

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 1st November, 2016

1. Community Councillors Present: Adele McGrath (Chair), David A Easson (Treasurer), Joan Chalmers (Minute Secretary), John Watson (Planning Secretary), Stan Nutt (Licensing Secretary), Carolyn Forrester, Hugh M Begg, Isobel McLean, Gill Bloomer, Fiona M Potton, Pat Moore

In Attendance: Carole Jenkins (Communities Officer DCC)

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

Members of the Public Present: J C Forrester, Doug McLaren, Chris Burton (BFDT Chair), Anna McCourt (Grove Academy), Nicola Mitchell (CAN), Martyn Lewis, Jake Keith, Jayne Reid, Calum Walker, Jane Begg

Apologies: Sean Moore, Liam Kerr MSP, Cllr Kevin Cordell, Ron Findlay, Broughty Ferry Traders Association

Stan Nutt opened the meeting as Adele has a parent's evening.

2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council

These were accepted with amendment to the relocation of the Police Station on Brook Street where the words 'north' and 'south' were transposed.

Proposed by: Carolyn Forrester

Seconded by: John Watson

3. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:

Carole Jenkins confirmed the position regarding insurance cover for public liability. Other groups in the city are in the same position and are researching solutions. Joan & David will liaise on this. It may be possible to apply for a further grant from the City Council if we require to hold public meetings.

We discussed the Blue Badge issue with Joan confirming any change in legislation would require to be done through Westminster and that she is to have an assessment later this month.

Mr McLaren enquired about whether the matter of the dog waste bins had been dealt with. He was assured that it was in the October minutes and Hugh Begg will take this forward to the Beach Management Committee. It was again advised that dog waste bags may be placed in any bin, including the black bin at residential premises.

4. Anna McCourt – Grove Academy

Anna reported the results of the survey completed by approximately 750 pupils of Grove Academy, confirming the involvement of many pupils in areas of public life such as the Queen Street Garden, Christmas food collections and Chaplaincy.

The main results of the survey show that pupils feel that public transport is too expensive, with some pupils being charged as adults and that it is often unreliable.

Parks and other open spaces are generally good but suffer from vandalism and a lack of age appropriate equipment, i.e. equipment for younger age groups but not for teenagers.

The area is easy to get around both on foot and by bicycle but there is not much for teenagers to do. More affordable leisure/sports facilities as well as a centre for older teenagers would be good.

More public toilets in the central area would be appreciated as there is only one in the Queen Street Car Park and the other public toilets are at Windmill Gardens.

The pupils feel that the area is generally safe but the street lighting in some areas is poor.

Many pupils asked about getting more opportunities for work experience as this is only provided for a period of one week in 3rd Year and then not until 6th Year.

In response, Fiona Potton spoke about the buses as she had recently attended a meeting with the bus operators and the City Council.

David Easson had, in the past, organised work experience when he was at Monifieth High School and gave some advice on this.

Hugh Begg congratulated Anna on her presentation and advised her that the next steps would be to find out who is responsible for each of the categories where concerns had been raised. Joan also commented that the YMCA (Nick Toner) would be leased to help with activities for anyone interested.

5. Carole Jenkins

Carole gave an update on the LCPP but will give a fuller report at the next meeting of the LCPP to be held in the Library on 17th November. The results of the Engage Dundee consultation will be given then.

Briefly: The LCPPs were established in 2008 and there is one in each of the 8 Wards, meeting 4 times per year. Members comprise representatives from the Police, Fire Service, Elected Members, Community Councillors and others from groups within each Ward.

The LCPP can support development in the community and has £10,000 regeneration monies which can be used. David Easson has attended the LCPP since its inception and feels it could do with more public involvement.

6. Presentation by Chris Burton, Broughty Ferry Development Trust

Chris introduced himself as the new Chair, having been in post since the AGM in August 2016.

The Development Trust has been active for many years and amongst its achievements can be counted the Fishermen's Graveyard project. In the period from October 2014 till summer 2015, they lost a lot of members and only just managed to survive. Since the recent AGM, a number of projects have been identified such as the regeneration of Reres Park. After meeting with Dougie Barr, volunteers helped with clearing weeds and undergrowth. Cllr Bidwell raised a point about new street signs and Chris confirmed an audit was underway to identify signs which were in a poor state as well as those which did not sit well within the Conservation areas. The bulk of the past year has been taken up with admin and updating the website etc. There are now only about 150 – 180 members of the Trust and now, following resignations, only 3 active members. Everyone is urged to join the Trust by going to its website <https://www.bfdt.org.uk>

Potentially, the Trust may struggle to continue unless something changes. Cllr Guild asked if contact could be made with Dundee Civic Trust – Nick Day. Stan Nutt pointed out he had been a member for years but had not been receiving emails and Adele asked if the membership had been asked recently to step up to take a more active role. There is a link on our website which can be used to share information.

Hugh Begg has offered to work with Chris to ensure a good future for the Trust as it is a Charitable Body and as such can work with us and others to raise funds for suitable projects.

7. Chair's Report

Adele began by thanking Anna McCourt for her presentation, hoping that this will be the start of building a good relationship with Grove Academy.

Thanks also to Carole Jenkins for her report on the LCPP and to Chris Burton for his presentation on BFDT.

Last month we spoke about updates to our website. Neil Cooney has spoken to Lesley Duncan and the website is now fully updated. Neil will arrange deadlines for updates and Lesley had confirmed she is happy to continue to work on the site.

On Monday 31st October, several members were at a presentation on Licensing, held at Eastern Primary School. Copies of the presentation were handed out.

Thanks to John Watson for his work on the Notice Board – it looks very smart.

Jan McTaggart has been in touch about the Railway Station. Scotrail have accepted her proposal for an Arts Centre, with the understanding it will take some time to gather funds. Neil Cooney has met with Jan and Scotrail as well as the Railway Heritage Trust and these organisations are very supportive. BFTA have also been supportive and the proposal has now been adopted by BFDT who have offered to be the umbrella organisation for funding applications. Jan has also had informal discussions with DCC, DCA & V&A Dundee. The Arts Centre proposal will also become part of the BID proposal. Jan has offered to come along to one of our meetings to talk about this.

Members are reminded the next training session – Planning – takes place on Tuesday 22nd November, 4-6pm in Eastern Primary. Please confirm to Carole Jenkins if you are intending to go.

8. Secretary's Report

Joan had received an email from Jayne Morrison regarding the caravan and fencing at Panmurefield. Joan responded, confirming the matter was raised at last month's meeting and that any concerns should be passed to the Police. The Ferry Ward Councillors were copied in to the email by Joan and Cllr Guild responded very quickly, giving a full response from the Head of Planning.

Unfortunately, since then, the situation has escalated and yesterday evening, the Police were in attendance 5 times. This has now become a criminal matter – a Public Order Offence, as well as a civil matter. It will take some time to resolve.

Correspondence received was handed over by Carole Jenkins. All the correspondence was from DCC and addressed to George Ferguson. This is not acceptable and will be dealt with by Carole as at present we do not have a Secretary.

9. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the account have been previously circulated. Today being the first of the month, the statement was received from the Bank and shows the total in the account is £1318.72

As members are aware, we subscribe to 3 Associations, one of these being the Rights of Way who are holding their AGM in the Dewar Centre, Perth on Saturday 19th November at 2pm. Members are welcome to attend. New magazine/map has been received.

10. Planning Report

John confirmed the position regarding the application for redevelopment at Anton house and asked for ratification of the letter sent to DCC.

This was proposed by Hugh Begg, seconded by Adele McGrath and agreed by all members present.

Ron Findlay has indicated he will be unable to continue as joint Planning Secretary but will continue to serve as a Community Councillor.

11. Licensing Secretary's Report

Stan will not be able to attend the next training session on the 22nd November. He submitted our objection to the extended licence at the Tayberry Restaurant but the extended licence was granted at yesterday's meeting.

New applications: - The Gulistan has asked for the licences it holds to be split into 2 separate parts, 1 for downstairs and 1 for upstairs. No objection will be made.

North Grange Farm has submitted an application for a new venture. This is just within the DCC boundary, near to Ethiebeaton Park. It will not be objected to.

12. Matters raised by Community Councillors

We referred to the paper submitted to us by Hugh Begg and subject to a couple of small amendments which Hugh will make, the paper will be adopted by the Community Council. Proposed by John Watson, seconded by Adele McGrath and agreed by all present.

Carole Jenkins asked if this paper may be passed to the other Community Councils so that they could use the recommendations contained within it as the basis for their Councils. This was also agreed by all.

Fiona Potton attended the Bus Users Council where the problems of reliability of service as well as costs were discussed – see earlier comments by Grove Academy. Fiona has asked that the Community Council be kept updated by both stagecoach and Xplore Dundee and if an invitation to attend meeting could be sent to the Community Council.

13. Contributions from Elected Members

Bailie Scott advised us that all 4 Elected Members had attended a meeting about the electric charging points in Queen Street Car Park. It is now proposed that these points be sited next to the hedge and the recycling bins be moved to the rear of the Car Park.

Barnhill Rock Gardens have been selected to be a recipient of a national award in the Fields & Trusts Awards – please go online to vote for them.

See the Barnhill Rock Garden website for more information: -

www.barnhillrockgarden.org.uk

Cllr Bidwell held a surgery with PC Scott McEwen. There are now 5 PC's for the Ferry Ward and he has asked that someone come along to a meeting to discuss policing issues. Cllr Bidwell has passed on concerns about speeding on Nursery Road.

Work has commenced on clearing the grounds at Craigower/Camphill Road. A Forestry Officer has attended the site and there are 3 trees which have protection orders on them. The outstanding conditions on this redevelopment have been met so hopefully the work will proceed ok.

It is probable that work will commence in early January 2017 on the first phase of the Coastal Protection Scheme at Stannergate.

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

Nothing had been intimated previously – see Secretary's Report regarding the caravan and fencing at Panmurefield.

15. AOCB

Carole Jenkins may not be able to attend our meeting on 6th December as she has a meeting in Kilmarnock.

Joan enquired about the meeting dates for 2017 as the first Tuesday in January is a Public Holiday. It was agreed we would not meet in January and Joan will prepare a list of meeting dates to be circulated, noting no meetings in January or in August.

16. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th December at 7pm in Broughty Ferry Library.

Policy item for discussion: - -----

The meeting closed at 8.30pm