

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 4th October, 2016

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

In Attendance: Carole Jenkins (Communities Officer DCC)

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

Members of the Public Present: J C Forrester, Doug McLaren, Bruce Powrie
Nadia Vidinova (Dundee Courier)
Hannah Dolman (Evening Telegraph)

Apologies: Sean Moore, Hugh Begg, Liam Kerr MSP

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, intimating that Grove pupils had been unable to attend this evening so in a slight change to the agenda, Carole Jenkins will give a presentation at Item 4 & the Chair's Report will be moved to item 5.

2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council

These were accepted with amendments to include the noting of apologies from Cllr Kevin Cordell and a correction regarding the parking matter in Camperdown Street.

Proposed by: Ron Findlay

Seconded by: Stan Nutt

3. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:

At last month's meeting, it was proposed that a sub-group be set up. We discussed setting this up tonight but as the Broughty Ferry Development Trust are to attend our meeting in November it was agreed to wait until then so that we can follow up this suggestion with them and with other groups within Broughty Ferry.

Cllr Bidwell confirmed that following complaints about overtaking on Claypotts Road in particular by a Gillies vehicle, he had taken this up and the driver concerned had been identified by Gillies.

4. Carole Jenkins

Carole referred members to the paper produced by Hugh Begg at last month's meeting and confirmed she will email again any relevant documents to those who requested them. She reiterated that the Community Council's purpose is to act as a voice for the community, ensuring their views and concerns are heard.

Community Councillors need to recognise they represent all of the community and that sometimes their personal views may conflict with the majority.

It is the duty of Community Councillors to consult with other groups in the local area so as to best represent the views of the whole community.

The results of the consultation, Engage Dundee, are now beginning to come in and Carole will use these to help form plans to take forward to all groups in Broughty Ferry.

The possibility of establishing an email database, encouraging more involvement with the local press such as the Courier and the Telegraph, more public meetings when appropriate, issuing flyers/leaflets/local radio and suggestion boxes were all items discussed.

A sub group for youth members may be useful in encouraging more involvement by them.

David Easson reminded us that in the past we had a regular report in the Guide & Gazette. It may be useful to revive this and Neil Cooney was asked to look at this as well as providing regular copy for the Broughty Spotlight, perhaps in conjunction with the Development Trust.

5. Report by the Chair:

I would like to start with the fantastic news that there will be no change to the boundaries of Ward 8. Thank you to everyone who took the time to write to the Boundaries commission, to Ministers, to attend meetings and to gain support from across the community. I have no doubt that all of this helped us to gain the result we wanted. I would also like to thank the West Ferry Residents Action Group who played a huge part in the successful campaign.

Congratulations go to Neil Cooney and all involved with the Archie Foundation on the wonderful 'Oor Wullie' campaign which has raised a phenomenal amount of money for the children's operating theatre at Ninewells Hospital. It was brilliant to see 'Oor Lifesaver Wullie' successfully retained in his rightful place at RNLi Broughty Ferry with his bucket inscribed in memory of the Mona. A final amount of £16,000 was raised by Broughty Ferry RNLi with £10,000 being bid in the auction and the remaining £6,000 split between the Archie Foundation and the RNLi. I was there on Friday night to see Oor Wullie being returned to the pier and it was great to see so many people out to welcome him home. This campaign demonstrated the spirit of the Ferry folk – once again, Neil, congratulations!

As far as dealing with partner organisations are concerned, there are still ongoing issues which have still to be resolved. I agreed last month that the Minutes of the Beach Management Committee, once passed, would be posted on our website, but have not yet appeared. Neither have the Minutes for our July Meeting and the date of our next meeting is still shown as September. *At this point, Neil and Joan agreed to work with Lesley to ensure the website is updated and Neil will try to get direct access so as to be able to amend the website as and when required*

I am glad to be able to welcome Joan back after her nasty fall. Carolyn Forrester did a sterling job at short notice last month and we would all like to thank her for agreeing to step in on a temporary basis.

We heard in September that we had not been successful in our application for funding from the Community Choices Fund as they had received 114 applications with a total grant request of £5.77 million for a funding pot of just £750,000. Our application will however be held in the Community Empowerment team's database and if further funding becomes available within the 2016/17 financial period, they may be in touch.

We have all agreed that we would like to demonstrate a partnership approach with Broughty Ferry Development Trust and I wondered if we could perhaps share the page we have available in the Broughty Spotlight. If Neil could perhaps take this forward for us and if anyone else has any ideas for text to fill the page, please let me know.

I, along with several other members, attended a Committee Skills Training session in the City Chambers on 27th September. Discussions centred on the role of a committee and sheets were handed out giving job descriptions of various Office Bearers. If all of our Office Bearers could write a short description of their role for next month's meeting, perhaps that might be better than the 'one size fits all' approach. It seemed apparent that we were in quite a good place as we have members who are committed to the success of our Community Council.

Representatives from the other 2 CC's present liked our style of Agenda as well as Minutes and we have agreed to help them out when required. Similarly, if we require help from them, it will be made available.

**The next 2 Training Sessions have been agreed and will be held at Eastern Primary School.

Training on Licensing matters October 31st 4.30 – 6.00 pm **

Training on Planning November 22nd 4.00 – 6.00 pm**

** Please note that since our meeting these dates and times have now been confirmed and that those interested in attending the sessions should give their names to Carole so as to ensure there is sufficient room for all**

Finally, as a Primary School teacher, I have to take regular parent's evenings. The next such evening coincides with our CC meeting. I will therefore be unable to guarantee being able to be here to chair the meeting.

A discussion followed and it was suggested that the precedence was that in the absence of a Vice Chair, the meeting could be taken by the immediate past Chair. Stan Nutt therefore agreed to step in.

6. Report by the Secretary:

Ian reiterated the dates for training session and confirmed that Carole Jenkins will book the rooms at Eastern Primary School.

Chris Barton from Broughty Ferry Development Trust will be able to come to next month's meeting to give us a short presentation.

Ian will be unable to continue as a Community Councillor, Vice-Chair and Secretary due to a change in circumstances. He will write a formal letter of resignation and pass this to Carole Jenkins.

Joan offered to issue the Agenda and reports necessary for next month's meeting.

It would be appreciated if members could put their names forward to fill the posts of Vice-Chair and Secretary to Carole Jenkins in advance of the November meeting.

7. Report by Treasurer:

Balance sheet as forwarded previously shows total funds at 28/09/2016 of £767.72.

We have still not had confirmation that the change in signatories has been accepted and of course, in light of Ian's resignation, this will require to be amended again.

The cheque for administration costs from Dundee City Council For £551 has today been received.

Until 14th September 2016, the Community Councils have been covered for Public Liability insurance by a block policy issued to Dundee City Council. The insurers have withdrawn this type of policy and therefore until we can get our own insurance policy, we cannot hold public meetings. Joan also queried the need for Data Protection insurance, especially if we would like to set up a database. In the meantime, Carole confirmed that we can hold our normal meetings on Council premises, whilst a member of Council staff is in attendance.

Cllr Bidwell suggested we look for other sources of funding to cover our insurance costs.

Adele and Carole will liaise and find out more details. Is the funding from the Council still per capita? If so, why has it not increased in line with the increased population within Ward 8?

Joan will issue headed notepaper to those who require it for Community Council business.

8. Report by Planning Secretary

Copies of the letters sent to Dundee City Council had been previously circulated to members regarding the proposal for flats on the land between the Library and the Gulistan (former Queen Street Church).

It was confirmed that the Civic Trust is now examining this application.

The members of the Community Council unanimously ratified the objection made to the application.

Proposed by Carolyn Forrester, seconded by Adele McGrath.

9. Report by Licensing Secretary

Stan Nutt advised that an application had been made by the Tayberry Restaurant on 12th September 2016 to extend the table license to allow for off-sales between the hours of 11am to 11pm. Orders could be placed from 10am for collection after 11am. As a notice was not placed in the window of the premises at that time, it was in breach of the Regulations. The notice is now in place. This is a quiet residential area adjacent to the beach. Some residents have already submitted letters of objection to the City Council. Members discussed the principle of opening off sales in such close proximity to the beach and a vote was taken by a show of hands. 9 members voted in favour of sending a letter of objection with 4 members not indicating a preference.

10. Matters raised by Community Councillors

Joan raised the matter of the temporary Blue Badge scheme as following her fall, she had experienced problems with getting parking spaces wide enough to allow for wheelchair access. Bailie Scott had contacted the department responsible for issuing the badges to ask about this. The badges are issued for temporary disablements which last for between 1 year and 3 years. Cllr Bidwell said he had also experienced the same problem.

Joan will raise this with local MSP, Liam Kerr and Adele agreed to write to Neil Gellatly.

11. Contributions from Elected Members (ex officio members)

Cllr Bidwell advised that Police Scotland were looking to rationalise their premises and that Chief Inspector Gary Ogilvie had advised Dundee City Council that they were looking at closing the premises on the north side of Brook Street but moving all operations to the office on the south side (between the Burgh Halls and M&S).

As part of the restructuring of Police Scotland, the methods of policing will return to something more akin to how the police operated previously.

Discussed policing at the LCPP and Carole Jenkins had suggested the police contact the Community Council regarding the changes. Bailie Scott has also spoken with Chief Inspector Ogilvie who has confirmed there will be no reduction in the service we receive locally.

Several constituents have been in touch about the caravan at Panmurefield/Balmossie Street.

The Planning Department have confirmed there is no permission for this and that Amanda Vaughan is having the site examined. Cllr Bidwell has asked for advice from Legal Services as this may come back as a planning application. The site is at present designated as open space on the Local Plan. Adele and others who live in the area are encouraged to call the police if they feel it necessary.

The City Development Department have confirmed that the winter maintenance (grit/salt) of the Green Circular Route will be continued this year.

Bailie Scott has also been contacted by constituents about the caravan and confirmed he will keep us informed of progress.

He was pleased to confirm that following on from last month's report of the upgrading at Dawson Park, Orchar Park will also be upgraded and that adult gym equipment will be installed.

The mosaic pavement at Panmure Street is breaking up quite badly but unfortunately there is no spare money in the budget for repairs. However, the City Council will support the Community in raising funds – Carole will liaise with Bailie Scott.

As the subject of Police Scotland rationalising their estate had been brought forward, Bailie Scott had asked Tayside Fire & Rescue if they had any plans to take steps to downgrade or to close Balmossie Fire Station and was pleased to confirm that there are no such plans at present.

Cllr Cordell asked that his apologies for last month's meeting be recorded as he had in fact sent in apologies. This has been actioned.

Cllr Cordell also had been advised of the move by Police Scotland and about the problems with the caravan at Balmossie.

It was advised that an advert for a Youth Officer would be placed in the Broughty Spotlight.

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

Doug McLaren updated us on the beach clean up which was carried out on 17th September. 15 volunteers took over 500 pieces of litter from a stretch of beach measuring approximately 400 metres between Balmossie Pumping Station and the Barnhill Rock garden. More than 40 dog poo bags were found, amounting to 8% of the total. It was asked if the Councillors could request extra dog litter bins be provided.

It was confirmed by Councillors that dog poo can be deposited in any litter bin, including the grey bin at home.

The good news is that less sewage litter was found.

Fiona Potton highlighted that the bin on the bus stop on Dalhousie Road opposite her home regularly overflowed with rubbish and that she had spoken to a supervisor about this. He apparently blamed lack of staff for this.

13. AOCB

There was no further business at this time.

14. *The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st November at 7pm in Broughty Ferry Library. The role of the LCPP will be included in the Agenda.*

The meeting closed at 8.45pm