

MINUTE OF THE FERRY LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT 5.30 PM
AT BROUGHTY FERRY LIBRARY, QUEEN STREET, BROUGHTY FERRY

PRESENT:

Elaine Zwirlein,	Chair, Ferry Local Community Planning Partnership
David Simpson,	Dundee City Council, Housing and Communities
Baillie Derek Scott	Elected Member
Councillor Kevin Cordell,	Elected Member
Gary Knox,	Dundee City Council, City Development
Rose Sinclair,	Dundee City Council, Social Work
Douglas Barr,	Dundee City Council, Neighbourhood Services
Fiona Reekie,	Dundee City Council, Neighbourhood Services
Jessica Thomson,	Dundee City Council, Neighbourhood Services
Graham Hutton,	Dundee City Council, Children and Families, Grove Academy
Craig Thomson	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Sandro Paladini,	Broughty Ferry Traders Association
Jan McTaggart.	Broughty Ferry Traders Association
Ian Gray,	Broughty Ferry Community Council
Rita Smart,	Forthill Sheltered Housing Tenants and Residents Association
Neil Cooney,	Broughty Ferry BID
Charles Delaney,	North Barnhill Tenants and Residents Association
Cherry Russell,	PC2102, Police Scotland
Sheryl Wilson,	PC1554, Police Scotland
Lyndsay Jackson,	PC9717, Police Scotland
Carole Jenkins,	Dundee City Council, Housing and Communities

IN ATTENDANCE:

Judy Dobbie,	Leisure and Culture Dundee
Alice Bovill,	Leisure and Culture Dundee
Linda and Caroline,	St Margaret's Playgroup, Barnhill
Hannah Dolman,	Evening Telegraph

There was one member of the public present.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Laurie Bidwell,	Elected Member
Councillor Ken Guild,	Elected Member
Joyce Barclay,	Dundee City Council, Social Work
Adele McGrath	Broughty Ferry Community Council
Nick Toner,	DCC, Housing and Communities
David Easson	Broughty Ferry Churches

ACTION

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting. Elaine also introduced David Simpson who has recently been appointed as Head of Housing and Communities. Elaine explained that this would be her last meeting chairing The Ferry Community Planning Partnership and that as from May David would be taking over as Chair.
Apologies were noted as above.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Equity of Provision of Culture and Sporting Opportunities, Leisure and Culture Dundee City Council

Alice Bovill introduced herself and Judy Dobbie and explained that she was an independent Trustee with Leisure and Communities and had requested attendance at Community Planning Partnerships to explain what Leisure and Culture offered and also more importantly what was stopping people using facilities.

Judy Dobbie then went through a presentation with the Planning Partnership and explained that there were three aspects of the Leisure Trust, Cultural, Sports and Leisure and Libraries. Judy went through each section and explained what was on offer and also some of the new Initiatives such as the Family Active Initiative.

A copy of the presentation and details of Family Active are attached with the minute.

Judy finished with a request that more volunteers come forward to sit on the three Stakeholder Groups under Cultural, Sport and Leisure and Libraries. Carole suggested that this information be passed on to the Friends of Broughty Ferry Library who may like to become involved.

Elaine thanked Judy and Alice for the presentation and was pleased to hear that Family Splash was being introduced into the Grove Academy Leisure Centre as well as in other parts of the city. The floor was opened for questions.

Question from Rita Smart – did increasing the number of discounted places lead to an increase in numbers using the facilities?

Answer - Judy replied that it was not just enough to offer a discount to get into the facility and that there needed to be more focused work particularly around the Sports and Leisure facilities. Work needed to be targeted with the whole family not just to children and young people.

Carole mentioned that members of the Leisure Trust were present at the Learning Partnership and work was focused through that group on helping the most vulnerable in Broughty Ferry. Details of how people can be referred will be attached with the minute.

2.2 Barnhill St Margaret Playgroup

Linda and Caroline gave a detailed presentation of the work that they do as part of a local playgroup in Barnhill. They are the only playgroup in Dundee city who work in partnership with the City Council and have a number of funded places providing parents with a choice. The playgroup helps parents who experience social isolation by helping parents getting to know each other through a rota system. They also have a number of lower income families using their facilities as their rates are cheaper than many of the private Nurseries.

A sheet explaining the service is attached to the minute for partners to read. There is also an Open Day to be held on Wednesday 30th March between 1.30 pm and 3.30 pm where partners are welcome to go along and see the service.

Elaine Zwirlein thanked the ladies for their presentation and commended the excellent work they do in Broughty Ferry.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTE AND MATTERS ARISING

Dougie Barr asked for one correction in the last meeting, page 4 under Orchar Park the final sentence should read “those around the Bowling Green will remain but others around the play park will be removed and replacement railings will be put in place”.

Matters Arising

Forthill Community Sports Club

Carole reported that a report had been scheduled to go to the City Development Committee in March subject to the Convener.

Feedback had been received from City Development regarding the issue about parking around Schools. Dundee City Council is in partnership with Police Scotland and do give Schools attendance particularly at School start and end times and will continue to do so. Due to the amount of resources available a number of Schools this can only happen as resources become available. This came from the City Development Management Team.

Elaine suggested that the item number 5 under the Community Plan was taken next.

Community Plan

- 5.1 Carole explained that at the next meeting of the Community Planning Partnership she would be able to give an update on the consultations that need to go on for the preparation of the new Plan once the review of the Single Outcome Themes and a number of strategic issues had been agreed. Carole explained that a lot of work needs to go in to making the Plan relevant for Broughty Ferry and help will be required from all Partners around the table. Elaine asked the Evening Telegraph whether they would be able to support local work going on with regards to the Community Planning. Reference was made to the very positive article in the Evening Telegraph regarding the use of Regeneration funding and Elaine suggested a positive relationship could be developed to help the local area.

Carole explained that two walkabouts had been organised so that a comprehensive Action Plan can be developed for Beach Management. She will provide feedback at the next LCPP.

Carole updated with progress on the Broughty Browser which is almost a first draft stage and includes details of the services and organisations that can provide help in Broughty Ferry.

4. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/ORGANISATION UPDATE

Broughty Ferry Traders Association

Sandro thought the first meeting of the year was an appropriate time to remind stakeholders about the work that the Traders Association are doing for Broughty Ferry and he passed around a summary sheet for partners. As well as the BID which could present opportunities for Broughty Ferry he also explained that the majority of the Traders work was with the community first approach and anything that enhances the community is very welcome. The Traders welcome approaches either from Local Community Planning Partnerships or individual stakeholders and he reminded local groups about the section of the Come to Broughty website where there are opportunities for enhancing the service provider to the public.

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Whilst acknowledging there is a huge amount of positive work going on Sandro felt that there was a need for more co-ordination with Dundee City Council regarding the Tourism Agenda and in particular the opportunities that could be provided by the Cruise Ships. The Traders felt that last year's opportunities were missed due to lack of co-ordination.

Jan McTaggart explained some of her proposals to identifying and encourage greater use of the Railway Station through joint partnership working with the Dundee University and future opportunities that the building may offer for Broughty Ferry. Neil Cooney mentioned that the opportunities that the BID may present but also mentioned the possibility of funding not only through Arbelio but the Scottish Towns Partnership.

Elaine made reference to the outstanding work that the Traders Association had done over the last few years and in particular the big ticket event such as Gala Week, the Lights Switch On, Ferry Food Fayre etc. She also acknowledged the amount of money that they raised and contributed to local good causes.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Craig updated the Partnership by saying that there had been a quiet quarter in The Ferry although there were four accidental dwelling fires, however all had working detectors.

He made reference to the recent press coverage of the fire at Grossie's Launderette which will feature in next quarter's figures,

There are still issues around false alarms, however many of them in Broughty Ferry are domestic in nature and not malicious and it is to reinforce the message that people need to maintain their detectors.

Partners need to be aware that Balmossie is a Community Fire Station and they can provide facilities for meetings and community events.

Craig would also like people to know about the partnership they have with the British Heart Foundation about teaching resuscitation and CPR classes. Scottish Fire and Rescue would be happy to attend any groups or Schools in order to teach resuscitation techniques as evidence has shown in Scandinavian countries the massive reduction in deaths and serious complications from heart attacks.

Q1 – Rita said that she had heard that there was an issue with Fire and Rescue accessing tenants who had community alarm key locks outside their properties. Craig explained that Fire and Rescue will always be able to get into a property if there is an emergency, however they are able to put key lock numbers into their system so the message needs to be given to individual tenants and Sheltered Housing Wardens of this service.

Q2 – Councillor Cordell asked whether the recent weather had put additional pressure on the service. Craig confirmed that the Hogmanay storm was very bad in parts of Angus but Fire and Rescue have very good links with both SEPA and the Met Office so do have up to date intelligence. Craig commented that the flood defences in the City Centre had made a big difference to flooding issues in the Seagate.

Children and Families Service

Rose Sinclair updated that the Draft Strategic and Commissioning Plan is being worked on through March and will be finalised in due course and go out for consultation.

Rose also provided copies of the most recent Protecting People Booklet copies of which will be available in all public offices and Libraries as well as GP Surgeries. Partners need to know about the Dundee Protect www.dundeeprotects.com.

North Barnhill Tenants and Residents Association

Charlie updated that there had been considerable work recently with the Tenant Participation Officer and that the walkabout system was being improved. The group are still waiting for a bin to be placed at the bus stop on Strathmore Avenue. Dougie Barr fed back that there was no budget left in the year's allocation, however this bin would be put in place come the new financial year.

City Development

Gary Knox explained that the main issues report was still going through its consultation phase and the last public event had taken place on the 18th. There had been a number of very useful public meetings including the one at Broughty Ferry Community Council and it was now up to local organisations and individuals to respond using the online system or if not able to do this by writing. Carole confirmed that she had worked with some local groups and that the Celebrate Age Network had had a recent consultation event which will also feed into the process.

Neighbourhood Services Environment

Dougie Barr explained that Neighbourhood Services Environment were going through a great amount of change as well as coming into the very busy season. Partners need to know that they will be revising their operational systems and changes will be made to the street scene, upkeep of ground and grass routes. Efficiencies need to be made right across the service and this will include looking at less travelling for staff and better value.

They are still looking for ideas for capital savings that can help reduce future maintenance and there is up to £2.6 million available for capital improvements provided it has a long term maintenance savings. A meeting has been organised with the Communities Officers and other partners to explain the changes to those parts of the service.

Question from Doug McLaren as member of the public. Doug McLaren made reference to the proposal to remove the hedge from Queen Street Car Park and asked whether it was possible for the contract to be sub-contracted to local businesses. He felt that there were a number of groups including the Development Trust and the Community Council who may be happy to look at this agenda. Ian Gray from the Community Council made reference to their recent meeting where the proposals had been discussed but no decision had been reached by the Community Council. Elaine Zwirlein suggested that if Doug had a proposal he, or the group, should submit, in writing, any proposal and forward it to the Neighbourhood Services, Environment Section for consideration.

Baillie Scott

The Ferry Time is pleased to report that they had been successful with their Big Lottery Bid and this has allowed the work of Ferry Time to continue for at least the next year. They will be launching a new website www.ferrytime.org and will be having a Coffee Morning on 5th March for members to meet and also to discuss the way forward. Partners are to note that the AGM is on 26th March. Derek thanked the LCPP and the Traders for their recent assistance with funding which has allowed the Ferry Time Bank to continue.

Derek also updated about the proposed traffic orders which were formally issued on the 12th February and there is now a 21 day consultation period. The traffic orders are about on-street parking and he was pleased to report that three additional spaces had been found in Church Street..

Forthill Tenants and Residents Association

Rita Smart updated that the group were still trying to pursue getting Forthill Drive being made one way and that she had recently received a letter from City Development saying that there had been no evidence to support the proposal. Carole updated the Partnership to say that the last meeting of the Tenants Group discussed the need for local consultation on the issue as many people require vehicles to use Forthill Drive for caring and medical situations. Housing and Communities were working with the group on a consultation sheet that will go around the residents.

Rita also reported that they had had a very positive meeting at the Complex where 50 plus residents had attended. Feedback from the meeting will be fed back to the tenants both through the group and through newsletters.

Neighbourhood Services Housing

Fiona Reekie reported that Storm Gertrude had caused problems for residents of a block of flats in Forthill Road. There were presently repairs taking place and they were working closely with the residents. She also reported that the re-surfacing of pavements in Hamilton Street was to take place with City Development.

Children and Families/Grove Academy

Graham Hutton reported that the 33 week period would be introduced as from May this year and everyone, particularly the Traders are to note the changes in the lunchtimes. Carole agreed to circulate the changes with the minute and circulate the information to the Traders.

Graham also updated the changes to the School Improvement Plan and the introduction of interdisciplinary learning and also the work surrounding the development of Scotland's Young Workforce. Whilst figures show that many young people go on to positive destinations those positive destinations are not always sustainable. At least 45% of young people from Grove do not go on to University and it is important to find meaningful pathways for these young people so that they can learn the skills necessary for their future careers. Graham asked if there could be closer partnership working with the Traders to look at careers enhancing the curriculum and voluntary work. It was confirmed that Andy Creamer, DHT was attending the next Traders meeting to talk to them about the opportunities not only for young people but also for the local businesses. Graham explained that employers were looking for more than qualifications and they needed flexibility, adaptability and reliability and these skills needed to be introduced earlier rather than after University or other further education.

Jan McTaggaret said that it would be useful to have a better communication link and local link with businesses whilst she acknowledged there was need for more training and Modern Apprenticeships the recent hospitality events at Grove could have provided greater local links for businesses such as her own. It was also acknowledged that Dundee City Council and the Leisure Trust needed to do more around the Modern Apprenticeship route.

Councillor Cordell asked what opportunities were available for young people to join Modern Apprenticeships especially as Dundee City Council was one of the biggest employers. It was agreed that David Simpson would look into this.

Police Scotland

It was confirmed by the representatives that no local officer was available so a very brief update was given from the Tactical Assessment which confirmed that although small amounts of issues The Ferry has a very low level of crime. It was confirmed that the After Dark Initiative is still continuing as well as other Initiatives on Friday and Saturday evenings for the night-time economy.

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Ian Gray explained that there was now a new committee of 17 Community Councillors and he was hopeful for a new spirit throughout the group. They had two very useful presentations at their last meeting from Neighbourhood Services Environment and City Development and he was hopeful that the Community Council could arrange for more presentations to help inform the residents of Broughty Ferry about issues that affect them.

6. COMMUNITY ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No issues raised by the public.

Elaine formally thanked everyone in the room for their work over the last five years and the commitment they made to the Community Planning process but also Broughty Ferry as a community. She explained that it had been both a privilege and great fun to be Chair of the Ferry Community Partnership and looked forward to the work continuing under the new Chairmanship of David Simpson.

David Simpson paid formal thanks to Elaine for the work over the last five years and had witnessed the networking and commitment that local people and groups put into the area. He was looking forward to working and getting to know people over the coming months.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19th May 2016, 5.30pm – Balmossie Fire Station.