

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 5th September, 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); Hugh Begg; Isobel McLean; Sean Moore; Charlie Delaney

In Attendance:

Carole Jenkins (DCC); Natalie Mackland (DCC Communities Officer); John Hosie (DCC CC Liaison Officer); PC Scott McEwing

Ex Officio: Bailie Derek Scott; Cllr Craig Duncan

Members of the Public Present: David Hewick; Margaret Smith; Richard Smith; Jane Begg; Doug McLaren

Apologies: Cllr Kevin Cordell; Cllr Philip Scott; Pat Moore; Carolyn Forrester; Fiona M Potton

2. Update – Local Development Plan 2

Alastair Hilton, Senior Planning Officer, DCC, gave a full overview of the proposals for the Plan. Members asked questions on the size of housing proposed, transport, roads and facilities such as schools and health services. All of these concerns are addressed within the Development Plan with potential developers being made aware of the expectations.

The consultation period runs until October 9th and Hugh Begg will present a paper to our meeting on October 3rd for consideration. Members are reminded that they may also respond to the Plan as individuals and copies of the Plan are available in several locations, including the Central Library and that drop-in events are occurring throughout the consultation period. Details of this have already been circulated.

Alastair was thanked for giving his time this evening.

3. Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council

These were agreed to be a true record

Proposed by: John Watson

Seconded by: David Easson

4. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:

David Easson has had further information regarding the proposal to lease the BT box at Beach Crescent. A discussion around the leasing arrangements, power supply, insurance and upkeep took place. It was agreed that David should report back to us at our meeting in November before taking this further.

David Easson advised that following discussions, the research detailed in Item 5 of the July Minute will not be undertaken.

5. Chair's Report

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a lovely summer and thank you for coming along tonight.

- (1) I would like to begin by welcoming Natalie Mackland. I hope the first few weeks in the post have been kind to you and we look forward to working with you.
- (2) I attended the LCPP meeting last Thursday, along with a few others here. We discussed the Draft Local Community Plan 2017-2022, Dundee Partnership fund allocations, the Community Infrastructure Fund, which is 1.2million to be spread equally across the 8 wards, hence giving Ward 8 £150,000, and amongst other things, we had a very informative presentation from Yusef Youth Initiative. They are a group which are trying to raise awareness of what it is like living as a Muslim in Dundee and are trying to break down any barriers which may arise by offering group presentations and drop-in services in secondary schools across Dundee. The next LCPP meeting is on the 23rd November and the venue is yet to be confirmed.
- (3) Fraser Scott of the Fire Service was in attendance and he mentioned that there is a Dundee Draft Local Plan out for consultation and this closes on the 25th September. The website offers excellent information on what to do if you live in a flat. P7 children from all over Dundee are currently taking part in SafeTaysiders, which aims to make them fire-aware.
- (4) Dates for your diary are as follows: -
 - 22nd October – Ferry Foodfest
 - 29th October – Halloween Event (in Castle Green)
 - 16TH November – light switch on
 - 10th December – Christmas Event – Santa & Land Train
- (5) I picked up an envelope a couple of weeks back addressed to the Community Council, with a rather substantial report in it, detailing lots of faults and imperfections about Broughty Ferry. There was no name on this report, but someone had taken a lot of time and effort to make it. I have this report here if anyone would like to see it.

6. Police Report

PC McEwing reported that PC Gordon Donald would not now be moving to Longhaugh but will be remaining in Broughty Ferry.

The Police Station will be moving across to the other side of Brook Street. Whilst there will be no public counter, a telephone will be available on the exterior. Parking spaces for Police vehicle will be moved across the street. Members queried what actions were being taken to prevent parking in inappropriate places at schools across the Ward and PC McEwing confirmed that Officers had been at schools with Parking Attendants, trying to ensure that all parents are aware that action will be taken if necessary.

In response to reports of speeding on Balgillo Road and on Nursery Road, Officers have been in attendance.

Reports of begging in Brook Street – Community Officers can help to stop aggressive begging and there is support available through the Sign Posting Scheme amongst others for those in genuine need.

7. Secretary's Report

Joan has received all the paperwork to allow the Charter Tree Initiative to go ahead and will arrange for the signature collecting forms and other information to be available at the Library, Barnhill Rock Gardens, Duntrune Community Garden and at the next meeting of Broughty Ferry in Bloom where the Balgillo Nurseries will be encouraged to complete the children's packs.

The document referred to in the Chair's Report has been passed to me. It would be useful if the author could come forward as the Elected Members can help with many of the issues raised.

8. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the Financial Statement has been circulated to members.

The Grant from DCC has been received with the total balance in the Account on 28/7/17 being £833.72 and on 25/8/17, £1,324.72.

9. Planning Report

John Watson confirmed the report was as previously circulated to members and that an objection had been made for the proposal to build a house in the garden at Norrie Street. His correspondence with the Planning Department over the work being done at Taycreggan House in Ellislea Road had also been circulated to members and this development will come before the Development Committee on 18th September. A weakness in the system was pointed out in that the Planning Secretary does not know what the Planning Department recommendations are before the Committee papers are issued.

10. Licensing Report

No proposals have been received by Stan.

11. Matters raised by Community Councillors

Joan has had a request from residents asking if members and elected members will look at the junction of Fairfield Road and Arbroath Road. When turning left, towards the Scott Fyfe roundabout, could a filter lane be put in place. This would allow for a quicker turn left where vehicles are waiting to turn right towards Claypotts. There is a large grass verge which could be used to widen the road at this point.

Charlie raised the issue of the technical problems at Barnhill Post Office. Cllr Duncan confirmed he had been in discussion with the Post Office regarding this matter and it was hoped the Post Office counter would be operational today.

12. Contributions from Elected Members (ex officio members)

Baillie Scott has been in touch with Abelio regarding the use of Queen Street Car Park over the festive period as dates for the reconstruction of the southbound platform had slipped and has made it clear that this is not acceptable.

A further Public Consultation on the Flood Defense scheme will take place in mid-October. It would be useful if the Community Council could participate by hosting a presentation.

The caravan at Panmurefield was removed by the owner but the fence is still to be fully reinstated and the gap filled. Mike Galloway has confirmed that the Enforcement Order remains in place and that if the caravan returns, it can be removed by the Council immediately.

Mrs Begg had previously been in touch regarding the mosaic at Orchar Park and Bailie Scott is pleased to confirm that a project to restore the mosaic has been agreed in which public participation will be welcomed. Repairs to the Pavilion at Orchar Park will be progressed. Bailie Scott has also been able to secure funding for the cycle pathway between Seven Arches and Balmossie Street to be tarmacked.

Cllr Duncan also spoke about the problems with the timing of the works at the Station.

At a meeting with the BFTA, it was agreed that it was in the best interests of all for them to work in tandem with all Ward Councillors to ensure that Broughty Ferry's future is secured.

Cllr Duncan has been able to arrange for the railings at both Orchar Park and at Barnhill Cemetery to be repainted using the Community Payback workforce. He also spoke about the flood defenses and about the proposals to plant more areas of wildflowers throughout the city.

Cllr Duncan is keen to see that something is done to recognize the work done at Armistead House since 1931 and was disappointed that the development was not to retain the Armistead name. Can we think about how we would take this forward? The Ward Councillors will be making a site visit to Castle Green.

14. AOCB

Carole Jenkins wished to record her personal thanks and the thanks of members of the community to the Police for their handling of the situation around the caravan at Panmuirfield.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 3rd October 2017 at 7pm.

Meetings are held in Broughty Ferry Library.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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