

[Broughty Ferry Community Council](#)

Minutes of the meeting held at Broughty Ferry Library on 4th September 2018

1. Community Councillors Present: Adele McGrath (Chair); Hugh M Begg (Vice Chair) Joan Chalmers (Minute Secretary); John Watson (Planning Secretary); David Easson (Treasurer); Stan Nutt (Licensing Secretary); Fiona Margaret Potton; Carolyn Forrester; Charlie Delaney; Isobel McLean.

In Attendance: Natalie Mackland (DCC Communities Officer); PC D Bannister & PC G Donald (Police Scotland).

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

Members of the Public Present: Jack Greenway.

Apologies: Neil Cooney.

2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council

These were agreed to be a true record.

Proposed by: Carolyn Forrester

Seconded by: Charlie Delaney

3. Matters arising from the approved Minutes:

Charlie queried why the Elected members would not have access to Community Councillors email. Joan confirmed that she held these addresses in a group and with the new GDPR regulations, it would not be correct to share these. Community Councillors may give their email address directly to Elected members or others.

4. Chair's Report

Good evening and thanks to everyone for coming along tonight. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and its lovely to see everyone again.

I have details of a survey from Rebecca from Macmillan, who is working with a range of partners to plan future events with the aim of providing information and support to people affected by cancer. The short survey can be found at <https://goo.gl/forms/39ismYjVwA4CMdKF3> . Having just completed a 26 mile Rob Roy Hike from Callander to Killin on Saturday, I have to say the volunteers from Macmillan were just amazing.

Tayside Cancer Trust are hoping to relocate to St Aidan's to provide services to cancer patients and survivors in The Ferry. There is a higher percentage of cancer survivors in The Ferry than elsewhere in the city.

Funding applications for the Dundee Partnership monies have been submitted.

Natalie has asked that everyone completes the forms previously circulated and there should be a supply here for those who still have to do so.

5. Police Report

Police advice with the onset of the darker evenings is for householders to be aware and to install timer switches. In view of the increase in bogus callers, Police are using target hardening techniques. If anyone knows someone who needs help, the Police are willing to visit.

Focussed patrols have been undertaken to deter vandalism. Joan enquired about the latest vandalism in Dawson Park. It is hoped that patrols will be extended.

Extra measures are hoped to be in place next spring/summer for jet skiers. Talks with the Harbour Master and with DCC are ongoing.

6. Secretary's Report

Joan had received various emails from Natalie, including details of the LCPP and the funding available, Community Hogmanay Celebration Grants Scheme 2018/19 (closing date for applications is 30th September) email Paul Davies: paul.davies@dundeecity.gov.uk or application form can be found at: www.dundeecity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/hogmanaygrantschemeapplicationform2018.doc

It has been suggested that the Community Council should have an Action Plan. Joan has taken the opportunity to check out such a Plan and feels it would be of benefit. Members can perhaps think about this and at our next meeting, a small sub-committee could take this forward.

Bailie Scott has advised that problems are still occurring on Strathern Road despite the signs. Neil Gellatly has suggested perhaps a site visit with Fiona Reid, Ward members, LCPP Chair and CC members would be a way forward. It seems unlikely that a Stop sign would be agreed.

The subject of the Eurobin replacement with NRP units at Dundee Road (in the wide junction) has been ongoing. The NRP units are now in place but instead of being sited on the pavement, have been placed on the roadway. Joan suggested that it still warranted a site visit to include DCC, Police, Ward members and CC members.

Joan asked that CC members complete and return the Neighbourhood Services forms to Natalie.

7. Treasurer's Report

David circulated the latest statement to members. The total in the bank at 28/08/2018 is £1,369.07 of which £754.66 is available for administration.

8. Planning Report

There have been no items to report over the summer months but a query was raised by several members of the public regarding the wall at Anton House. Members should note that the existing entrance was not suitable for the traffic and a new entrance was required. The wall has been taken down but much will be rebuilt before the site is completed. The new entrance will have improved accessibility and sight lines. The wall will be completed using matching stone.

The Planning Secretary agreed that a new entrance to a property in Duntrune Terrace (within the Conservation Area) was required and this will go ahead without objection.

9. Licensing Report

No requests for Licenses or for variations have been received.

10. Matters raised by Community Councillors

Fiona advised that she will be attending the next meeting of the Beach Management Group and asked if thanks could be extended to all groups who take part in Litter Picks throughout the year. These groups include many young people from Cubs/Scouts, Brownies/Guides and others from the locality.

Jack Greenway asked if the subject of dogs on the beach could be raised and a discussion followed on the provision of better signage as well as enforcement. As a horse had also been seen on the beach, perhaps signs should be extended to include other animals.

Jack Greenway further enquired if the recycling bins at Windmill Car Park could be emptied as he had noticed that they had not been emptied for 3 weeks, despite his reporting it to DCC. Cllr Cordell confirmed he will look at this problem.

Adele has received various emails from a member of the public regarding the resurfacing of the pavements in Camperdown Street. Ward members have also been contacted.

It reads: "DCC are excavating pavements in Camperdown Street without warning and proposing to replace concrete surface with tarmac. I do not think this is conservation and is out of keeping with the three listed buildings including ours. I have been in touch with Craig Duncan and Derek Scott but would like help from the Community Council".

A discussion followed and it was agreed that the concrete pavements were no longer fit for purpose.

Surrounding streets within Conservation Areas in Broughty Ferry have previously been resurfaced with tarmac. This is a safer surface, particularly where the previous concrete surface is deteriorating. Camperdown Street is the main access to Eastern PS as well as Grove Academy.

Adele will respond to Mr Soutar.

11. Contributions from Elected Members (ex officio members)

Cllr Cordell:

More than £260,000 of planned improvements to open spaces across Dundee will get underway in the next few weeks.

Councillors recently approved a package that includes step improvement works at the Seven Arches. There is a set of steps that run quite steeply from under the Seven Arches to the top of the bridge. The steps are tired, a bit hazardous in wet weather and require attention. There are also handrails which are now missing. We are looking to upgrade these and to make this well used path accessible and safe for users, at all times.

Seven play parks across the city – including Orchar, Strathmore Street and Forthill – will also benefit from enhancement works. Recent environmental improvements such as those at Claypotts junction have proved immensely popular and we want these new works to make the same positive contribution to the cityscape that can be cherished by visitors and locals alike.

This programme of improvements and upgrades keeps the city looking attractive and enriches our local environment, making sure that everyone can enjoy it.

Fiona asked about the bin collections in her area. As they are at the end of the route, some bins are still being left uncollected. Cllr Cordell will look into this.

Cllr Duncan:

The Mosaic at Orchar Park is currently in the process of being reinstalled and I have been assured by the current artist that problems occasioned by frost etc. when the Mosaic was originally put down and led to subsequent deterioration ought not to arise in future (at least not for a long time) as this time it is being set upon a robust base and the work carried out during decent weather, which will provide a chance of everything settling in properly.

Library Opening Hours; I advise the meeting that in the light of recent press reports speculating that opening hours of Community Libraries may be cut , I contacted the Head of Leisure and Culture and am assured that Broughty Ferry is recognised as the busiest Community Library in the City, He acknowledges that there is currently a campaign underway to add an extension to the existing building and that there is no question of reducing current opening hours , although the possibility of altering the allocation of these hours exists e.g. an hour taken from one day but added to another day in the week but that no alterations will take place unless supported by the public in a survey to be conducted by Judie Dobbie.

Ceres Crescent; I am pleased to have at last received a commitment from the Head of Roads and Transportation that this much-patched road will be resurfaced in the 2019/20 year and that given that not only is it an approach route to Barnhill Primary School collection/drop off. He will instruct "SLOW" markings to be added as soon as possible, a good safety measure which will become increasingly important as traffic can be expected to increase when the Gillies Park MUGA facility comes into use.

Cllr Philip Scott:

Cllr Scott spoke about the Flood Prevention Scheme, Stannergate to the Lifeboat Shed. This is now being passed to the Scottish Government for approval. The Traders would like to incorporate a memorial to those lost in all conflicts from Broughty Ferry. As this scheme will not be in place for the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1, they have been in contact with Dougie Barr and others from DCC with a view to planting a tree and placing a memorial bench.

Grove Academy have been successful in gaining funding from DCC for the restoration and relocation of their war memorials.

Bailie Scott:

Bailie Scott reported back on an action point from the last meeting. He had asked the Neighbourhood Services Department to attend to the broken cubicle locks and lack of toilet paper in the ladies' toilet at the Mill Street/Windmill Garden car park. He was advised by the Head of Environment that this would be dealt with.

He contacted the director of Leisure and Culture Dundee regarding the recent local press speculation about the possibility of neighbourhood libraries closing for two days a week. He read out an extract from the response he received which stated. 'There are no plans to reduce the opening hours of Broughty Ferry library. Please do reassure your constituents of this at the Community Council meeting.'

Xplore Dundee had previously mooted an early stage proposal to re-route the 9/10 bus service in the Barnhill/Broughty Ferry area which would have resulted in Nursery Road being taken out of the route. He contacted Mark Winsland at Xplore Dundee about it who advised that 'following initial testing-the-water exercise, it has been decided that we will not look at altering the route of services 9/10 in The Ferry ward.'

He has been advised by the roads network team that following discussions with the traffic engineers and road policing unit there are proposals for vehicle activated signs at the following locations: eastbound on Monifieth Road between Panmure Street junction and Reres Road junction opposite Orchar Park; westbound on Dalhousie Road between the Tesco Express petrol filling station and Cambustay Gardens junction. A date for the work to be carried out has still to be confirmed.

In respect of lorries continuing to use Fort Street Bridge, which has a weight restriction of 7.5 tonnes, he has been advised that there is a traffic regulation order in place for a weight limit and clear signage in accordance with the traffic signs regulations and general directions manual. Therefore this moving offence is subject to appropriate enforcement by Police Scotland. The roads network team have indicated that the radius of the junction could be reviewed and bollards put up to stop any left turn footway overrun, which might help deter lorries from using the bridge.

He had contacted the roads maintenance partnership regarding potholes being filled on Ceres Crescent the morning of the schools going back after the summer, resulting in much more traffic in the crescent due to the drop off area in the Gillies Park car park. There was some difficulty as a result of there being wet tar on both sides of the carriageway at the same time. In response he was advised: 'At the time of repairing the defects in the street we were not aware of the traffic to the school and this being a drop off area, now that we are aware of this we will programme any works in the street to take place after the school day begins. Part of the procedure to repair potholes includes using pitch to seal the area around the repair and to prevent repeated defects. Our pothole repair squad will be carrying sand on their vehicle to spread over repairs and to try to prevent any spray onto cars.'

I have passed on this issue to Tayside Contracts and the squad have been asked to ensure that half of the carriageway is repaired until the pitch sets and then do the other half to prevent this scenario repeating. The use of the sand will also contribute to reducing this occurring again. I have also discussed with my routine maintenance colleague in Tayside Contracts about getting signs that would say Wet Tar or similar to give advance warning to any users of the road, we will continue to look into this.

He mentioned that he had attended the last meeting of the Broughty Ferry Traders Association and the subject of the red phone kiosk on Beach Crescent was discussed. The traders are still keen to 'adopt' it but BT only allow recognised local community or charitable organisations to do so.

A discussion followed and it was agreed that past records would be checked to try to confirm what the position was regarding ownership and ongoing maintenance as the Community Council has no wish to be involved with associated costs.

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

None raised prior to the meeting.

13. AOCB

Hugh Begg asked that as Jack Greenway had now attended three consecutive meetings, he be considered for co-option to the Community Council. He is willing to propose with Fiona M Potton happy to second this. Natalie/Joan will obtain the appropriate forms for completion.

After checking, the form was printed and forwarded to Mr. Greenway for completion. It must be returned no later than 14 days prior to the next meeting and this was pointed out in the covering letter

Natalie advised the Christmas Lights switch-on will be on 15th November. Fiona confirmed that there will be a 'birthday party' in the Library on 24th October to celebrate the 90th anniversary of its opening.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm

The next Ordinary meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.00pm in Broughty Ferry Library.

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