

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 6th February 2018

1. Community Councillors Present:

Adele McGrath (Chair); Joan Chalmers (Minute Secretary);
John Watson (Planning Secretary); Stan Nutt (Licensing Secretary);
David Easson (Treasurer); Neil Cooney (Communications Secretary);
Charlie Delaney; Sean Moore; Isobel MacLean; Hugh M Begg;
Fiona M Potton

In Attendance: Natalie Mackland (DCC Communities Officer)

Ex Officio: Cllr Philip Scott; Cllr Craig Duncan; Cllr Kevin Cordell

Members of the Public Present: Doug McLaren;

Apologies: Carolyn Forrester; Bailie Derek Scott; Pat Moore

2. Participatory Budgeting – Natalie Mackland, Communities Officer

Natalie advised that there is a total pot of £1.2 million to be split evenly between all 8 Wards. The voting for this is online only, is open to all residents aged 11 and over and closes on 23rd March. If anyone does not have an email address, DCC staff have addresses available and will be attending Broughty Ferry in Bloom's Snowdrop-In Coffee Morning at Barnhill Community Centre on Saturday 24th February. There will also be an event in the afternoon at Grove Academy which anyone can attend. The site to visit is Dundee Decides www.dundeedecides.org

If the successful projects do not add up to £150,000, the extra monies will be reallocated between them so that all £150,000 is spent.

3. 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

4. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:

Nothing which won't be covered elsewhere

5. Chair's Report

- (1) Good evening and thanks to everyone for coming along tonight. It has been fairly quiet since we last met, which was less than 4 weeks ago, so my Report is very short.
- (2) Natalie is still waiting to hear back from Dave Masters re Suicide Awareness. The Traders can't make space for him until at least April, so if we are to have a presentation, it will be April at the earliest.
- (3) The next Ferry LCPP meeting was due to be held on Thursday 22nd February, however this clashes with the DCC budget meeting which is the same afternoon, so it has been rearranged for Thursday 1st March at 5.30pm, here in the Library. I cannot attend this meeting as it now clashes with my Parents Evening at school, so if anyone is willing to attend in my place, it would be much appreciated.
- (4) I have collected 2 DCC documents. One is the Variation of Waiting Restrictions and Traffic Regulations where comments should be sent in by 16th February, and the other is the Disabled Persons Parking Places Variation, with comments to be sent it no later than 8th February (so Thursday). Please feel free to look at these and comment accordingly.

6. Police Report

None

7. Secretary's Report

None

8. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the current financial position had been circulated via email to Community Councillors, confirming no change and a total in the bank of £1,288.88. A cheque for inks, stationary and postage has been passed to Joan so next month's account will show a difference.

David advised that the lady who checked the accounts each year for him has recently passed away. A new 'auditor' is therefore required before the AGM in May. Joan is checking with someone who may do this for us but if anyone else knows of a suitable candidate, please let David know.

Natalie advised that DVA will do it but a small fee is payable.

9. Planning Report

Planning Secretary's Report 3rd January – 2nd February 2018

Of the 12 planning and 3 tree applications considered during the above period, none were considered to merit comment.

A consultation presentation regarding the Linlathen Development Proposal was held as scheduled by the developer's agent in January. We await a formal planning application before making comment or otherwise.

An email was sent to the Chairman regarding the Dundee City Council Development Plan2 now forwarded to the Scottish Government in its approved draft form. The correspondence complained about the lack of recognition of public comments recorded during the consultation period. Broughty Ferry Community Council, as a mandatory consultee, provided comment and now await the result of the Government Reporter's considerations.

Notes:

Simply to underline that in so far as the proposed Linlathen Development is concerned, we await a formal application that we will consider carefully.

Dundee City Council Development plan2 was moved on at the City Development meeting on the 22nd January and it is now in the hands of the Government Reporter. I believe Hugh would agree with me that the consultation process left a little to be desired, but it may be that this has much to do with what I will tell you next.

A Planning (Scotland) Bill was introduced by the Scottish Government on the 4th December 2017. It is a Bill to allow Parliament to make provision about how land is developed and used. It is currently at Stage 1 of the procedure.

Its aim is to update aspects of the Scottish town planning system, by amending legislation that governs the operation of the system – The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

At this time, I simply wish to advise the CC that at this early stage I have isolated a couple of likely parts of the Bill that will involve this CC. The first is that the Local Development Plan currently under consideration is likely to be adopted early in 2019 but the next review will not as present be 5 years later but 10.

The second will certainly involve this council and that is the proposed introduction of LPP's. An LPP is a Local Place Plan and will be a new feature in the Scottish Planning System.

I will read the explanatory note I have down loaded:

I cannot take any questions about the bill since I am not yet sufficiently aware of its content, but I will seek Hugh's assistance in following the Bill's progress and keep the CC advised.

Finally, I have been made aware by a member of the public that some issues relating to the now defunct Broughty Ferry Development Trust may involve this council. I made it clear to the individual that the matter of the demise of BFDT had been raised at our December Meeting and that the minutes of that meeting record that a line should be drawn under the matter and move on. In so far as this Council is concerned BFDT is dead – may it rest in peace.

10. Licensing Report

No applications received.

11. Matters raised by Community Councillors

Joan advised that a member of the public has been in touch regarding a broken section of wall between Northwood Court and Rosendael. This has meant that some men have been using this as a short-cut to and from the bus stop in Strathern Road. Some of the elderly residents in Northwood have been alarmed and have raised concerns about this and whether they should have been informed when homeless men have been allocated temporary accommodation in Rosendael.

A discussion followed and Natalie will pass on contact details for Carol Graham so that Joan get in touch.

David asked who he should contact about the traffic lights at the junction of Queen Street and Fort Street at the Tyre Depot as they have been knocked out of alignment. Charlie advised him to contact 'Clarence'. Alternatively, Dundee City Council website has contacts for use.

12. Contributions from Elected Members (ex officio members)

Cllr Duncan: Cllr Duncan has been assured that Network Rail/PWC will ensure that workers at the station are paid until at least mid-April. This should ensure that work continues.

Flood defenses – fly-by has been updated and we are now just awaiting the issue of the statutory 30-day notice.

Post Office closure – this is temporary for hygiene reasons and if it is to continue, a notice will be posted on the door.

The Police have admitted they made an error in not informing the community about the incident in Orchar Park and have apologised for this. An arrest has been made.

Queen Street toilet block – plans for demolition have been withdrawn as there has been interest in taking this over. Cllr Cordell confirmed the interest is from a local person.

Cllr Philip Scott: An update on the meeting with Broughty Ferry Traders regarding the harbour area. It is hoped that it will be possible to ensure that the area is cleaned up and contact will be made through Neighbourhood Services, Colin Craig.

Dropped kerbs provided in Guthrie Terrace as well as a crossing point at Linlathen/Clearwater have been confirmed following representations made by Derek and Philip Scott.

Cllr Cordell: Spoke about the state of Sandy Park. There has been some fly-tipping as well as littering and dog mess. A one-off clean-up will be carried out by DCC.

**Members felt that Greenbelt ought to be billed for this work as it is their responsibility to ensure the Park is kept as per the contract in place.

There has been some vandalism in Barnhill Cemetery.

**Members asked if CCTV could be used to try to discourage this.

Dropped kerbs have been installed at Ceres Crescent.

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

None.

14. AOCB

Mr McLaren had asked to speak on several issues under Item 13 but had not submitted these at the correct time. These were: BFDT, Kirkwood Homes Application, LDP2 and Scottish Planning Bill.

Mr McLaren was reminded that these items had been dealt with during the course of the meeting.

Mr McLaren then asked about possible uses of the station and was reminded that the Community Council could not do anything about this. He asked if the Councillors could do something to expedite this matter.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th March at 7pm in Broughty Ferry Library.

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