

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on 3rd March 2020

Meeting opened 7.00pm

Action

1. Community Councillors Present

Anna Robb (Vice Chair), David Easson (Treasurer), James Doig (Secretary), John Watson (Planning), Fiona Lund (P.R.), Charlie Delaney, Joyce McIntosh, Doreen Phillips, Doug McLaren, Isabel McLean, Fiona M. Potton, Norma McGovern.

In Attendance

Natalie Mackland.

Ex Officio

Nil in attendance.

Members of Public Present

There were no members of the public present.

Apologies

Stan Nutt (Chair), Adele McGrath, Carolyn Forrester, Cllr Philip Scott, Cllr Craig Duncan, Cllr Kevin Cordell, Baillie Derek Scott.

Anna Robb (Vice Chair), welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of previous Meeting (4th February 2020)

With the following amendments;

Item 8 Planning Report to read

[Members noted the content of the 6th to 31st January report previously circulated.

The preliminary view sent to the planning department to object to application

20/00016/FULL was ratified by members.

A meeting with the Director of Planning for DCC has been arranged for 2.30pm

on the 24th February 2020 to discuss future developer contributions towards the

provision of services

within future major housing construction applications. John, Stan & Natalie

will attend].

Item 10 Public Relations [remove, due to cost].

Minute agreed and proposed by Fiona Lund, seconded by Doreen Phillips.

3. Matters Arising

Alteration to Constitution; That Section 14.(d) of the Constitution of Broughty Ferry Community Council wherein it states “independently examined by two examiners” be altered to read “independently examined by an examiner”.

Proposed by Anna Robb (Deputy Chair), second by Fiona Lund and agreed unanimously.

4. Chairs Report

Thanks to Natalie for the training get together session held in the Woodlands hotel on the 22nd February 2020, members agreed additional work was required between BFCC meetings, they should be more proactive and possibly a citizens panel.

It was agreed a follow up meeting be organized in a couple of months.

Natalie has produced a report on the outcomes, role of the Community Council etc.

5. Police Report

Nil

6. Secretary's Report

Information received from DCC with regard to Closure of Braeview Academy & Craigie High School, with a proposed new build school on the ex St. Saviours High School site in Drumgeith Road.

Letter by John Watson supporting the proposal.

Explore Dundee, bus service review.

Alteration to Constitution (raised under matters arising).

Programme of DCC Business Meeting 24th February 2020.

Letter of thanks sent to Hugh Begg.

St.Mary's Episcopal Church Open Day.

DCC Team Structure (Community Empowerment).

7. Planning Report

Members noted the content of the 3rd to 28th February previously circulated.

Points of note; Meeting held with Head of Planning and Economic Development took place as planned.

Consultation Braeview Academy / Craigie High schools and the expansion of the catchment area for Grove Academy to include Craigiebarns Primary supported by BFCC. Letter drafted by John Watson to the Executive of Children and Families (Paul Clancy) regarding the above.

Proposed by David Easson seconded by Charlie Delaney.

DCC Local Development Plan (2020 – 2025) Schedule of work ongoing every year.

Discussion with regard to up skilling and information at an open city wide meeting in due course with other Community Councils in the Dundee area proposed by Doug McLaren seconded by Fiona Potton and agreed by the meeting.

St. Marys Church alterations, Broughty Ferry Community Council supported the development.

JD

8. Licensing Report

There was no notification of any changes within Broughty Ferry.

9. Public Relations Report

Spotlight entry now submitted, slight change to text and format.

Table at Gala Day (Sunday 28th June 2020) to help promote awareness of BFCC.

Members required to man the stall (names to Fiona) who will co-ordinate, volunteers were requested to set up a sub-group with the following councillors volunteering, Norma McGovern, Anna Robb, Joyce McIntosh, Fiona M. Potton, Jim Doig with Natalie Mackland assisting where required.

FL

Website enquiry link has been fixed.

It was agreed we receive a donation of an old ledger book and cash till which belonged to a butchers shop in Broughty Ferry.

FL

10. LCPP Report

Presentation on catchment area changes.

It was noted with regard to funding applications, the forthcoming budget proposal will reduce the amount received for Broughty Ferry from £20,000 to £10,000 as savings have to be made.

11. Matters Raised by Community Councillors

Beach Management Meeting takes place on 18th March 2020.

Norma McGovern reported on a meeting with Grove Health Centre Practice Manager who stated due to capacity they cannot take patients from the north side of the Arbroath Road.

Awaiting contact from Brown Street Health Centre Practice Manager.

Charlie Delaney highlighted an article in this evenings Telegraph that in accordance with ROSPA guidelines, a number of School Crossing Patrol Officers were to be removed from operational duties across the city including Barnhill and Eastern Primary schools. There are no official details as yet as the local budget meeting is this coming Thursday. The Community Council is concerned and against any reduction of school crossing Patrol Officers on safety grounds.

The meeting unanimously agreed the secretary email our four local councillors

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12. Contribution from Elected Members (ex-officio)

Cllr Craig Duncan could not attend but sent his report;

Network Rail has now completed works to try and tackle the decade's old problem of water leaking into the Gray Street underpass. Engineers will monitor this over the coming months to see if the gel injection technique has worked or if more works, possibly to the ceiling are required.

In the event that the works have been successful, measures to considerably improve the currently awful and off putting appearance of this very busy underpass can then be taken and I have discussed some ideas with Network Rail and others.

I have recently launched a campaign to have Broughty Ferry Castle illuminated and have been in touch over recent months with Leisure and Culture Dundee and the Council who have in turn been in touch with Historic Environment Scotland who owns the castle.

I want to have the latest LED technology installed to enable colour changes to occur to mark international charity days and so forth, but above all I want our castle lit up.

Obviously Dundee and the Ferry are in competition for tourist business with the likes of Edinburgh which lights up its castle and London which lights up its attractions such as Tower Bridge.

We could potentially create a stunning and memorable vista with the V & A illuminated at one end and our landmark Broughty Ferry Castle lit up in welcoming manner at the approach to the city.

It absolutely deserves to be showcased but I am advised that the existing lights have been beyond use for 15 years or so.

This missed opportunity to promote the Ferry needs put right and although I have been given a rough estimate of costs in confidence, I have reason to think these can be reduced and I will then see how much each of the three organisations involved are prepared to contribute. Obviously if there is a shortfall I will approach other organisations and indeed individuals but the lighting absolutely must be restored and indeed upgraded with today's energy efficient technology.

13. Matters raised by members of the public

No members of the public present.

14. AOCB

The parking by parents at schools, especially illegally on the zig zag lines was again highlighted. The possibility of police cones in these areas may help to deter those responsible.

The Community Council thank Cllr Craig Duncan for his report, especially the illumination of the Castle, a discussion followed with regard to the Broughty Flag and agreement it should also be flown at important events and anniversaries.

The next meeting of Broughty Ferry Community Council will be held on Tuesday 7th April 2020 at 7.00pm in Broughty Ferry Library.