

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 6th September, 2016

1. Community Councillors Present: Adele McGrath (Chair), Ian M Gray (Vice Chair & Secretary), David A Easson (Treasurer), Carolyn Forrester (temporary Minute Secretary), Neil Cooney (Communications Secretary), Hugh Begg, John Watson, Ron Findlay, Isobel McLean, Gill Bloomer, Fiona Potton, Stan Nutt,

In Attendance: Carole Jenkins (Communities Officer DCC)
Nick Toner (DCC)

Ex Officio: Bailie Derek Scott, Cllr Laurie Bidwell, Cllr Ken Guild

Members of the Public Present: J C Forrester, Doug McLaren, R. Smith, Jane Begg, Louis McNaught, Cara Smith, Pam McNaught,

Apologies: Joan Chalmers, John and Pat Moore, Cllr Kevin Cordell

2. Policy Matter: The Future of the Community Council

Hugh Begg gave a presentation on policy guidance to run until the next AGM. Among other topics he spoke about the background of community councils and BFCC having been established in 1976 as a result of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
Please see attachment for the full text of his report.

There is to be a series of meetings to assist with the orientation of the current Community Councillors beginning with a meeting on 27 Sept at 10 Constitution Rd. organised by Carole Jenkins run by Evelyn Cairns, Community Skills Training.
Community councillors will be invited to Dundee House by Gregor Hamilton, Head of Planning and Economic Development, to meet all staff but we must work out a date and time with him for this.
Stuart Galloway, Principal General Services Officer in Licensing, will also take a meeting to give the Community Council an orientation in this field. The time, date and venue have yet to be decided.

Fintry Community Council is also interested.

The point was made that, as a Community Council, we must do more than our core business but we are cash strapped. Broughty Ferry Development Trust does have the funds and it was suggested that we could approach them. Cllr Guild advised that they were very favourable to helping us with funds for projects.

There was a proposal to adopt Hugh's proposal as policy by John Watson, seconded by Fiona Potton and approved by unanimous vote.

Regarding the number of elected Community Councillors, there are currently 18 but we can also have 8 co-opted members. They can vote but they cannot

be an office bearer. These members could come from any local group such as Anton House, Access Groups, Churches, Gala Committee, Heritage Trust, etc. We should approach them and invite someone from each one of 8 different local groups. Co-opted members must be a resident of Broughty Ferry.

Carole Jenkins proposed that we form a small sub-group to work on this.

3. Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council:

The minutes were accepted as read and proposed by Ian Gray, seconded by Ron Findlay

4. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:

There were no matters arising.

5. Report by Chair:

For the full text of the report by Adele McGrath, please refer to the second attachment.

6. Report by the Secretary:

Ian Gray advised that BFCC has not heard back yet about the Community Choices Fund Application which we submitted in July. When contacted they said that there would be a further delay of notification of the result until the end of September.

Ian also said that the Post Office Bar is hosting a Quiz Night on Thursday at 7:00 pm, 8 September, 2016 to raise funds to purchase one of the statues of "Our Wullie" when they come up for auction. The funds raised at auction are in support of the Archie Foundation.

Regarding media enquiries, Ian informed the meeting that he has once again had to reinforce the instructions to the press to please always direct enquiries to our Communications Secretary, Neil Cooney.

7. Report by the Treasurer:

David Easson advised that BFCC is still not in receipt of our annual grant. Carole Jenkins said that the main clerical person in charge had been off ill for some time so that may be the reason.

There was a payment of £95 towards the purchase of a retirement gift for David Hewick. There was a personal contribution towards the gift by John Watson. Other items paid out were £20 for SO Scotways, and £60 to Marine Conservation. The total amount in the Bank of Scotland is £980.31.

Even though all the documentation is now complete the new signatories are still not in place at the bank and it is hoped that will occur in due course.

Please refer to statement as previously circulated.

8. Report by Planning Secretary:

John Watson advised that *all* planning applications made to Dundee City Council Planning Department relating to BFCC between 4th July and 26th August had been reviewed and have been included in his report which has been previously circulated to Community Councillors. Most of these resulted in “no view given”. In future only those applications which are deemed worthy of objection, representation, or any comment will be reported on.

In regard to the application on 24 August, 2016 by 1 The Croft, 5 Albany Grove, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, DD5 1LL, for the removal of white timber windows on north west elevation of listed building and installation of new white timber French doors and fanlight, on the grounds that no approach was made by the applicant to consult the City Development Department for advice prior to the planning application being submitted Broughty Ferry Community Council **objects** to the application.

A second application from the same address was submitted to Dundee City Council Planning Department to cut down and replace existing white timber windows and replace with new white timber French doors and fanlight.

It was again noted that no approach was made to the City Development Department for advice prior to submitting the planning application.

It was clear that no attempt had been made by the applicant to follow the above recommendation.

By seeking to replace the existing windows with French doors the character of the listed building is being compromised. For these reasons the Broughty Ferry Community Council **objects** to the application.

9. Matters raised by Community Councillors

Stan Nutt advised that the Report on Licensing had been omitted from the agenda.

Fiona Potton advised that there is a new ABC bus ticket available on both Stagecoach and Travel Dundee. Adult fare: £4.20, child's fare: £2.90.

Lengthy discussion took place about the problem of parking too close to several local schools. Stan Nutt suggested a scheme banning parking within a specified distance of each school 20 minutes before and 15 minutes after school hours. He said he had spoken with the Headmistress of Eastern Primary School, Mrs. Knox. Stan had witnessed cars, vans, and buses all incorrectly parked and was concerned that it was “an accident waiting to happen”. The main offender appears to be a Tayside Contracts employees car. This matter has now been successfully resolved.

Two parents had asked Stan specifically to bring this up in the BFCC meeting. Cllr Bidwell said that Edinburgh was piloting a similar scheme and that we should wait to see the results of their scheme before proceeding. He was concerned that there might be unintended consequences such that it would only displace the problem. Cllr Bidwell said the problem is exacerbated by the fact that our schools are now very big. Forthill Primary, for instance, is the largest in Dundee with 750 pupils.

Carole Jenkins warned not to photograph vehicle registration due to data protection laws.

After lengthy discussion it was decided that Stan Nutt would draft a letter to Tayside Contracts and send the letter first to Adele. Adele would then send it

to Ian Gray and Ian would then send it to Tayside Contracts on behalf of BFCC.

10. Contributions from elected members (ex officio members)

Cllr Guild described the problem of cows and calves wandering out of their field near Ferry Fields and onto the dual carriageway. Apparently, when the Dighty Burn , which usually acts as a natural barrier, becomes too low the cows are able to cross over it and wander freely. When the farmer tried to round them up they managed to get onto the Arbroath Road and this poses a danger to motorists. Cllr Guild wrote to Elaine Zwirlein , Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to ask her to please contact the farmer and sort out the problem.

Baillie Scott advised that Dawson Park was to receive a sum of £70,000 to improve the children's play area.

The Broughty Ferry Flood Protection Scheme is moving forward apace. The exhibition, which was available between 1 June and 24 June, 2016 had been well attended.

The public consultation resulted in 200 representations, the majority of which were favourable. The public likes the proposal but wants sympathetic materials to be used in the construction. The choice of materials will then inform the final design.

There is now a dedicated website where news, progress and developments will be reported.

It was noted that residents of Linlathen Park Rd. require a hardstanding for people to cross the road. The city engineers are working now on a hardstanding pedestrian crossing for this purpose.

Additional electric car parking spaces will be added to Queen St. Car Park.

Residents have commented that the sandmartin boxes at the beach appear unkempt . Stan Nutt said the boxes were contaminated and required cleaning. There had not been any provision made for upkeep by the Broughty Ferry Environment Project. It was also noted that a stoat was seen stealing the eggs. The Environment Department will tidy them up because a suitable habitat must be kept for the sand martins.

Cllr Bidwell advised that work on the Flood Protection Scheme had already begun with trial drilling along Douglas Terrace.

Changes are being proposed which will affect the use of Baldovie Recycling Centre. If one is using a car with a trailer, van, or pickup truck a permit will be required which will allow only one visit per twelve months. There will also be more restrictions on trade waste but there is the concern that this may lead to more fly tipping. More clarification about this matter will be made soon. Cllr Bidwell also reported that there are to be reinforcements and handrails built along the steps leading down to the beach, where there has been

erosion creating a trip hazard. The Environment Department is to re-bed the step.

11. Matters raised by members of the public: (previously intimated)

Although this item had not been previously intimated, the Chair made the decision to allow the following comment .

Doug McLaren advised that the Marine Conservation Organisation would carry out the Annual Beach Watch – Beach Cleanup/Survey on Saturday, 17 September at 10:00 am convening at the Barnhill Rock Garden. Members of the public would engage in an exercise of Observation and Cleanup of Broughty Ferry Beach noting the quantity and description of debris/litter on the beach as it was collected in order to establish, where possible, the presence of microbeads washed up on the beach.

There was no further business at this time.

Adele closed the meeting at 8:20 pm.

The next meeting will be held on 4th October, 2016.

