

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 2nd May, 2017

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

In Attendance:

Carole Jenkins (DCC Communities Officer)

Ex Officio: Councillor Laurie Bidwell

Members of the Public Present: J C Forrester; Frances Morgan;
Jimmy Adams; Cllr Vari McDonald

Apologies: Cllr Kevin Cordell; Bailie Derek Scott; Hugh M Begg;
Pat Moore; Ron Findlay

2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council

These were agreed to be a true record

Proposed by: John Watson

Seconded by: Stan Nutt

3. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:

Following the donation of £100 received from the Community Council last month, a further donation of £100 has been received by Broughty Ferry in Bloom from BFTA towards the King Street Project. If DCC agree, the Workshop will take place at the corner of King Street and Union Street on Saturday 3rd June, 10am – 12 noon. Window boxes will be supplied along with compost and plants and participants shown how to plant as well as care for these. Thanks to the generosity of everyone, this will be a free event.

Adele referred again to letters received regarding GP Practice boundaries. Downfield Practice has now applied to the Health Board to restrict their boundary. Following a discussion on GP practices city wide, the lack of doctors and the likelihood that more Practices will take the same route, it was agreed that Adele continue to express the disappointment of the Community Council at the restrictions being placed on potential new patients throughout the area.

4. Chair's Report

Welcome everyone. April 17

- (1) The Facebook page is up and running successfully. Once the minutes are approved and any changes made, I will post these up. The Agenda's for tonight were posted there. Neil and I will meet regularly to discuss the page and see where changes can be made.

- (2) As I stated in the matters arising, I also received a proposal from Downfield surgery. I replied with the same letter as I did for Ancrum and Invergowrie. If any more proposals come in, are we all in agreement that I keep replying in the same way? Replies must be submitted by 19th May, so there may be more to come.

- (3) A reminder that Timebank quiz night is on tonight at 8.30pm in the Fort Bar. It costs £5 per person and refreshments will be provided at the interval.

- (4) I received an email from Hamish MacPherson, Vice Chair of Clearwater Park Residents Association. He is concerned about the glass recycling bins which have appeared up throughout the city, but especially the junction with Seafield Rd and Balgillo Rd. Kevin Cordell wrote back stating that this bin had been moved back from the corner. Mr MacPherson is also concerned with what planning permission was required or what consultation was made prior to this policy. A reply was sent by Janet Wade, Implementation Project Manager, Neighbourhood Services, listing all the dates and time lines that the aforementioned followed. I can forward this email on to you if desired. Mr MacPherson has asked that I raise this with you and to ask if any of you have concerns regarding the bring sites

- (5) Finally, a reminder that our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th June, at 7pm.

5. Police Report

No Police Officers were present but Carole Jenkins advised that at a recent meeting at Forthill, the local Officers were offering a 'drop-in' type surgery if we would like this. It was agreed by all that this sounds like a good idea.

6. Secretary's Report

There is still no Secretary – not a huge job so please can everyone think about taking it on.

Joan had previously circulated the report on the Corporate PSIF Assessment Focus Group which she attended on behalf of the Community Council.

7. Treasurer's Report

The report was given earlier at the AGM and due to the Bank Holiday, there were no changes in the report. The balance in the Admin Fund is £254.31 so we are therefore eligible to receive the full amount of the Annual Grant from DCC. The balance in BFCC Funds is now £483.73, Beach Fund remains at £54.16 and Special Project Fund £79.02, giving a total balance of £871.22

8. Planning Report

John has previously circulated all the correspondence and reports regarding the applications in Victoria Road and West End Garage.

The proposals for the Library extension are to be put on display at the Library on Thursday 4th May and the poster regarding this will be placed on our Facebook page.

9. Licensing Report

Stan confirmed that there had been no applications made since November and he had spoken with staff at DCC who stated that everything had been very quiet. He feels it would be best if we again advise Officers of our preferred contacts in all matters.

10. Matters raised by Community Councillors

Adele spoke about the problems in parking at Gillies Park. She had previously circulated photographs of concrete bollards. After a discussion, it was agreed that Adele will contact Neil Gellatly at City Development regarding this.

11. Contributions from Elected Members (ex officio members)

Councillor Bidwell, in his final report to us, spoke about the refusal of planning permission for the large development at Linlathen Village. Of particular interest is the general conclusion is that developments on brownfield sites should be preferred over greenfield sites and that this particular development should be held back until more of the Western Gateway has been completed. Discussed the sale of the former Mid Craigie PS where new housing is to be built and that the former Menzieshill HS site could also be used for this type of development.

It was suggested that we raise with the new elected members whether sufficient provision is being made for education and health care when planning new developments. John Watson raised the matter of the drainage into the Dighty Burn and whether the SUDS would be sufficient to prevent contamination.

Councillor Bidwell has had a meeting with Scottish Water regarding the flooding at Cedar Road/Forthill Road. There may be some planning constraints involved in trying to resolve the problems with the old sewerage systems.

The Coastal Engineer confirmed the money is now in place to proceed with the works and that although planning permission is not required, there will be further public consultations held prior to the works commencing (hopefully) by the end of the year. SEPA have confirmed that any new sand to build up the dunes will come from dredging in the Tay estuary. Work also needs to be done to check the sewer in Douglas Terrace.

Councillor Bidwell finished by thanking everyone for their help and support during his time as a Councillor, he has really enjoyed attending our meetings. Members thanked Councillor Bidwell for all that he has done for us and for Broughty Ferry and hoped he would consider coming to meetings in the future, perhaps joining the Community Council.

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

No matters were raised this month

13. AOCB

Broughty Ferry in Bloom held a litter pick at the Bridge Street end of the Esplanade and collected more than 10 bags of rubbish. Much of this is sewage waste and is coming from the Monifieth side of the beach. Carole Jenkins advised members of the event being held on Thursday 4th May in the Library for all residents to see the plans for the new extension. The next LCCP meeting will be in Forthill Sheltered Housing complex on 18th May.

A survey on parking will be forwarded by Joan to members of the CC. Please complete it individually and consider a response on behalf of the CC at our June meeting.

Carole advised that this is her last meeting with us as she is moving to a new post as a Community Empowerment Officer. Her replacement will be announced shortly.

Members voiced their appreciation of all that Carole has done for us and wished her well in her new post.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th June 2017 at 7pm.

Meetings are held in Broughty Ferry Library.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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