agreed unanimously & Carole Jenkins signed the necessary form as an independent witness.

There is an amount of £995.31 in the Bank at 1st June, an account for Thistle Software in an amount of £202.62 having been paid. We still await the grant from Dundee City Council for the current year.

10. Contributions from Elected Members

Cllr Bidwell confirmed the consultation on the proposals for 20mph zones was still open until 27th June. He suggested that at our July meeting we may wish to discuss the Tay Cities bid for a City Deal – would we want to put proposals to Dundee City Council, e.g. an improved ferry/pier serving Broughty Ferry, the V&A, Perth & Tayport?

Bailie Scott advised that BT are happy for the phone box at Beach Crescent to be taken over by the community but that the phone would be removed. It is noted that 82 calls were made in the last year. Suggestions are called for as to a use for the box – Adele confirmed that Broughty Ferry Traders Association are looking for suggestions – many other communities have taken over their phone boxes for varied uses. Perhaps tourist information/library could be part of the installation as well as a promotional leaflet on Broughty Ferry.

Bailie Scott advised that Fort Street will be closed Monday 13th June for 5 days to allow for bridge repair works. Another area of Broughty Ferry is to have the food waste collection service & a drop in information session had been held in the Library last week. Some people in the existing area have not had their letters regarding the waste bags so Bailie Scott will enquire about this matter.

Bailie Scott has had several enquiries from constituents about the state of the tennis courts at the Esplanade. Due to work on the fencing, the upgrading of the courts has been delayed but it is hoped that the works will be completed by the end of this month.

11. Matters raised by members of the public

D McLaren asked what the current position was re the consultation on the future of the hedge at the Queen Street Car Park. Joan advised that as far as she is aware, nothing will be done until nearer the end of the year but that she will clarify that with Peter Sandwell at next week's Broughty Ferry in Bloom meeting.

12. AOCB

Adele advised that she attended the launch night at Jessie's Kitchen for the proposed use of the vacant Station building as an Arts Centre/Residency. 10 conceptual designs by DJC architecture students were shown & these have generated a considerable amount of positive support & media coverage. A working group is to be established by Jan McTaggart to further develop this. Adele attended the LCPP meeting on 19th May & saw a presentation from Nadia Sutherland from Dementia Friendly Communities. Nadia is hoping to set up a Focus Group & if anyone is interested in this, Adele can put you in touch with Nadia.

Other points worth mentioning include: - more volunteers are required for community events such as the Gala Day & Lights Night. Support is required to involve the young people in the decision making process & engaging them in community planning through the LCPP & BFCC. Now that exams are over, Adele plans to meet with Mr Hutton (Grove Academy) to discuss how the pupils can best be involved. Isolation is an increasing problem for the older members of our communities. Mobility issues, access to information about health & social care issues as well as services available were all mentioned as requiring action. A healthy report from the Fire Brigade was given with no accidental dwelling fires & no casualties in the period from January to March.

Carole Jenkins asked if we were all agreed that the Communications Secretary was to be the point of contact by the press. Agreed that if any Community Councillor was contacted, that they would pass on the enquiry to Neil Cooney without comment.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 5th July at 7pm in Broughty Ferry Library

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