

BROUGHTY FERRY BEACH MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Held on Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 1.45pm
Castle Green Leisure Centre, Broughty Ferry

Present: Sandy Boyd, DCC Neighbourhood Services (Chair)
Sally McConville, DCC Neighbourhood Services
Alan Kincaid, DCC Neighbourhood Services
Natalie Mackland, DCC Neighbourhood Services
Michael Sandeman, DCC City Development
Andy Mulholland, DCC City Development
Paul Smith, British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR)
Eleanor Stamp, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)
Blair Wilkie, Police Scotland
Hugh Begg, Broughty Ferry Community Council (BFCC)
Mrs F.M. Potton, Broughty Ferry Community Council (BFCC)
David Miller, Forth Ports
David Wishart, Catchment Tay Ltd.

Apologies: Lesley Thom, DCC Criminal Justice Service

No.	Item	Action
1.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Item 2.1, Point 6 – Memorial Benches:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Due to recent restructuring of DCC Neighbourhood Services staff a letter has not been sent out to remind those with a memorial bench of the protocol.○ It was noted that approx. 30 of the benches will need to be moved for the coastal protection works, notification of this could be tied in with the protocol reminder. SB and MS are to coordinate to take this forward.• Item 8, Point 1 – Wheelchair Access:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rod Houston is to arrange a briefing for Elected Members regarding the potential for a beach wheelchair scheme at Broughty Ferry. RH and SM met with St. Andrew's Beach Wheelchairs to find out more about the operation they are running.○ Funding to get a new project off the ground is less of an issue than the resources to keep the project running in the long term, such as volunteer interest and someone to run the scheme.○ MS noted there is the potential for support from DCC Engineers regarding access points.○ NM suggested revisiting the idea of using accessible matting in the short term.• Minutes approved for meeting held 12 June 2019.	<p>SB/MS</p> <p>RH/SM</p>
2.	Beach Management Remit & Action Plan	
2.1	<u>Action Plan Update</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No walkabout was held prior to the September meeting, one is to be arranged prior to the December meeting.• It was noted BFCC would like more firm details on the action plan and more progress.• It is suggested that given the recent restructuring of DCC Neighbourhood Services that it would be a good opportunity to consider the remit, structure and direction of the group moving forward.• SB has taken over as Chair of the Beach Management Group and suggested the Group remain the same for the next few meetings but that the situation would be reviewed by DCC management.	<p>SB</p>

3. Development Issues

3.1 Coastal Protection: Update

- MS provided an update on the Coastal Protection Works, as listed below.
- SM noted the Beautiful Scotland judges complemented the flood protection scheme, particularly the dune works which they were shown on judging day. The entry was awarded Gold and DCC have been awarded the Wright Sustainability Award.

3.1.1 Dune Works

- Work on the dune flood protection proposals started in the last week of April. The works undertaken raised the height of the dunes at a localised area west of Panmure Street. This has achieved a dune height which protects Broughty Ferry. Fencing and Grass planting started the week commencing 3rd June and these will continue throughout the summer. Works to add width to the Dunes is due to start late September and will involve importing sand to the back of the dunes in localised areas.
- Discussions will be held over the next few days to discuss removal of non native species from the dunes. Removal will take place over the next few months.
- A review of lifesaving equipment location is currently taking place and these will be relocated where required.
- There is the potential for signage on the beach side of the dunes relating to, for example, the lifesaving equipment. It was noted that the Animal Exclusion Zone signs don't specify the exclusion is in place until the end of September.

3.1.2 Broughty Ferry Flood Protection Scheme

- Dundee City Council have been working with a preferred contractor to develop the designs and provide a cost for completing the project. This process is coming to an end and a price will be confirmed within the next month. Once a price is agreed and contract awarded the details of programme will be published for the public.
- A Marine License Pre Application Consultation event was undertaken in July and was attended by members of the public. The Marine License Application process is still ongoing and will be concluded before the start of the project.
- The current construction start date is January 2020 as is dictated by the Marine License application timescales.
- MS will be able to provide more of an update on this at the December meeting.

3.1.3 Environmental Improvements East of Bridge Street

- A compromise has been reached between the Council and local residents objecting to the planting of trees at Barnhill. Every second tree is to be removed 10 No. in total. These works will be undertaken in early winter to avoid damaging the trees. It is planned to identify new locations for the trees before moving them.

3.1.4 Active Travel Improvements

- Dundee City Council have been successful in their bid to Sustrans for funding to develop designs for active travel improvements along the Esplanade from Castle Green into Monifieth. Previous consultation held in April 2019 had identified that there is a desire from the public to improve this link and now the designers will look at detail of how this can be delivered.
- Further public consultation will be undertaken as the design is developed. Key improvements proposed are to include improved access to the beach at Windmill Carpark, Improved cycling and pedestrian links along the esplanade and replacement of the Bridge at the Dighty Burn.
- The potential for an e-bike scheme at the Windmill Car Park area has been met with lots of enthusiasm from the community.

3.2 Signage Review

- MS has met with RH to discuss how to alleviate the parking problems at the harbour. MS noted the potential to have access points in the sea wall with bollards to restrict access.
- The new sea wall will follow the line of the current fence, PS asked if the plan takes into consideration the turning circle of a vehicle towing a vessel.
- NM asked if legal advice had been sought on the implications of restricting access. The Group discussed the contrasting views of restricting access to the harbour area vs. maintaining the area as a free harbour.

4. **Environmental Quality**

4.1 Litter

- SM noted there have been at least 35 litter picks held in Dundee so far in 2019 and about a third were at Broughty Ferry Beach. SM will continue to notify LT of scheduled litter picks. It was also noted there is windblown litter in the dunes.

SM

5. **Operational Issues relating to Beach Award**

5.1 Beach Award

- Broughty Ferry Beach has been awarded a Beach Award for 2019, feedback has now been received. SM will circulate a summary of the comments with the minutes and go back to Keep Scotland Beautiful with a DCC response as required.

SM

5.2 Water Quality

- DW noted there had been a couple of big spill events at the beginning of August. Most spills have been on land rather than in water this summer. The water sampling results will come out after September, DW is not expecting any nasty surprises out of this.

5.3 Water Safety

- No points raised. Items relating to leisure craft are listed below.

6. **Leisure Issues**

6.1 Leisure Craft/Harbour

- SM has now received all amendments to the minutes of the Harbour meeting in May, the approved minutes can now be circulated.
- PS provided an update on leisure craft and marine mammals:
 - A misidentified vessel was reported, the correct vessel has now been identified and the mistake rectified.
 - Information days have been arranged throughout the summer season, the weather has put a hold to some of the events but the information provision and awareness is to be continued. There is a lot of activity in the region by marine mammals at present and BDMLR are receiving lots of call outs.
 - PS suggested the strandings poster could be included on the DCC website, SM is to look into this.
- BW provided an update relating to Police Scotland:
 - A poster has been created which advises leisure craft users on how to safely operate on the water and around marine mammals. This can be

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- displayed on the noticeboards at the harbour area.
- As previously noted, should anyone witness a craft or individual harassing marine mammals, this is to be reported to Police Scotland on 101. BW is looking to raise awareness of these issues with Police Scotland's call staff.
- BW has revisited the discussion regarding CCTV, not only would this be useful in monitoring activity by leisure craft but would also be useful regarding for other safety issues, such as youths jumping from the buildings into the water.
- A working group has been set up, which includes Police Scotland and other partner bodies, to look at issues such as those caused by leisure craft disturbing marine wildlife. This will provide a forum to discuss the problem and ascertain if the issue is under or over reported.
- DM and BW are to provide SM with the logos for their respective organisations for inclusion on the new harbour signage.

DW/BW

6.2 Events

- Broughty Ferry Gala Week and the Gala in the Garden went well and had good attendance.
- Beach cleans will be held on 25 and 27 September 2019 by two different businesses.

7. **Broughty Ferry Community Council Raised Issues**

- Mrs Potton noted some bins are not being emptied and parking is becoming more of an issue, particularly parking across gateways. Shared responsibility is to be encouraged where possible.
- NM felt there had been an improvement in cleanliness this year.
- It was noted there had been a reduction in dog bags being left around the bins and on the pavement, AK note cleansing staff now pick these up as they see them which will have had an effect on this.

8. **AOCB**

- HB noted a build-up of sand and weeds in the gutter along the Esplanade and that this is not helped by cleaning the streets in the morning whilst cars are parked and preventing access to the gutter. SB will pass on this feedback and noted work is programmed over the next 4-6 weeks.
- NM advised the proposed mural for the wall at the rear of Castle Green Leisure Centre has been approved, painting is scheduled for 30 September to 9 October 2019. It has been designed by the artist to encourage environmental responsibility. NM will forward the design to SM for circulation around the group.

SB

NM/SM

9. **Date of 2019 Meetings:** All held at 1.45pm in Castle Green Leisure Centre, Broughty Ferry on:

- Wednesday 11 December 2019