

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 4th July, 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); PC Gordon Donald; PC Darren Banister

Ex Officio: Bailie Derek Scott; Cllr Philip Scott; Cllr Craig Duncan

Members of the Public Present: J C Forrester; Hamish MacPherson; Stella MacPherson; C L Delaney; Doug McLaren

Apologies: Cllr Kevin Cordell; Pat Moore; Hugh Begg

2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council

These were agreed to be a true record

Proposed by: Fiona Potton

Seconded by: John Watson

3. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:

David Easson had looked again at the proposal regarding the BT box at Beach /Crescent and asked that the June minutes be amended. Joan will amend them to reflect this change prior to posting them on the Community Council website. The wording will read: -

BT will agree to lease the iconic telephone box at Beach Crescent to Broughty Ferry Community Council for £1.00. The proposal is to formally lease it in the first instance and immediately thereafter sub lease it to the BFTA on a full care and maintenance basis.

David will confirm the details of the arrangement and the motion to approve the leasing was proposed by John Watson, seconded by Fiona Potton and approved unanimously.

Following on from last month's item regarding buses and frequency etc, Joan is attending a meeting at DVA on Thursday where this will be discussed with members of CAN and others from across the city. Fiona pointed out that during the school holidays, children travel for just 20p per journey (when accompanied by an adult)

7. Police Report

In order that the police officers can leave to attend to their other duties, this item was moved up the Agenda.

The Gala Day on Sunday was a great success and thanks go to all who helped with the arrangements. There were no major incidents reported. Residents are asked to beware of bogus callers due to recent local targeting and to report any incidents to Action Fraud. Beware also of a man reported to calling at homes in the area offering to sell excess stock from the Royal Highland Show - Swiss knives and cutlery. There is no such excess stock.

PC Gordon Donald will be moving to Longhaugh but will still be active locally. If anyone has any queries, please email the police. Fiona queried the call handling when using the 101 number. It was confirmed that these calls are passed through the system to the first available call handler which could be anywhere in the country depending on how busy the lines are.

4. Report/Update on any item not covered during last month's meeting

Joan spoke about the Charter Trees initiative and asked members to think about whether there were any opportunities for us to be involved in this. The email will be circulated to members.

A proposal was made to DCC that the name of the new road at the former Armistead Child Development Centre be 'Armistead Court'. No objections were made to this.

John Watson has been appointed President of Abertay Rotary Club and has suggested that he be the liaison between ourselves and the Rotary Club. This is warmly welcomed and it is hoped the arrangement will continue in future years.

Adele and Stan both raised the matter of dog poo, particularly in the area of the beach where, during the summer months, dogs are not allowed. Stan spoke about the poor signage and we discussed the signs placed on the beach by the Lifeguards. These signs are removed at the end of the day and there is very little else that is visible to dog walkers to deter them from the area. Joan pointed out that the judging for Beautiful Scotland is to take place on August 2nd and that it would be appreciated if everyone could try to ensure that litter of any kind was removed prior to then. The Green Dog Walkers scheme is in operation and should be encouraged. We could brief Ron Findlay on what was discussed as he is on the Beach Management Committee and perhaps can help.

5. Carole Jenkins – Identification of Community Infrastructure

At previous LCPP meetings, a Community Infrastructure Fund had been discussed. An amount of £1.2m is available to be spread across all 8 Wards. There is currently no mechanism in place as to how this can be allocated and complications will arise as we will require to know what is being done when

Carole listed some key issues but would like to check that she has not forgotten anything.

David suggested we could have a couple of students to check the archives. Neil Cooney offered to supervise as he is working in the same area at present.

It was agreed that we would arrange via email how many hours/remuneration and ask that the students look for recurrent issues within the records.

6. Chair's Report

Welcome everyone. July 17

- (1) I would like to begin by properly welcoming our newly elected Councillors. It was all a bit rushed last month, but congratulations, I hope the first few weeks have been kind to you and we look forward to hearing from you a little later.
- (2) Congratulations to John Watson on his appointment as President of Abertay Rotary Club. John wishes to be a formal link between the Rotary Club and the Community Council. A letter can be written to the Club inviting Associate Membership.
- (3) Gavin Stirling has been in touch by email. He runs family funfairs throughout Scotland. He has already made an application to Gary Robertson at DCC to bring a funfair to the castle green area in July. Gary advised that the CC would object to this. Gavin mentions inviting a local special needs school to a free afternoon. The Stirling family operated in BF for many years and he wants to get that back again. He would be interested in getting our views or concerns and is happy to meet up. DISCUSS – It was agreed after a discussion that we would object to this operator being allowed to set up at Castle Green as the Green is a free facility and the presence of rides requiring

parents to pay for children to use the rides was an unnecessary expense.

- (4) Joan has written to DCC on the 16th June in another attempt to get Licensing correspondence sent directly to Stan. DCC have been asked to copy letters by email to both Stan and to Adele.
- (5) Alastair Hilton, Senior Planning Officer, DCC, will be taking the Proposed Local Plan to Committee meeting on 21st August. We will meet with him and consider the text and its implications at the September meeting. This to be our policy discussion matter
- (6) Charlie Delaney of the Barnhill Tenants Association, has stated his interest in being co-opted onto the CC. Hugh has proposed this and I am happy to second the proposal. In Hugh's absence, Joan proposed that Charlie be asked to join the Community Council.
- (7) Welcome Charlie and thank you for offering your time and assistance. It is greatly appreciated. We are quite low in numbers at present, and if there are other people that you know who may be interested in joining the CC, please ask them to come along.
- (8) I have also received a few emails from a concerned BF resident, Mr Mustafa, who is worried about the amount of dog litter on the streets of Broughty Ferry. He sent a few pictures and asked me to take immediate action. This links in with what Joan wishes to discuss. Does anyone consider things to have got worse lately? – See earlier discussion
- (9) Gail McClure wrote to Baillie Scott on the 19th June, stating that NHS Tayside approved the application from BF Healthcare, Brown Street, BF, to amend their practice boundary. Following due consideration, the Boards General Practice Advisory Committee unanimously decided that the application be granted to maintain the sustainability of the practice and protect future health care services in Tayside.

You will all be aware that the CC objected to this application, but unfortunately, it doesn't seem to have made a difference. DISCUSS – We are all of the same mind – Neil will write to the Health Board noting our disappointment at these decisions and ask what arrangements will be made for those moving into the area to ensure their healthcare needs are met.

(10) The next LCPP meeting is on Thursday 31st August at 5.30pm and the Community Councils next meeting is on Tuesday 5th September at 7pm. Both meetings are to be held here in the library. Carole will liaise with the LCPP regarding the Health Board decision and will be asked to speak about her new role in Asset Transfer.

(11) I would like to finish off my report by saying a special Thank You to Carole, who is moving to a new post. Carole does a power of work and I am sure you will agree, that the meetings will not be the same without her. She is always on the end of the phone if there is an issue, no matter how big or small, and we will miss your knowledge and expertise. We wish you good luck as you move on to your new post and we would also like to welcome Natalie Mackland, who will take over your role with us. Thank you again, Carole and please keep in touch.

8. Secretary's Report

None

9. Treasurer's Report

Still awaiting the grant from DCC but Carole hopes this will be in shortly. Meantime, we have paid the annual subscription of £15.00 for Living Streets and received the latest editions of all 3 magazines to which we subscribe. The balance in the bank at 28/6/17 is £856.22

10. Planning Report

The report is as previously circulated with an extra item as of last Friday being the lowering of the existing boundary wall at Taycreggan House. Work has commenced on this, without permission, and as it lies within the Conservation Area, the Planning Secretary will object on the grounds that it lies within the West Ferry (2011) Conservation Area and is in breach of the Dundee City Development Plan 2014 relating to developments in conservation areas and ignores the guidelines laid down for such developments.

The meeting agreed the objection.

11. Licensing Report

Stan advised nothing had been received again. We trust that the letter sent may have had some effect.

Neil queried whether a consultation on licensing was being held – Joan will check emails received.

12. Matters raised by Community Councillors

Adele has received notifications regarding the proposals to enact Traffic Orders restricting speeds to 20mph around all schools.

Neil spoke about the Dundee bid for 2023 – City of Culture. The Courier is running a voxpop and is inviting everyone to take part. 27th July = 100 days to go to the launch of the bid. The voxpop is on the subject of Europe – what is your connection to it?

13. Contributions from Elected Members

Bailie Scott spoke about the problems associated with the new recycling system and he has been in touch regarding the telephony problems. It appears the I.T system is not working as it should and this will hopefully be rectified shortly.

During the warmer weather, he has asked that discretion be used by staff with regard to the closing times of the public toilets at the Windmill Car Park. The enforcement order on the caravan at Panmurefield expires on 10th July and Mike Galloway has advised that it may be necessary to take direct action. This can be done without further delays.

Bailie Scott has also spoken to Neil Gellatly about the wide junction at West Queen Street/Dundee Road. This is not a lay by although it has been treated as such. It would be helpful if Community Councillors would also write to him voicing concerns. With the vans now parking there, the sight lines for anyone crossing that junction are impossible.

Cllr Craig Duncan spoke about the toilet block in Queen Street Car Park and confirmed it is on the Asset Transfer List.

The Post Office have confirmed that they have received a number of tenders but Cllr Duncan still has no idea of which businesses have submitted tenders nor where any new Post Office will be sited. It has been confirmed there will be no downgrading of service and that if the site is to be moved, a public consultation will take place.

Cllr Duncan has also been looking at areas which are poorly served by buses at present and the sustainability of services. It may be that the route of the 88, operated by Moffat & Williamson could be adjusted to include some of these areas.

Cllr Philip Scott is working with Bailie Scott on the problems associated with the new recycling scheme and has been particularly involved with the possible re-siting of bins.

15. AOCB

None

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 5th September 2017 at 7pm.

Meetings are held in Broughty Ferry Library.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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