

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 1st May 2018

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

In Attendance: Natalie Mackland (DCC Communities Officer);
Gordon Donald and Darren Banister (Police Scotland);
Sarah Williamson (Evening Telegraph)

Ex Officio: Bailie Derek Scott; Cllr Craig Duncan.

Members of the Public Present: JC Forrester.

Apologies: Cllr Kevin Cordell; Cllr Philip Scott; Pat Moore

2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council

These were agreed to be a true record

Proposed by: John Watson

Seconded by: Carolyn Forrester

3. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:

Joan has asked for written reports from Elected Members to aid her in compiling the Minutes.

4. Chair's Report

Good evening and thanks to everyone for coming along tonight. I will keep this brief as you have already heard from me tonight.

You may be aware that there is now a summary of the Ferry Local Community Plan. The document advertises the Dundee Partnership funding, so Natalie is keen to get these in public places. All offers of help with this would be greatly appreciated.

The Broughty Ferry Education and Recreation Association (BERA) are holding their AGM on Tuesday 15th May in the staff room at Grove Academy.

At the last LCPP meeting in March, it was agreed that a funding sub group would meet to consider applications. The group met for the first time last week. The group will be delegated authority in exceptional circumstances, such as short timescales etc.

Olympia have announced a Grandparent and Grandchild Swim ticket for the promotional price of £3.00. This applies from Monday 7th May until Friday 28 June, 10am – 4pm, Monday to Friday. Children must be under 5 years old.

5. Police Report

A few members of the public have reported receiving nuisance calls, purporting to be from BT. These have been dealt with. Extra patrols have been done in the areas of Orchar Park and Sandy Park. There is no date for the official opening of the Police Station. The application for Change of Use of the premises has been submitted and it is expected that the previous premises will be put up for sale once approval has been given. The toilet in Queen Street Car Park does not have a sign on it which is easily visible.

6. Secretary's Report

Joan will contact members shortly about the new General Data Protection Regulations.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Annual Report has been circulated to Community Councillors. The total in the bank is £934.05. David confirmed that we will again qualify for the Grant from DCC and that as the population has increased, we may expect a small increase in the amount of the Grant.

8. Planning Report

Planning Secretary's Report 3rd – 30th April 2018

Of the 16 planning and 4 tree applications examined during the above period none deserved further formal comment. However, during week beginning 23rd April planning application **18/00263/FULL – Erection of new dwelling on spare ground to the west of 8 Reres Road, Broughty Ferry**, was registered and is, with small exceptions, the same scheme mentioned below. The history of this site is odd and illustrates a weakness in the planning procedures in relation to enforcement after a planning application has been decided.

Planning permission was first granted for the same design on the 31st October 2005 **05/00612/FULL**. No works were carried out and an application for renewal for the same scheme was approved on the 13th October 2010 **10/00546/FULL**. Again no works were carried out and a further application for renewal for the same scheme was approved on the 16th July 2013 **13/00288/FULL** and yet again no works were carried out and the permission lapsed on the 15th July 2016. The local Planning Enforcement Charter is somewhat complicated and perhaps cost is a factor the Authority must

consider when dealing with such historical applications as this one. It will be interesting to monitor whether works will be carried out should this current application be approved.

**Interim Report Regarding Planning Application 18/00119/FULL
Proposed contemporary two-storey extension with a double height
internal courtyard -36D Seafield Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee. DD5
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This report, ratified at the last meeting, can now be ignored since the application has now been withdrawn.

**Planning Ref. 18/00056/FULL – Land to North of Colliston Drive,
Broughty Ferry. – Erection of Dwelling House**

It is with some satisfaction that I report this application has been refused. BFCC objected in its letter to the planning department dated 18th February 2018 and ratified at the March meeting. The question of 'Rights of Way' was introduced and although not considered in the Decision Report, may well have had an influence on the decision. Residents adjacent to the site have contacted me and asked that their thanks for the positive efforts of BFCC in this regard be recorded.

Joan passed the email which had been received from the Reporter regarding LDP2 to John for his attention.

9. Licensing Report

No requests for Licenses have been received. Stan was asked by Members of the likely impact of Minimum Alcohol Pricing which came into force today. It is expected that the premises which offer deals which include drinks with meals will raise their prices.

10. Matters raised by Community Councillors

Fiona spoke about the glass 'Bring Site' at M&S, Brook Street. David has also raised this matter at the LCPP.

*Joan will email Jim Byrne to raise our concerns about the recycling points and the frequency of the collections.

Neil has had a call from the Evening Telegraph about the recycling point at Sainsbury's.

Stan suggested that we try to get the vans moved and have limited parking on Dundee Road West, with the glass bin being moved to another location.

Bailie Scott suggested that he could organize a site visit so that DCC Officers could see the problems for themselves.

Joan spoke about the cigarette litter in Queen Street Car Park and at Campfield Square and how this impacts on the judging of Broughty ferry in Bloom's entry in the annual Beautiful Scotland competition. Bailie Scott advised that a review may be done of the bin provisions.

Adele asked about the new cameras which have been installed on Arbroath Road.

Natalie confirmed the walkabout was done with the LCPP in the Barnhill area and suggested that another be done in central Broughty Ferry. Fiona advised that the Beach Management Group had also completed a walkabout and that the whole area needs a tidy up. Hugh asked if Beach Management reported to the LCPP – yes they do. Action is required to be taken before the start of the summer season.

11. Contributions from Elected Members (ex officio members)

Bailie Scott:

Six Broughty Ferry pavements are included in this year's unadopted footways scheme programme of works. These are Taymouth Place; south side Hamilton Street; short section at Arbroath Road near to Claypotts junction; north side of Collingwood Street; north side of Bughties Road and north side of Albany Road between Ralston Road and Fairfield Road. Bailie Scott is particularly pleased with the inclusion of Albany Road as it is the last unadopted pavement in his former West Ferry ward to be brought up to standard. Previously there were more square metres of unadopted pavements in West Ferry than made up pavements.

Highlights in the road maintenance partnership capital budget carriageway works include surface dressing of Monifieth Road and Dalhousie Road. Patching and repairing of iron works have already been carried out in advance of the surface dressing. The pavement on both sides of Camperdown Street from Seafield Road to Forthill Road are to be resurfaced. This will be welcome news for Eastern Primary School as parents have frequently raised concerns about the condition of the pavement. Significant patching works are to be carried out on Claypotts Road, Strathern Road and Beach Crescent. The full city wide 2018/19 roads and pavements capital programme can be viewed on the council's web site.

Roads and transport division have purchased another two vehicle activated speed signs and Monifieth Road/Dalhousie a Road will be included in the rotation of sites this financial year.

2nd May is the closing date for representations in respect of the flood prevention scheme.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is consulting on its transformation proposal. Included in this is the size of its estate. Bailie Scott suggested that the community council might wish to respond to the consultation, given the importance to the local community of Balmossie Fire Station. This consultation is open until 14th May.

A tender for the multi-use games area at Gillies Park has recently been approved. Works to install it are scheduled to begin this month.

There is £200k in this year's and next year's capital plan to provide a replacement for the all-weather pitch at Dawson Park. There will be consultation with users about the type of surface to be installed.

A pedestrian crossing is to be installed on Arbroath Road between Dawson Park and Claypotts Park where the current pedestrian refuge is. This was one of the outcomes for 'Dundee Decides' in East End ward. Bailie Scott asked the roads engineers if this will result in vehicles leaving the A92 and using nearby residential streets instead. In a response from the head of transportation he was advised that the crossing would have an almost nil impact on journey times and it isn't anticipated that there will be any deviation of traffic.

He has received a few complaints following the roll out of the final phase of the recycling scheme in the middle of last month. Mostly due to wrong calendars being issued and bins not being emptied. He has also had complaints about some of the bring to glass sites overflowing. He has been advised that the collection frequency of these sites will be adjusted to reflect their usage. The location of bins will also be reviewed in due course. He has received complaints from residents in Albert Gardens regarding damage caused to the central grassed area by a bin lorry manoeuvring around a parked vehicle. The waste collection team leader is to be reviewing how collections are managed in streets where there are difficulties gaining access. The environment section is to consider whether the area in Albert Gardens can be adjusted to increase the turning space available.

Cllr Duncan

In addition to the routine reporting of potholes and dealing with multiple issues relating to recent recycling changes (chiefly glass bins), I had recently been in touch with ScotRail again who advise that owing to continuing delays in the delivery of the new Hitachi trains, the new stopping services in Broughty Ferry will be delayed until at least December 2018 with further services being added in May and in December 2019.

There is some positive news about the Post Office and it is anticipated that a public announcement will be made shortly.

Greenbelt Energy Ltd have given positive assurances that they will rectify the damage done by vandalism at Sandy Park and will give attention to other matters there.

I met with the new Managing Director and the new Operations Manager of Xplore Dundee and took the opportunity to raise matters of importance to bus passengers from Broughty Ferry.

I attended a meeting in the City Chambers regarding the future of Dundee's five district shopping centres. Broughty Ferry has the benefit of having the most active Traders Association as well as being the largest of the shopping centres (outwith the city centre itself). The involvement of the Traders Association is the key to success.

Recently at Committee, I tried to move an amendment to the effect that Dundee City Council is opposed to any reduction in the number of Fire Stations from the present four. Of course, I am implacably opposed to any detrimental outcome for Balmossie Fire Station in particular. Residents are

welcome to communicate their own concerns. The consultation on the Fire Service is open until 14th May.

I have also met with residents of Albert Gardens regarding the damage to the central grassed area. Residents must be consulted with and agree to any preventative measures which may be undertaken.

The former toilet Bock in Queen Street Car Park remains available for any suitable offers, perhaps of a commercial nature, given that none from charities have been received.

I was pleased to have attended the LCPP walkabout held in Barnhill on 18th April.

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

None.

13. AOCB

John advised that Abertay Rotary are in discussions to twin the two Broughty Ferry Library toilets with latrines in development countries. It is Soroptimist led and will cost approximately £60 per toilet, which Rotary will fund. Further reports on the notion will be provided later.

Adele spoke about the joy of her pupils in Craigiebarns PS in the event being organized by Neil Cooney to raise for the Maggie Centres. Neil confirmed that 80 large penguins will be painted and placed around the city as well as 100 small penguins being done by community groups and schools.

Stan asked Neil if he could ensure that the planter in Brook Street which was moved to allow the 'Oor Wullie' to stand outside Tesco's in Brook Street could be moved back when they were working in the area with the lifter. This will allow the plants to grow better as the planter will again be on 'the sunny side of the street'.

Joan spoke about the 'Ribbon of Poppies' and asked that as many people as possible planted poppies. Knitted/crocheted poppies are requested for the 'yarn bombing' which will be taking place. An easy pattern is available.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

The next Ordinary meeting will be on Tuesday 5th June at 7.00pm in Broughty Ferry Library.

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