

# **Broughty Ferry Community Council**

Minutes of meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 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);  
John Watson (Planning Secretary); Isobel McLean; Ron Findlay;  
Fiona M Potton; Carolyn Forrester; Sean Moore

**In Attendance:**

Constable Gordon Donald

**Ex Officio:** Bailie Derek Scott

**Members of the Public Present:** J C Forrester; B M Powrie; Jane Begg;  
Doug McLaren; Alister Rutherford

**Apologies:** Carole Jenkins; Cllr Ken Guild; Cllr Kevin Cordell; Stan Nutt;  
Pat Moore; Sandro Paladini (BFTA)

Adele welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting

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

These were agreed to be a true record

Proposed by: Ron Findlay

Seconded by: David Easson

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

Adele referred to the emails received from Shona Robison MSP and from the Health Board regarding Broughty Family Healthcare proposals to change their boundary. Two further GP Practices, Ancrum Road and Invergowrie, have now submitted proposals to the Health Board which will result in those Practices being unable to take new patients from the Broughty Ferry area. After a discussion, it was agreed that Adele will respond to these proposals confirming our disappointment at the further restrictions this will place on new residents in Broughty Ferry about healthcare.

Following on from our discussion last month, Adele has now set up a Facebook page for the Community Council, with only herself and Neil Cooney as Admins. All posts on the page must be approved by one of these Admins before being published.

#### 4. Chair's Report

- (1) I would like to start by informing you about training in Alcohol Licensing. This has been offered through the West End Community Council and if anyone is interested, it takes place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Rm 17, Mitchell Street Centre and it is likely to take an hour.
- (2) I have written to Gill Bloomer and Jimmy Adams, who has also sadly decided to step down from our committee. I have thanked both for their time with us and wish them both all the very best. Those who have read Hugh's Report prior to this evening will be aware that Hugh is stepping down from his role as Vice-Chair at our AGM next month. Hugh has been carrying out this role in a supposedly, interim manner, but I am sure that you will all agree that Hugh dedicates a great amount of time and effort – and is deeply passionate about many issues in Broughty Ferry. I would like to personally thank Hugh for being at my side, so to speak, over the last few months. I have learned a great deal from him, and greatly appreciate all the help, advice and training that has been given. Hugh is staying as a Community Councillor, so I am sure that we can still rely on his expertise and knowledge when we need it.
- (3) There is a Rail Awareness Open Day on 19<sup>th</sup> April, from 1030 to 1300 at Dundee Station. This has proved popular in other cities with disabled people and those with other mobility impairments. Rail Awareness Open Day is an information event to promote what they do to existing and potential rail users with reduced mobility or simply those who need assistance with their journeys.
- (4) I was contacted by Doug McLaren, who raised the point that on p22 of the latest issue of the Spotlight, there is an article about the new EV charging points in the Queen Street Car Park. This is presented as an update from the presentation we received. This states that "1.3m electric cars are registered every year" whereas the actual figure from 2016 is approximately 36,000 (according to SMMT figures). The

2027 target of 50% electric cars (which is only 10 years away) is in line with projections (the total registrations of all types of cars for last year was around 2.5m). Can anyone clarify this?

- (5) Secondly, at the Community Asset Transfer seminar last week, 2 potential Broughty Ferry buildings were mentioned, which may be suitable for transfer into community ownership. These were the Burgh Halls and the public toilet in Queen Street car park. Carole was involved in the seminar and it may be that she will present to us at another meeting. Is anyone aware of any other buildings which may be suitable?
- (6) Timebank have asked us to inform you about a quiz night on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 8.30pm in the Fort Bar. It is £5 per person, or £20 for a team of 4 – refreshments will be provided at the interval.
- (7) Travel Dundee are running an initiative during the holidays and children can travel for 20p per journey.
- (8) Our website had an enquiry from Anita Tully, who was looking for old photographs of the Eagle Coaching Inn. Her husband's Grandfather, Hugh Tully, was the landlord. I have been on the Eagle Inn's FB page and also enquired on the Old Broughty Ferry page, also on FB, but to no avail. If anyone has any idea, I can pass information on to Mrs Tully.
- (9) Finally, a reminder that our next meeting is our AGM. This is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, at 7pm, followed by our ordinary meeting at 7.30pm.

A few copies of the Spotlight were distributed and on checking, Neil Cooney was able to confirm that the figures quoted for the total number of vehicles is worldwide, not just UK. The target is for 50% of vehicles on the roads to be electric by 2027.

Fiona Potton was able to confirm that Strathtay are also taking part in the 20p per child promotion during the Easter holidays.

## **6. Vice Chair's Report – previously circulated**

### **BROUGHTY FERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (APRIL 2017)**

#### **Introduction**

Unfortunately, due to unbreakable family commitments I cannot be present at the AGM and, accordingly, with the agreement of the Chair I am presenting my Report this evening. Members will recall that at our September Meeting I tabled a paper setting out a programme of work to be undertaken before the AGM in May. Following the elections to the Community Council undertaken on the 4 yearly cycle the paper was intended to enable our Community Council to work more efficiently and effectively over the coming year.

#### **Office Bearers and Job Descriptions**

Following the unexpected resignation of the Ian Gray as Vice-chair and Secretary it was necessary to make alternative arrangements. Members rose to the challenge and I circulated a paper which contained a set of Job Descriptions for those who had agreed to taken on revised roles. That paper will have to be re-visited following the forthcoming AGM and the election of Office Bearers for the forthcoming year. There would also be merit in looking at the Job Descriptions in order that best use can be made of the talents of Members in performing their tasks as Community Councillors.

#### **Conduct of Ordinary Meetings**

It was confirmed by the City Council that all of our Meetings must be conducted in strict compliance with our Standing Orders and, in particular, to the terms of paragraphs 5(h), 5 (i), and 5(j). There has been a welcome compliance by members of the public with these requirements

In particular, it was further confirmed that there as definitive distinction to be drawn between: (a) meetings held in public, and (b) public meetings. In short, our proceedings are not public meetings; members of the public, including Elected Members holding office elsewhere in the city, must sit in the seats provided for the public in attendance and they must not intervene in the business of the Community Councillors. Our Standing Orders make it clear that we must conform to the procedure adopted in all of our Parliaments and in the City Council namely that interventions from the public during our meetings cannot be allowed unless the Chair has had prior notice of the matter of concern in the manner set out under 1(d) in our Standing Orders and has decided that the matter should be included on the Agenda.

#### **The Agenda for Ordinary Meetings**

The Agenda for Ordinary Meetings has been rationalised. Of importance, to assist in effective time management, prior notice of any matter to be raised by a member of the public should be sent to the Secretary. That notice should be received 3 working days before the meeting. If the Chair considers that the matter is of such importance that it should be added to the Agenda, then the matter will be incorporated there or under AOCB. In short, there is no intention to turn away the concerns of the residents who are our electorate. Rather the intention is to assist residents and ensure that all matters of concern are dealt with as speedily and effectively as possible.

It was agreed that because there are a considerable number of items to be dealt the regular reports from the Chair, Treasurer, Planning Secretary, and Licensing Secretary should be circulated in advance and attached to the Agenda. That procedure has been followed in the main. It has assisted in making the work of the Minute Secretary easier; and discussion on the evening on these matters has been helpfully reduced in many cases to a question and answer format informed by the Officer's report.

#### **Planning Matters**

Turning to planning matters, the Community Council is a statutory consultee under the Local Government Act (Scotland) 1973. We are bound to carry out that duty in accordance with the requirements of the relevant body of planning law and any related relevant guidance on its interpretation from the Scottish Government. As far as the last is concerned, we must take into account, in particular, the relevant content of Planning Advice Note 47: Community Councils and Planning and also Circular 3/2013: Development Management Procedures.

Based on my previous work experience, I circulated a paper setting out how the Community Council could deal with its statutory functions. I understand that our Planning Secretary, Captain John Watson, and his assistant, Ronnie Findlay have found the paper of some help in their work.

Related to that, in paragraph 9 (b) of the Standing Orders it is made clear that it is unacceptable for applicants to lobby the Community Council as a whole or, indeed, any of its Members.

However, it is open to suitably qualified Members of the Community Council to offer informal, procedural advice. I have done so, in a personal capacity, for a number of residents with concerns about planning applications affecting their properties.

#### **Provision of Training**

Because there were some Members new to the Community Council, with the invaluable assistance of Carole Jenkins, a training programme was arranged which included the following subjects: the role of the Community Council; relations with Broughty Ferry Development Trust; the role of the Local Community Planning Partnership; and the role of the Community Council as a statutory consultee in planning matters.

#### **Partnership Working**

The Community Council is tasked by statute with representing all of the communities within our area. There are a number of groups other than the Community Council who are active in pursuing particular interests. I remain convinced that there is merit in inviting these organisations either to send representatives to be co-opted on to the Community Council, or to become Associate Members receiving Agendas and minutes of our activities thereby alerting them to possibilities for partnership working.

I feel bound to point out, once again, that in carrying out our work on a voluntary basis we are hampered by lack of resources. Under £600 of funding towards essential administration cannot take us very far. Partnership working is the only viable way forward. Accordingly, the Community Council must continue to investigate the opportunities for working more closely with Broughty Ferry Traders and, in particular, the Broughty Ferry Development Trust, in order to secure the funding and implementation of worthwhile projects which are clearly in the public interest. As far as the former is concerned, I continued this year to maintain on behalf of the Community Council the friendly relationship built up over the years with the Broughty Ferry Traders Association. However, despite inviting a presentation to the Community Council from the Trust and subsequent attendance at one of the meetings of their Trustees I am bound to report that, as things stand, there appears to be little appetite for the sort of close relationship which I had in mind.

#### **The Beach Management Group**

I continued to serve as the representative of the Community Council on the Beach Management Group which now has the status of a sub-Group of the Local Community Planning Partnership (LCCP). As Members will be aware, I am not convinced that the Group is fulfilling its potential. With that in mind, I have continued to advocate that its Chair be required to report progress, or lack of it, directly to the Local Community Planning Partnership in order that remedial action can be identified and appropriate actions taken.

#### **The Web Site.**

Adele, as Chair, has indicated to the LCCP that it is a priority for her to foster closer relationships between the pupils of Grove Academy and the Community Council. One way of doing this is to make our web site known and worthwhile for them to access. As one step in that direction, I have arranged for a set of papers by local historians to be put on the web as a resource to pupils engaged in relevant studies.

#### **Conclusion**

Over past years I have had the pleasure of working to place the Community Council on a secure footing by reviewing the Constitution, Standing Orders, and our Code of Conduct, and putting in place arrangements to communicate with residents by setting up our web site and by way of the Broughty Ferry Spotlight. I have taken particular pride in securing publication of our book "The Memory of Broughty Ferry" and our contribution, with the Traders, to the pamphlet on the Broughty Ferry Heritage Walk. I was also pleased that our advocacy was of material assistance in overturning the proposed alterations to the boundaries for Ward 8 proposed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland.

I have seen my role this past year as facilitating the transition of the Community Council as it was refreshed by the introduction of new Members following the elections last year. I am grateful to Members and, of course, to Carole Jenkins, for the support and tangible assistance provided to me in carrying out the duties which I unexpectedly inherited as your Vice -chair and I wish my successor well in continuing that work.

**Hugh M Begg**  
**April 2017**

## 6. Police Report

Nothing to report this month

## 7. Secretary's Report

As we still have no Secretary, Joan reported on several emails which had been received and circulated previously: -

Consultation on Unconventional Oil and Gas - Joan urged everyone to respond to this, she is still awaiting information from sources before doing so herself.

Rail Awareness Open Day – Joan attended an event arranged by the National Autism Society, Dundee & Angus Group and has forwarded details of this Open Day to them. Joan also asked that especially as this month is Autism Awareness Month, everyone be aware that not all children who seem to be badly behaved in supermarkets or shopping centres are so. Many may be autistic and will perhaps have been frightened by a loud noise.

Ninewells Community Garden have volunteering sessions available.

Information on these can be found on the website

[ninewellsgarden.wordpress.com](http://ninewellsgarden.wordpress.com) or [facebook/ninewellsgarden](https://www.facebook.com/ninewellsgarden). They also have various events suitable for both adults and children including events for Heart of Tay Mental Health Awareness week.

April events in Broughty Ferry on the Take Pride in Your City programme are;

1. Spring Clean Up at Barnhill Rock Garden on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am-1pm. Tea & coffee will be served. Meet in the Geddes Glasshouse.
2. Beach Litter Pick on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 10am. Meeting at the Bridge Street end of the Esplanade for Broughty Ferry in Bloom's annual clean-up of the beach. Equipment is provided.

The Dundee Ranger Service is holding a series of events which run throughout the city. The events in Broughty Ferry are;

1. Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, meeting at the shelter opposite Barnhill Rock Garden at 1pm. Volunteers will be provided with equipment and work will be done on the beach and in the Nature Reserve, finishing at 3pm
2. Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – details as above.

Further details on [www.dundee.gov.uk/rangerservice/bfnature](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/rangerservice/bfnature)

Details of events throughout the city can be found on their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/DundeeRangerService](https://www.facebook.com/DundeeRangerService)

Bailie Scott has provided us with the Road Maintenance Partnership Annual Programme 2017/18 which gives details of the repairs and upgrading works which we can expect to see over the coming months.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

The report had been previously circulated and David confirmed that the maintenance fee for the website had been paid, leaving the balance in the Admin fund at £254.31 and the total balance in the bank at £971.22

We await payment of the funds due from Dundee City Council for Admin in due course.

New copies of the magazines to which we subscribe, Marine Conservation and Scotways, have been received and are available to read by contacting David.

Broughty Ferry in Bloom have requested help with funding for a project they have proposed to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – details of this had been previously circulated to members.

Joan spoke to the paper:

## **Right Up Our Street**

A Window Box Workshop

Broughty Ferry in Bloom has been established since 2007 and has been awarded seven Silver Gilt Awards in the In-Bloom competition so far.

We are insured for Public Liability through Gardeners Forum.

We have annual fundraising events such as The Snowdrop-In Coffee Morning and a plant stall at The Barnhill Rock Garden Gala Day. Proceeds from these events pay for bulbs and plants for hanging baskets and tubs in the main thoroughfare of Broughty Ferry, Brook Street.

We are involved in various other gardening projects outside of the centre of Broughty Ferry.

We need extra funding if we are to extend our 'Greening'.

This year we would like to make a special effort, being our tenth anniversary, and the RHS 'Greening the Grey' campaign is 'right up our street'. Broughty Ferry has several grey looking streets we would love to cheer up. The 'Greening the Grey' is exactly what we want to do.

Along with this, Beautiful Scotland's theme this year is 'Birds, Bees and Trees' and we feel we could have a positive impact on the community. By doing this, it would bring biodiversity to the Broughty streets.

Broughty Ferry in Bloom would like to promote both of these themes by holding a morning event in late May or early June.

What we are proposing is a 'Window Box Workshop' in King Street. We feel that King Street needs some colour and some days can look particularly 'grey'.

What we would do: -

We would demonstrate how to plant up a window box or tub and maintain it over the summer. Also, we would hope that it could be replanted in the autumn, making it a sustainable project.

We hope that by holding it on a Saturday morning it would attract residents of King Street, young and old and their families.

There is also the possibility of running a competition for the best window box or tub.

This would benefit traders, the residents and the school pupils.

An increase in area of an attractive shopping experience would benefit the shops and pubs in King Street. They are often overlooked by the prettier Brook Street.

The school pupils from the various groups at Grove Academy would benefit by interacting with members of the community and being seen in a positive light as they help to fill window boxes etc.

The residents would benefit as it should encourage biodiversity into a built-up area, bereft of flowers and plants. Hopefully it will also improve the air quality and have an uplifting effect and improve mental wellbeing.

What we would need

- Printed flyers to promote the event £50
- Small window boxes and some tubs either bought from B&Q or similar store. £100

OR

very desirable - handmade by Men's Shed

- Peat free compost, our own city's Discovery Compost Free
- A good selection of bee loving plants £300

We have had preliminary talks with the Planning Dept. of Dundee City Council about the possibility of holding such an event, and subject to various conditions; e.g. suitability of the area in which we hold the event, and ensuring adequate width of pavement for buggies and wheelchairs to pass. They seemed to think it would be viable.

We would arrange for a further inspection if the event is to go ahead.

We would also have to take care that at the end of the day any new tubs do not restrict the width of the pavement and provide more hazards to the visually impaired.

Elizabeth Taylor Vice Chair, Broughty Ferry in Bloom

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Hugh Begg, seconded by Fiona Potton, that a grant of £100 be made towards this project. Neil Cooney also advised that funds may be available from the Community Regeneration Fund and Joan confirmed that Broughty Ferry in Bloom were looking at applying for this and for help from the BFTA as well. The support of the Community Council is key to gaining support from these other sources and on behalf of Broughty Ferry in Bloom, thanked the Community Council.

## 9. Planning Report

John has previously circulated all the correspondence and reports. Several members queried the position on the new plans for Anton House and John explained the difference in that the new plans impacted far less on adjoining properties and he felt it was important that we did not object further to allow the development to proceed so as to ensure that Anton House did not

deteriorate any more. Community Councillors were in agreement apart from David Easson, Fiona M Potton and Carolyn Forrester who asked that their abstention be noted.

## **10. Licensing Report**

Stan had advised Joan when submitting his apologies that he had not received any applications since November. Whether this is because there have not been any for Broughty Ferry or because of an admin error, he will try to find out.

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

No matters raised this month

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

Bailie Scott gave an update on the position regarding the Post Office. Bill Bowman MSP had been in touch and advised that the Post Office were looking at a temporary solution but it was not easy to arrange this. Several retailers have expressed an interest in taking over the service but this will take time. A mobile service had been suggested but there is no such facility in the area. Sean Moore is an ex postmaster and thinks that it may be October before we have a full service in the centre of Broughty Ferry again. Bailie Scott will query this timeframe as it is unacceptable that we should have to wait such a long time.

Bailie Scott has again been actively pursuing the matter of pothole repairs. It seems that only 35% of the potholes in the city are filled properly at the first time of asking and that there is a large backlog of repairs still awaiting action. However, he has been successful in getting some repairs done, most notably, the pavement on North Balmossie Street.

The matter of congestion at the schools in the area, in particular at Forthill Road, was raised at Committee and it has now been agreed that double yellow lines will be painted on the west side. This should allow for better flow of traffic, including buses. After the Easter holidays, there will be a "Don't Park Here" initiative at schools. Pupils will be involved in encouraging parents to be more thoughtful in where they park.

Hugh Begg enquired if the pooling of water on the east side of the Esplanade was to be addressed as this is not included in the planned maintenance schedule issued. Bailie Scott will enquire about this.

David Easson congratulated Bailie Scott on his work over many years in getting the unadopted pavements list down. He enquired whether there was any chance of getting work done on the roadway at the east end of Morlich Gardens as it was now in a bad state of repair.

Fiona Potton remarked that the resurfacing of Guthrie Terrace had been carried out very well but she had some concerns whether it would stand up to the number of buses going to and from Monifieth High School. Bailie Scott confirmed that this would have been taken into consideration as it is likely to have been a route agreed between Angus Council and Dundee City Council.

Carolyn Forrester enquired whether it would be possible to have double yellow lines painted at the junction of Ellislea Road and Strathern Road. Many people park in Ellislea Road and because of the siting of the bus stops and the entrance to Dawson Park, it is extremely difficult to exit Ellislea Road safely. Bailie Scott will ask if this can be looked at.

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

The request for clarification raised by Mr McLaren had been dealt with previously but he asked if he could enquire whether it would not be a good idea, considering the extra electric charging points being installed in Queen Street Car Park, that the toilet block be opened up.

### **14. AOCB**

David Easson reminded members that next week is Holy Week and that on Good Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, the Broughty Ferry Churches Group will be handing out hot cross buns from their base in St Aidan's.

Fiona Potton asked that it be noted that she had intimated her apologies for not being able to attend our meeting in February.

### **15. The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, 2nd May 2017 at 7pm.**

**This will be followed at 7.30pm by the Ordinary Meeting  
Meetings are held in Broughty Ferry Library.**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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