

Broughty Ferry Community Council

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

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

In Attendance: Gary McRae & Fraser Crichton (Roads & Transportation DCC), Nick Toner (Regeneration Worker), PC's D Banister & G Donald (Community Policing, Broughty Ferry)

Ex Officio: Bailie Derek Scott, Cllr Laurie Bidwell

Members of the Public Present: J C Forrester, Gordon Shepherd, Fiona Walthall, Susan Ashton, Nick Ashton, Angela Lyall

Apologies: Sean Moore, Liam Kerr MSP, Cllr Ken Guild, Cllr Kevin Cordell, Broughty Ferry Traders Association, Carole Jenkins

Adele welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting, the final meeting of 2016

2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council

These were accepted as read

Proposed by: John Watson

Seconded by: Adele McGrath

3. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:

At a previous meeting, the matter of dog waste had been raised and Hugh Begg has received an email from Peter Sandwell which he will forward to the Minute Secretary.

A follow up to the presentation by Chris Burton of Broughty Ferry Development Trust is expected to be ready in time for our February meeting. Hugh Begg confirmed he gave Anna McCourt of Grove Academy the promised list of contacts.

The training meeting held on Planning was excellent.

4. Presentation by Gary McRae re Queen Street Car Park

Gary gave a very full explanation of the plans for the new layout and installation of electric charging points, solar panels and new hedging which it is expected will be completed in 2017 with work beginning in May. A copy of the presentation will be forwarded and the plans are expected to gain approval at the February meeting of the Development Committee.

Gary answered questions from Community Councillors and confirmed the charging of electric vehicles is to be free at present as per Scottish Government guidelines, as is parking for electric vehicles in any Council car

park. Cllr Bidwell asked about chargers for scooters used by disabled at sheltered housing – this may be something considered for the future. Money for the charging points is coming from the Innovation Fund and Angus Council is also involved with the scheme with points going in to car parks in both Arbroath and Carnoustie. Approximately 50,000 vehicles come into/through Dundee every day so anything which can be done to improve air quality is to be commended.

Adele thanked Gary for his very interesting presentation.

5. Police Report

Adele invited the Police Officers to speak to us and we heard from PC Darren Bannister and Gordon Donald. We were pleased to hear that Community Policing in Broughty Ferry is being better managed with now 8 Officers working on shift patterns from the Brook Street Station. During the Festive Period, more patrols will be carried out and advice given on crime prevention. The emphasis is to be on Living Streets – more visible Police presence.

6. Chair's Report

Adele thanked the Community Police Officers as well as Gary and Fraser for their very informative talks this evening.

The Training Session on Planning held on 22nd November was very beneficial to all who attended and thanks go to Gregor Hamilton, Head of Planning & Economic Development and to his colleague, David Gray for their presentation and clear answers to the questions from Community Councillors. Their commitment to keeping us up to date with events is to be much welcomed, as it pertains to the Local Development Plan which will have consequences for our area for years to come. It is vital that we engage fully in its preparation. Carole Jenkins has worked hard to ensure a series of training events to assist all of us in performing our duties as Community Councillors and we thank her for this. Hugh Begg has also sent out notes on various subjects and we appreciate very much all that he has done to highlight what needs to be done to ensure we fulfil our function drawing on all the necessary legislation as and when required. We thank Hugh for taking the time to do this. The focus at the LCPP meeting on the 17th November was the presentation on the electric charging points we have seen here tonight.

The Fire Safety Officer has offered to give members of the Community Council training in CPR. If anyone is interested, please get in touch. You will recall that Joan was to go for an assessment for a Blue Badge and will be pleased to hear that a Badge is to be issued, initially for a period of one year.

At this point, can I remind members that there will be no meeting in January due to the Bank Holiday for New Year.

7. Secretary's Report

Joan advised that there is an exhibition on the Flood Protection Scheme at Castle Green Community Centre on 13th December, 11am-7pm. Information on the Scheme can be found on the website

<http://www.dundee.gov.uk/BroughtyFerryFloodProtection>

Spoke about a recent theft from a shed of a bicycle and asked that information on the use of locks and good lighting, including timers be passed around the whole community.

Following on from the last LCPP meeting, Carole Jenkins has arranged a Call Back event so local people, groups, organisations and partners can take a closer look at the information received from the Engage Dundee Consultation, the issues raised and the opportunities for working towards solutions.

The DROP-IN Engagement Event will be held in the St Aidan's Centre, Brook Street on Wednesday 25th January 2017 between 1pm and 4pm

8. Treasurer's Report

No change in amount in the Bank Account (£1318.72)

Copies of all 3 magazines to which we subscribe have been received and are available for anyone who wishes to read them.

9. Planning Report

John confirmed his report as previously circulated via email to Community Councillors. Discussed Linlathen Village and gave thanks to David Hewick for all his work on behalf of the Community Council as well as to the support given by Elected Members. Advised that the plans for 5 flatted dwellings on land to the West of the Library would be on the Agenda at DCC Development Committee meeting on 19th December.

Discussed procedures on Planning matters as well as timings of release of documents. Likely to want to be at the meeting when developments at Anton House are next considered.

On the matter of the caravan at Panmuirfield, the advice given previously was reiterated and the Police Officers confirmed that a 'repeat caller' process was in place.

Cllr Bidwell advised that a works order has been placed for bollards at the site with Dundee City Council to be the key holders.

Legal advice is still awaited but Bailie Scott advised it was likely that enforcement action would be taken.

Hugh Begg proposed that the matter be left in the capable hands of the Police and of the City Council. Agreed by all.

10. Licensing Secretary's Report

Stan advised that the Fort Hotel have submitted an application to change No. 48 to a wine bar and to install a toilet upstairs. No objection is to be raised to this development.

11. Matters raised by Community Councillors

Discussed matters to do with speed of trains through the area and about perhaps forming a group to include users of the railway between Arbroath and Dundee.

12. Contributions from Elected Members

Cllr Bidwell spoke about his recent request to the Environment Dept. to add extra rubbish bins between RTYC and Stannergate.

He had discussions with Barnhill Parent Council at their meeting about parking at the school. A traffic survey will be done. Adele confirmed she will be present as a parent with a child at the school at the next meeting so is happy to represent the Community Council.

Stan has been approached by a member of the public to ask about the possibility of timed barriers being put in place at the junction of Camperdown Street and Claypotts Road. Electronic keys would require to be issued. Unlikely to be considered worthwhile.

Bailie Scott reported that as of 1st December 2016 all the roads in Ferryfields have been adopted by Dundee City Council. Residents are now able to get the bund cut twice each year by the Council. Bear Scotland is responsible for the main roads.

Pavement gritting is under review so please let the Council know of any areas considered to be of high priority.

The development work at Dawson Park worth £77,000 is to be considered at Monday's meeting as is the 20MPH scheme. A trial of the 20MPH scheme is underway in The Glens area until 2018.

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

There were no matters intimated for discussion

14. AOCB

There was no other business discussed

15. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, 7th February 2017 at 7pm in Broughty Ferry Library.

Policy item for discussion: Dundee Local Development Plan

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

