

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 7th February, 2017

1. Community Councillors Present: Hugh M Begg (Vice Chair), David A Easson (Treasurer), Joan Chalmers (Minute Secretary), John Watson (Planning Secretary), Neil Cooney (Communications Secretary), Carolyn Forrester, Isobel McLean, Ron Findlay

In Attendance: Carole Jenkins, Cllr Vari McDonald

Ex Officio: Cllr Laurie Bidwell, Cllr Kevin Cordell

Members of the Public Present: J C Forrester, Nick Ashton, Alan Philip, Jane Begg

Apologies: Adele McGrath, Bailie Derek Scott, Cllr Ken Guild, Bill Bowman MSP, Stan Nutt, Sean Moore, Pat Moore

Hugh welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council

These were accepted with the change to the final paragraph on page 1 to explain that the charging and parking is to be free in any Dundee City Council Car Park for electric vehicles

Proposed by: David Easson

Seconded by: John Watson

3. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:

The email from Peter Sandwell regarding dog fouling/waste bins is attached. Chris Burton of Broughty Ferry Development Trust has asked that it be made clear (following BFCC meeting in November) that BFDT was awaiting a proposal from Jan McTaggart on the plans for the station and that no decision has yet been made to support the plans.

4. Police Report

No report

5. Feedback from Dundee Local Development Plan

Hugh M Begg spoke about the proposals and advised the report is expected to be published in June.

The Tay Cities Deal is likely to influence how the planners will react and this Deal will also affect the Tayplan. Delays are expected because of the processes and it was suggested we should wait until later in the year before inviting the planners to give us an update. John Watson confirmed David Hewick is happy to be asked to help BFCC.

6. Chair's Report

Adele has received an email from a local author, Pete Kermally. He has written a new novel and will be touring the country doing readings.

His webpage is www.petekmally.co.uk

Members present suggested this be passed to Friends of Broughty Ferry Library.

For 2 months in a row, no item from BFCC has appeared in the 'Spotlight'. We hope that this will be rectified and our Communications Secretary will be able to take this forward for us.

Please note the next meeting of the LCPP is on Thursday 2nd March at 5.30pm in Broughty Ferry Library.

Hugh has attended the recent meeting of BFDT and a draft minute of this has been circulated to members of BFCC. The Trustees of BFDT are anxious to know what BFCC can do to help them to promote their projects and perhaps to join them. Members of BFCC feel that we are already stretched and that the Trustees should, in the first instance, look to their own members, of which there are approximately 140, for help whilst we are happy to aid them as and when appropriate.

The post of Secretary is still vacant but Hugh M Begg has volunteered to fill the vacant Vice Chair post until the forthcoming AGM.

Hugh reported that Ron Findlay will be able to take over from him on the Beach Management Group.

7. Secretary's Report

Joan advised a letter has been received regarding a proposed boundary change for Broughty Ferry Family Healthcare (Brown Street). This was sent to Stan Nutt who passed it on. The date for responses was 27th January. Carole Jenkins will contact Kings Cross regarding this. Members discussed the possible implications of the proposed changes and agreed that the letter should have gone to the Chair. If we can comment at this late stage, we will support the status quo. Cllr Cordell will speak to Cllr Ken Lynn about this on our behalf.

8. Treasurer's Report

David Easson confirmed that the total balance remains at £1318.72.

This is made up of £601.81 annual grant from Dundee City Council

£583.73 BFCC funds

£ 54.16 Beach Fund

£ 79.02 Special swing fund

A cheque has been handed to the Minute Secretary for ink and paper totalling £37.39. There has still been no confirmation from BoS about the change of signatories on the account.

Hugh Begg queried whether any invoice had been received/was expected for the website administration. This may be received shortly and we have the funds available to pay this.

David queried the position regarding insurance. Joan apologised for not yet reporting back.

9. Planning Report

John confirmed the details of his report previously circulated to members.

Everyone will have noticed that work has begun at the Queen Street Car Park with the hedge having been removed.

The proposed development at Linlathen has been sent to the Scottish Government on appeal and John may receive an invitation to attend a site visit.

John advised he had put in an objection to proposed alterations to a gateway in Albert Road, within the Conservation Area.

Cllr Bidwell confirmed he had moved an objection to the proposed alterations to this same gateway at Committee.

10. Licensing Secretary's Report

Stan Nutt advised that no applications had been received.

11. Matters raised by Community Councillors

Stan Nutt had asked that the problem of traffic management in Camperdown Street be raised again as he understood that a 'near miss' had occurred recently. Considering the experimental system introduced in Edinburgh, are there any plans to extend this to other parts of the country?

Cllr Bidwell was asked to see if anything could be done as the traffic situation is at times quite chaotic.

Joan Chalmers on behalf of Broughty Ferry in Bloom:

This year, the RHS theme is 'Greening the Grey' and Beautiful Scotland's is 'Birds, Bees and Trees'. Broughty Ferry in Bloom would like to promote both by holding a Saturday morning event in late May or early June in King Street – at the corner of Gray Street. This would be a workshop where we would demonstrate how to plant and look after a window box or container.

We feel that King Street is ideal for this project as it can be rather 'grey' and the injection of colourful plants would benefit both residents and traders. This proposal would encourage biodiversity to the streets of Broughty Ferry and we hope that by holding it on a Saturday morning it would attract residents of King Street, young and old, and their families. We would also like to investigate the possibility of running a competition for the best window box or tub – we already hold a garden competition each year and this would extend community involvement for those without front gardens.

- What we would need –
- Printed flyers to promote the event
- A good selection of plants beloved by bees – this could be expensive
- Compost – could be free if we use Discovery Compost
- Wooden wedges to ensure the window boxes are level – perhaps made by the Men's Shed?
- A loan of 2 trestle tables as well as permissions to set up on street
- Small window boxes and some tubs – either bought from a DIY store/Garden Centre – OR – Very Desirable – made by the Men's Shed

We hope to also approach the Traders to see if they would sponsor planters and if perhaps a Trader in King Street would donate a prize for the Window Box Competition.

Members of the BFCC discussed this proposal. Hugh Begg suggested that if BFIB were successful in their approach to the Trader's then some funding could also be made available from BFCC funds.

*A letter on behalf of BFCC Chair will be sent to the Trader's supporting this proposal

Neil Cooney advised members about a letter which had been sent to Tayside Contracts regarding the Crossing Patrol at Balgillo Road/Forthill Road. The Parent Council are looking at this problem and Cllr Bidwell confirmed there was a meeting last Friday at the school. Discussions are ongoing and will be continued at the next meeting of the Children & Family Services Committee. Cllr Cordell advised he will attend that meeting.

12. Contributions from Elected Members (ex officio members)

Cllr Bidwell advised that all local Head teachers have received a letter from the Scottish Government showing the Pupil Equity Premium funds allocated.

These are:

Barnhill Primary School £31,290

Eastern Primary School £60,000

Forthill Primary School £44,000

Grove Academy £70,800

Close to £1,400 per pupil entitled to free school meals for pupils in P1-P7 and S1-S3

This money is spent at the discretion of Head teachers to close the attainment gap

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

Nick Ashton, a resident in Cedar Grove, apologised for the late notification of wishing to speak about the development at Anton House. He was disappointed that the neighbour notification process seemed not to have been correctly followed and they were now faced with a large block of flats overlooking their premises.

John Watson referred to the plans submitted in 2015 and our objections at that stage. The processes undertaken by the Planning Officer and the large numbers of applications dealt with were outlined. The development now being undertaken was preferable to the complete demolition and rebuild within the Conservation Area.

14. AOCB

Carole Jenkins thanked everyone who came to the Call-Back event and confirmed that David Simpson will attend our meeting in March to discuss future plans

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

The meeting closed at 8.35pm