

# Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**1. Community Councillors Present:** Adele McGrath (Chair);  
Hugh M Begg (Vice Chair); David A Easson (Treasurer);  
Joan Chalmers (Minute Secretary); Neil Cooney (Communications Secretary);  
Stan Nutt (Licensing Secretary); Isobel McLean; Ron Findlay

**In Attendance:** Carole Jenkins; Cllr Vari McDonald;  
Sandro Paladini, BFTA Secretary;  
Constable Gordon Donald 9645; David Simpson DCC

**Ex Officio:** Bailie Derek Scott; Cllr Laurie Bidwell; Cllr Ken Guild

**Members of the Public Present:** Isobel Murdoch; Gordon Shepherd;  
Jane Begg; Angela Lyall; Charlie Delaney; Doug McLaren; Alister Rutherford

**Apologies:** Cllr Kevin Cordell; John Watson; Fiona M Potton;  
Sean Moore; Pat Moore; Carolyn Forrester;

Adele welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting, reminding members that although this is a meeting held in public, it is not a public meeting.

## **2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council**

These were agreed to be a true record  
Proposed by: David Easson  
Seconded by: Hugh Begg

## **3. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:**

Joan reported that because of the Snowdrop –In, Broughty Ferry in Bloom Vice Chair, Liz Taylor, has not yet been able to provide the costings requested but hoped to have these for our April meeting.

## **4. Presentation by David Simpson**

David began by explaining that he had been Chair of BFLCCP for the past 15 months and that he is Head of Housing & Communities for Dundee City Council.

He spoke about his views on BFLCCP, what works well and what could be done better. There seems to be a good focus over the whole area with people doing things in and for the area. The LCCP gives people more say in the area, owning and managing the area. The issues he sees as needing to be addressed include:

- not many members of the public attend meetings
- feedback is poor
- a general lack of participation
- a need to be more action focused

However, there have been some positive outcomes, in particular with the monies being used for the benefit of the community.

Turning next to discuss the Beach Management Group, David reminded us that Broughty Ferry is the only Ward to have a Group dedicated to looking after what is a major asset for not just Broughty Ferry but for the whole city. As such, it is really important but he questioned whether the Group was getting enough done, was it addressing the issues? Is the Action Plan being implemented and are the right people in the Group?

Hugh Begg thanked David for his remarks and agreed that a lot of good work has been and is being done. He suggested that written reports would free up time at meetings, allowing for better time management and information exchange. This change would also help to check on the progress of actions and aid the minute secretary.

The Beach Management Group is a sub-group of the LCCP so perhaps it would be useful if the Chair of the Group could supply a written report for meetings.

David agreed that written reports would be useful. Hugh asked if there were any problems with projects moving on and whether the Chair of the Beach Management Group could attend meetings. Carole Jenkins confirmed that we now have the opportunity within the current review process to look at the remit of the Beach Management Group and may be able to re-jig sub groups. David advised that we may need some flexibility because of the needs of the area. Carole assumes that BFCC will agree to help with whatever is necessary to take things forward.

David Easson represents the Churches on the LCCP and has done so for over 10 years. Whilst valuing the work done, he feels that there should be a representative from the NHS Board.

Doug McLaren questioned the public participation and the responsiveness of the Council Officers. He feels that it is not as good as it could be. Need to be able to integrate ideas, involving other people and groups. Beach clean-ups need to be more regular.

David agreed to look at this and try to get better linkage between people.

## **5. Chair's Report**

- (1) I would like to start by thanking David Simpson on his very informative presentation. I'm sure you will all agree that its given us all lots to think about.
  
- (2) YMCA – We recently received a letter from Dave Mills, Chair of the Board of Directors of the YMCA, thanking all who had helped in the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. David writes that through the various activities, they have raised £50,000, but when taken into context and when considering that new windows cost over £18,000, they need to keep raising funds. Many plans to improve and expand are in place and the Young Peoples Garden at the rear of the premises is well under way. The Secret Garden is developing and security gates and fencing have

been bought and are in place. There are many more points covered in the letter and I will leave it here for everyone to look at.

- (3) I attended the LCPP meeting last Tuesday where Nick Toner gave a brief update on the Engage Broughty Ferry initiative. Carole will give a full update, so I don't want to go into it too much, but Nick said that one main issue is that people are recognizing that poverty does exist in BF. The PO in Broughty Ferry was discussed and how it is vital to have something in place as soon as possible. Other venues are being looked at in the interim. There is a cycle monitor which has been installed in Douglas Terrace, obviously to monitor the numbers using the path. New signposts have been installed in Reres Hill. Work is due to start this week in Dawson Park and Orchar Park has had 100,000 bulbs planted, which will be late in flowering, but will flower to bring lots of colour. 42 new trees have also been planted, to create 2 new avenues. There are also new benches installed. The fire safety officer who was there has once again offered the Community Council CPR training if we want it.

There is lots of work planned for the front of the library here, including new flower beds etc and the documents are here in the library, for public consultation.

BF has also applied for National Beach Award status again. The water was excellent last year, and we were awarded a yellow flag, so fingers crossed we are successful again.

Mr Hutton from Grove Academy advised us that there is a revised website and a school App now available on App store. Grove have carried out a Bereavement and Loss Survey (pupils & all staff) and have had excellent feedback. This is linked to a school in Alberta.

Grove are encouraging over 16s to vote in the Scottish Youth Parliament and they are holding Mental Health week in the week beginning 13/3.

The school has been awarded £70,000 from the Pupil Equity Fund, which looks at where pupils live and their statistics, and compares this to attainment. This should hopefully help towards targeting the groups which are not meeting their full potential with the aim towards increasing attainment. The school are also looking at a Common Wealth Fund for children who cannot afford the ever-increasing cost of school trips.

Alex Cooper is the new chair of the Traders Association. There was no-one present at the LCPP meeting from the Traders, but Nick informed us of this. There is a new Bookbug Session taking place on Sunday afternoons in St. Mary's Church if anyone with small children is interested.

- (4) We recently heard that Nick Toner has secured a new post with the YMCA, therefore that was his last meeting. I would like to personally thank Nick for all the help and hard work he has shown to us, and wish him every success in his new position.
- (5) Gill Bloomer has tendered her resignation as a Community Councilor with immediate effect.

- (6) Discussed the possibility of setting up a Facebook page. This needs tight control over who can post on it. Carole will check with John Hosie re best practice. The Traders run a Facebook page which has successfully raised the profile of Broughty Ferry. Neil feels it is overdue and would be in line with the BID and if properly managed could be valuable to us.

## **6. Vice Chair's Report**

Hugh spoke about his time on the LCCP and the future of it.

We discussed the previously circulated correspondence gathered regarding the GP Practice Boundary and recommendation made by Hugh to Adele regarding the wording of a letter from the Community Council. Adele had invited the GP Practice Manager to our meeting. Cllr Guild reminded us that GP's operate as a private business and that the 2 Practices in the Ferry had overlapping boundaries. Carole confirmed that Grove had changed their boundary approximately 3 years ago.

Ms Angela Lyall was invited to speak regarding the petition she organised which will go to the Health Board. There are now more than 200 signatories on the petition.

A motion that BFCC should write to the Health Board confirming that BFCC prefer to keep the status quo was proposed by Hugh Begg & seconded by Stan Nutt. Agreed by all.

Adele will write to the Health Board.

The Local Development Plan could be amended to include further provision – perhaps beside the dentist at Panmurefield.

Stan suggested that the Health Board should be looking to establish a third GP Practice.

Hugh recommended we develop a protocol to ensure that all elected members, MSP's, MP's and MEP's who are entitled to attend our meetings are aware of when the meetings are held. Cllr Guild remarked that as we hold our meetings on a Tuesday evening, we are unlikely to get them to attend. With the membership of the Community Council once again in decline, can we look at co-opting new members?

The Beach Management Group Chair should come to meetings to encourage more action to be completed as recent minutes show that there are still matters outstanding. The Group is now a sub-group of the LCCP rather than of the BFCC. Carole Jenkins confirmed that a review should now take place. Ronnie Findlay will replace Hugh on the Beach Management Group so we will still be represented.

## **7. Secretary's Report**

Joan reported that the Post Office had advertised for a new Postmaster and they hoped to have something in place next month.

Joan will be attending a meeting in the City Chambers on Wednesday of next week, assessing the performance of the Council.

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

The invoice was received for the costs of the website, totalling £310.11.

Payment of this leaves us with £254.31 in the Admin Fund so we are clear to get the grant from Dundee City Council.

## **9. Planning Report**

The Planning Secretary had circulated copies of his report. In his absence, Hugh Begg proposed that the report be accepted in full. This was agreed by all.

## **10. Licensing Secretary's Report**

Stan Nutt advised that no applications had been received.

## **11. Matters raised by Community Councillors**

No matters raised this month

## **12. Contributions from Elected Members (ex officio members)**

Cllr Guild spoke about the Council Budget and advised that additional monies were being made available: £153,000 regeneration funds = £10,000 to Broughty Ferry and £1.2 million for infrastructure projects.

BFCC would like to see upgrading of the footpaths from Brook Street to The Sands.

Cllr Bidwell reported on the resurfacing works on the bridge at Dundee Road and has noticed graffiti tags under the bridge. He has made the Police aware of this. Tayside Contracts noted corrosion on the stanchions on the west side of the bridge. This has been reported to the City Engineer.

Stan Nutt asked if the deterioration of the road surface on Claypotts Road could be looked at.

Bailie Scott confirmed that new applications for the re-siting of the electric charging points had been approved.

Despite the developer going into administration, all works at the Eastern Apartments have been completed.

A meeting will be held next Tuesday evening at Forthill PS re the new recycling arrangements.

Road repairs have been undertaken at Guthrie Terrace.

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

None.

### **14. AOCB**

Sandro Paladini advised that Steve James remains as Chair of the BFTA and will stand again at the AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Alex Cooper has special responsibility for tourism. Sandro intends to stand for the post of Vice Chair. BFTA is working with the World Host programme to try to become a World Host. Also working with DD1 to manage and attract ship's passengers from the 15 cruise ships which will be visiting the port this year. There is the possibility that there will be a courtesy bus running from the dock to Dundee attractions and to Broughty Ferry. Looking also at events to include street entertainment, street art and pipe bands. A guided tour and heritage walk is expected to be included. A brochure will shortly be going to print.

**15. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7pm in Broughty Ferry Library.**

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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