Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on 1st October 2019

Meeting opened 7:00 pm

1. Community Councillors Present:

Stan Nutt (Chair), David Easson (Treasurer), John Watson (Planning Secretary), Fiona M Potton., Carolyn Forrester, Adele McGrath, Hugh Begg, Charlie Delaney, James Doig

In Attendance:

Natalie Mackland

Ex Officio:

Bailie Derek Scott;

Members of Public Present:

Norma McGovern

Apologies:

None noted

Stan Nutt, chair, welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

David asked that the reference to spend ideas for the district shopping centre be expanded for explanatory purposes.

Typo noted, last paragraph of item 4.

Subject to the above changes, proposed for approval Adele McGrath, seconded Charlie Delaney.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Chair's Report

The nomination period for new Community Councillors is now underway across the city, running from Monday 30th September until Friday 25th October. Relevant paperwork is available in the library and online at www.dundeecity.gov.uk/community-council-elections

Nominations are sought for new community councillors for each of the 4 existing community councils (Broughty Ferry, City Centre and harbour, Fintry and West End) and petitions for community councils in areas where they do not exist. There is provision for 19 across the city.

The quota for Broughty Ferry Community Council is 25 with provision to co-opt an additional 8. The minimum number of nominations to form the Community Council is no less than half of the quota, 13. Any more than 25 nominations will require arrangements for a ballot to be instigated.

Natalie shared information on her efforts to encourage interest via email and delivery of flyers.

All were encouraged to share information about the nominations process and to encourage interest in the community council as a matter of urgency.

5. Police Report

No Report.

6. Secretary's Report

No Report.

7. Treasurer's Report

Currently £793.09 in the account available for administration purposes. Total of £1407.50 including other specific funds.

8. Planning Report

Planning Report 2nd to 27th September 2019

Of the 14 planning and 2 tree applications examined during this period, none deserved attention.

The planning application for a new Aldi Store off Tom Johnston Road was refused.

John J Watson Planning Secretary 27th September 2019

In addition, it was noted that works at the level crossing underpass to install a water proofing membrane are due to commence imminently.

9. Licensing Report

Nothing to report.

10. Matters Raised by Community Councillors

Query raised about speed limit on the Esplanade. Assumed 30 mph but satellite navigation equipment highlights it as a 20 mph route. Bailie Scott to confirm.

Beach Management Group to be added to future BFCC agendas and Fiona Potton to provide an update as BFCC representative.

Concern raised about traffic passing on the wrong side of the traffic island outside Grove Academy on Claypotts Road. Bailie Scott to request that Community Police give it some attention.

Speed of traffic on Balgillo Road causing ongoing concern. Bailie Scott to inform Police Scotland of need for attention.

South most part of Seafield Road, from junction with Camperdown Street, yellow lines are badly faded. Bailie Scott to rasie with Roads Maintenance Partnership.

Hugh Begg and Carolyn Forrester raised disappointment about the lack of progress made to ensure the future of BFCC and suggested that the Community Council revisit the paper previously prepared and circulated by Hugh Begg.

11. Contributions from Elected Members (ex- officio members)

Report from Bailie Derek Scott

Derek reported back on two items that had been raised with him at the last meeting: The condition of Menteith Street carriageway- he contacted the road maintenance partnership about it and was advised that this street, along with several others in the area, would receive some patching works later in this financial year subject to prioritisation pressures;

East Balgillo Road/ Balgillo Road junction, Balgillo Road/ Forthill Road junction- the traffic and transport team leader was asked for an update and he advised that there are no actions proposed at these junctions. He also told Derek that the issues around these junctions are long standing and arise from vehicles diverting from the A92 down East Balgillo Road to Balgillo Road and to improve these junctions to enhance capacity would encourage additional traffic to travel on less appropriate roads. He said there are no easy solutions and the wider issues may have to be dealt with at a more strategic regional / national Level. Derek has reverted to the department to ask about possible road safety enhancements, particularly at the Forthill Road junction.

The council's gully sucker will be in Broughty Ferry for the next eight weeks. Derek has sent in a list of those drains he has spotted as requiring attention and asked that the members of the community council let him know of any in their areas so these can be sent in as well to ensure they aren't missed.

Charlie Webster, local historian and former city councillor, had raised a concern about the retention of three standing stones on Fisher Street during the flood protection works. One of the stones is a former boat mooring, one was a support for a water pipe and tap in the days when few local dwellings had any indoor plumbing and the third is a Merch Stane, a boundary marker, which is very old. In response to the concerns raised Michael Sandeman, the project's senior engineer, has advised that during the consultation process with Historic Environment Scotland these were not highlighted as having any historical importance or requiring protection. However recognising the local interest the three stones will be carefully removed during construction and re-erected within the new layout.

The second phase of the Forthill play park improvements have been approved by committee. Work is due to commence on 15th October. The cost of the project is £45,000.

Derek mentioned that the council's Community Safety and Public Protection Committee had recently agreed to carry out a consultation on a proposal to make the city centre a low emissions zone. He provided some information on what was being considered. The community council will no doubt be asked to participate in the consultation.

12. Matters Raised by Members of the Public (previously intimated)

No items raised.

13. AOCB

Contact has been made by a member of the public who is interested in taking the minute (for payment).

Natalie confirmed that West End Community Council previously paid a minute taker.

Those present agree a rate of £25 per completed minute.

It was further agreed to delay taking any action until after the period of community councilor nominations has concluded.

The next meeting of Broughty Ferry Community Council will be held on Tuesday 5th November at 7 pm in Broughty Ferry Library.