

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 5th June 2018

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

In Attendance: Natalie Mackland (DCC Communities Officer);
PS J Webster and PC Darren Banister (Police Scotland);

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

Members of the Public Present: JC Forrester: Jack Greenway;
Doug McLaren

Apologies: Cllr Kevin Cordell; Adele McGrath; Sean Moore

2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council

These were agreed to be a true record, with the time of tonight's meeting amended to 7pm

Proposed by: Carolyn Forrester

Seconded by: Fiona M Potton

3. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:

Suggestions were made at the LCPP that the reports be placed in public places. It is hoped that following a meeting with David Simpson that we may be able to work in partnership with the LCPP.

Joan to send out a reminder about GDPR – permissions are required.

John Watson confirmed that the Library toilet twinning had already taken place by a third party and Rotary was looking into other local public sites to support.

Bailie Scott updated the meeting on the possible re-siting of the Euro bin at West Queen Street. It is felt that a site meeting is the best way forward and he will request one as soon as possible.

Discussion on littering and vandalism

Following the Bank Holiday weekend, a large amount of litter had been left in the area of the Castle.

Cllr Cordell advised that a clean-up was arranged. He sent in a note to the Minute Secretary detailing the bins which are available:

Ship Inn to Pilot Pier - 6 Large double bins

Beach Crescent – 6 large double bins

Phibbies Pier area – 2 large double bins

Castle Approach Road – 2 large double bins with 2 pole mounted also
Walkway at Windmill toilet area – 3 large double bins
Windmill toilet Car Park – 3 large double bins plus re-cycling centre
Esplanade to Rugby Terrace – 2 large double bins placed at pedestrian
entrance/exit points to the beach area.

*An additional 12 wheelie bins will be placed around the area of the beach.

*DCC is considering a specific bin for disposable BBQs.

In terms of signage, DCC is getting something drafted up which is specifically aimed at the beach. This should be up this week.

Within the resources they have, Enforcement Officers will also be looking at the beach where possible.

****Members are grateful for the information but feel that more enforcement must take place and the message that each piece of litter attracts a fine of £80 should be hammered home.****

Cllr Duncan advised that the staff of the Co-op at Panmurefield are to undertake a beach litterpick on June 23rd.

Mr Greenway thinks more beach litterpicks should be done as he has removed over 100 bags of litter from the beach this year alone.

Mr McLaren asked if the Community Service Teams were still doing regular litter picks. The answer is, yes they are.

Joan advised that Sally McConville, Environment Assistant at DCC, issues a regular Take Pride in Your City poster which gives details of events and of litterpicks. She can also give groups access to litter picking equipment and feeds details of events to Clean Up Scotland and to Marine Scotland etc.

Perhaps BFTA could also help by arranging litterpicks in the central Broughty Ferry area.

****It should be noted that in addition to the £80 fine for littering, a fine of £200 is levied for each instance of fly tipping****

Joan advised that as part of the attempt to keep the Ferry looking good, she has asked Cllr Cordell if perhaps he could arrange for the pavements to be cleaned. Cllr Duncan confirmed he has also asked for jet washing to be done.

4. Chair's Report

Good evening and thanks to everyone for coming along tonight. Thank you to Hugh Begg for agreeing to stand in as Chair tonight in my absence.

(1) Joan received a reply from Jim Byrne following her email. Jim thanked her for the message and said "We are continually reviewing and monitoring the collection frequency of the glass bring sites to ensure they are adequate. You will be aware that the location of some of the glass sites are proving problematic (noise, etc) and we are actively seeking alternative locations for these sites. Your input is appreciated".

(2) Hugh has been contacted by Robert Burns with regards to the Broughty Ferry Leaflet.

Hugh explained that a Broughty Ferry leaflet had previously been printed in partnership with BFTA and Dundee Rotary Club with BFTA

financing the first print run. Hugh has passed on any copyright to BFTA so that no responsibility for future costs will be incurred by BFCC.

- (3) CH2M (now a part of Jacobs) have been commissioned by Dundee City Council to undertake a demand study for taxi services in Dundee. Consultation with the public is a key part of this and they are keen to obtain the views of both **users and non-users** of taxi and private hire vehicles in Dundee. Liz Richardson has asked that as many people as possible complete a survey link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BWY8P8H>

- (4) I was unable to attend the most recent LCPP meeting, but perhaps someone who was there can provide a brief update. David Easson attended the LCPP. Some funding from the Dundee Partnership Regeneration Funding was agreed and some applications were agreed.

Hugh asked Fiona that as she had agreed to represent BFCC on the Beach Management Committee if she could prepare a short report for us following their quarterly meetings. Natalie suggested that the Chair's (Peter Sandwell) Report and the Action Plan be shared with BFCC and it was agreed she would arrange for this to be circulated.

- (5) Mark Winsland has written with regards to the launch of Xplore Dundee's *Solution to Pollution* campaign, marking Clean Air Day 2018 on Thursday 21 June. Mark sees this as a chance to share their plans to cut emissions, and it will be an opportunity for us to meet the new Managing Director (Christine McGlasson). As well as local politicians, it is important to them that they open this event to community groups such as the BFCC, too.

Up to two representatives from the CC are invited to attend. I am teaching on that day, so if anyone is interested, please can they let it be known so that I can inform Mark? This will be a morning event (commencing at 0900, with breakfast refreshments available from 0830) held at **Discovery Point**. RSVP to confirm attendance must be in by Friday 15 June.

5. Police Report

The official opening of the new Police Station took place on 4th June.

Lighter evenings are bringing the usual problems.

Hugh asked if the quarterly report which is given to the LCPP could also be circulated to BFCC. PC Bannister advised that the process for generating these reports is being restructured but that, in principal, we could receive a copy of the report.

Fiona asked about the problems associated with calling 101.

Joan asked how the Trauma Teddy programme was going – these teddies are to be held in every Police car to help children who have been affected by

incidents. It appears that a good number have already been handed in to Police Stations.

6. Secretary's Report

None

7. Treasurer's Report

David reported only one change to the funds in the bank from last month. The direct debit payable to Living Streets of £15 on the 1st of June has been paid, bringing the balance in the account to £919.05. The admin part of the account is £304.64. We still await payment of the annual grant from DCC.

8. Planning Report

Planning Secretary's Report 1st May – 1st June 2018

During the above period 14 planning and 2 tree applications were examined and none merited further comment.

On Friday 1st June, I received a communication from the Planning Department that application **18/00115/FULM – Proposed Linlathen Housing Development** had been referred to the Development Committee Meeting on the 18th June 2018 for consideration and decision.

I have circulated the notice to members along with my comments and would prefer to address the matter further at our regular meeting on 5th June 2018.

Today, I received notice that the Reporter has asked DCC for information on the Linlathen Development sites within LDP2 by 19th June, one day after Committee. Then it will be passed to us for comment when we will have 14 days to reply. We stand by the position that the 2014 Plan is still in operation. There is a weakness in the system as we have to reply by Friday (8th) if we wish BFCC to be represented at the meeting. We feel the developers may be looking to try to circumvent the planning system. Our view remains that the development is premature as there is no long term strategic view and we need to see where roads, schools, shops, public transport (and GP surgeries) will be provided to the north of the A92.

The acceptance of the Report was proposed by Fiona M Potton, seconded by Neil Cooney and unanimously agreed by all members present.

We will not attend Committee.

9. Licensing Report

No requests for Licenses have been received. Natalie will check again on our behalf that any Notices which should have been sent, have been.

10. Matters raised by Community Councillors

Fiona raised a problem with contacting Social Work Department at lunchtimes. It appears an IT problem is affecting the telephone lines. Perhaps

one of the Councillors could help. Cllr Duncan advised he is meeting David Lynch, Head of Health and Social Partnership and will raise this matter with him.

11. Contributions from Elected Members (ex officio members)

*Hugh Begg asked if reports could be sent to members in advance. Joan will discuss this further with Councillors.

Cllr Philp Scott: It's good to see that the station works are progressing. More spaces have been freed up in the car park and the first section of the platform has been finished, with the second part to follow in a few weeks.

I was pleased to hear that permanent Post Office facilities have been agreed. The current facility will close for refurbishment on 28th June and reopen on July 9th.

Scottish Water have advised they have taken steps to secure the Panmurefield Pumping Station. However, due to ownership issues, at the moment they are unable to determine what the long-term plan is for the site. The brown bin situation is still ongoing. Collections are currently two days behind and will be for the next few weeks. The Council is working hard to catch up and has advised that householders should leave their bins out and they will eventually be collected.

Joan advised that the report submitted by Cllr Cordell also confirmed this and that a comparison of the quantity of green waste being delivered to the composting site at Riverside during May 2018 showed an additional 37% was delivered compared to the same period in 2017.

Cllr Cordell also advised that despite press reports, there are no plans to close Orchar Park Bowling Green but that we may need to be more pro-active in promoting the game locally.

Cllr Duncan: Given that both GP surgeries have closed their lists to new patients, I am meeting tomorrow with the Head of Social Care Partnership and with professional advisors to discuss the new system for formulating the provision of Primary Care and that I shall be strongly pressing the case for places to be provided where demand is and, given that the population of the Ferry Ward has been growing year on year, my contention is that extra places need to be provided in this Ward. Exactly how that is done is a matter for the health care professionals to determine and deliver.

I sought and received, through DCC, an undertaking from Network Rail to repaint the publicly visible parts of the rail bridge at Church Street and that I continue to progress the promises of a trial of the new gel system to deal with the long-standing problem of water ingress into the Gray Street underpass. DCC and Network Rail hope to be able to commence this work around August. If it is successful, the currently dilapidated appearance of this central thoroughfare can be greatly improved.

I recently held a site meeting with Police and Council Officers at West Pitkerro Industrial Estate to explore ways of addressing fly tipping in and near the Estate as well as to improve the overall appearance of the Estate, perhaps by the provision of more bins and appropriate signage.

Applications for funding from the Dundee Trust, Cllr Duncan is Chairing this, are invited from individuals and from groups across the City. Funding will go towards the relief of poverty within the City and also be used for educational and recreational purposes. Applicants must be resident or operate a business within DCC boundaries. The application form can be downloaded online from: dundeecity.gov.uk/service-area/corporate-finance/dundee-trust

The closing date for applications is June 29th

Bailie Scott reported back on the issue he was asked to deal with at the previous meeting in respect of signage on the automated toilet in Queen Street car park. He contacted neighbourhood services about it to request that additional signage be added to the rear of the toilet so that visitors coming up from Gray Street can see that it is there. The council has asked the company it leases the facility from to address this. A timescale for completion is being pursued.

He attended a recent meeting with the other Ferry ward councillors, council engineers, the council property manager and representatives from the environment section to be updated on possible improvements to the harbour area. Indicative costings were given for repairing sections of the pilot pier to make it more usable by a variety of craft and for repairing the harbour slipway. It was agreed that current users of Broughty Ferry's water front, such as Taymara and the yachting clubs, would be contacted to find out what improvements they feel would be desirable before bringing forward any firm plans. The environment department is sourcing a bit of equipment for clearing seaweed from the slipway.

Following on from the earlier discussion about litter at the beach Bailie Scott commented on the significant recognition the area had received since the last meeting; Barnhill Rock Garden was awarded 4 stars from Visit Scotland; the beach was again recognised by Keep Scotland Beautiful with a Scottish Beach Award and the bathing waters were classified as excellent by SEPA. It would be terrible if any of these were impacted on by discarded refuse. Fiona queried whether it would be possible or desirable to install bollards on the Phibbies Pier to restrict vehicular access.

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

None had been submitted previously but Jack Greenway had asked Hugh if he could speak about the problems associated with jet skis.

He asked what controls, if any, there are on who can operate jet skis and where they can be used. Police advised that there are no licenses required. John Watson, as a former Harbour Master, advised that in the 1980's, there were designated areas within which they could be used and penalties if they were used out with those areas. The enforcement of this is the responsibility of the Port Authority and of the Harbour Master. There are by-laws which can be used. Complaints should be made in writing or by calling 101 if the dolphins are endangered as this is then a Wildlife Crime.

Fiona will take this matter to the Beach Management Committee.
Members feel the signage around Broughty Ferry Harbour where the jet skis are launched from is insufficient.

13. AOCB

John Watson advised that on 14th May, members of Abertay Rotary Club voted to change its name to the Rotary Club of Broughty Ferry. This change has to be ratified by Rotary International.

David Easson advised that there is to be a concert of Sacred Music at Barnhill St Margaret's Church on Friday 8th June at 7.30pm. All welcome.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

The next Ordinary meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd July at 7.00pm in Broughty Ferry Library.

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