

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Virtual Ordinary Meeting held using ZOOM on 7th July 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.), Adele McGrath, Carolyn Forrester, Doreen Phillips, Fiona M. Potton, Isabel McLean, Neil Cooney.

In Attendance

Jacqueline Fleming.

Ex Officio

Cllr.Craig Duncan, Bailie Derek Scott.

Apologies

Charlie Delaney, Doug McLaren, Joyce McIntosh, Norma McGovern, Stan Nutt, Natalie Mackland, Cllr Philip Scott, PC's Susan Morrison & Garrie Watson.

As Stan Nutt (Chair) has ongoing health issue problems it was agreed (vice chair) Anna Robb chair the meeting.

Anna welcomed all to this the 2nd virtual meeting due to COVID 19.

Apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of previous Meeting (2nd June 2020)

With the following amendments;

Item 10 Cllr. Craig Duncan's report:- 7th line to read – Fiona Potton stated that iPads had been available in the Library for use by pupils but it is not known at the present time when the Library will reopen.

Bailie Derek Scott's report:- 7th line to read – Regular meetings are taking place between Council Group Leaders during the present COVID19 crisis.

Minute agreed and proposed by Carolyn Forrester seconded by Fiona Lund

3. Matters Arising

Nil.

4. Chairs Report

Nil.

5. Police Report

PC Garrie Watson gave the following report;

There were issues at the beginning of June 2020 with the excellent weather attracting large groups of young people, from across Dundee into Broughty Ferry. Much of the issues related to young people congregating at Castle Green, Esplanade etc in breach of Covid guidelines, consuming alcohol and generally acting in an anti-social and disorderly manner. This put considerable demand on police but a plan was put in place which resulted in an increase in high profile pro active patrols in the area during this time period. Groups of young people were stopped, engaged and educated. Details of young people causing issues were noted and instances where there were repeat offences parents were contacted or they were taken home and the anti-social behaviour team were made aware. Despite this there was not a great deal in the way of criminality but where there was then this was recorded and investigated.

Like last summer, it was my intention to work with partners including Grove Academy, Neighbourhood Services, Community Wardens, ASBT and voluntary agencies to look at prevention and early intervention as well as enforcement in the lead up to summer holidays. However, restrictions in place due to the ongoing health crisis has made this almost impossible to achieve. Over the next couple of months the Community Policing Team will continue to provide high profile patrols in key locations throughout Broughty Ferry.

We are aware that the local community and businesses have been anxious regarding the safety of unoccupied premises during the last few months. In view of this high profile, proactive and preventative patrols have been undertaken which has assisted in providing reassurance. An important part of this is regular passing attention at currently unoccupied business and commercial premises. With the existing demands on policing it has not been possible to physically check every premise on a continual basis but we monitor the situation and will continue to provide this function. With licensed premises etc opening up we may have to concentrate on less but this will of course be balanced against ongoing operational demands.

I was approached in March 2020 from a representative from Abilitynet. This is a charity, and one of the services they offer is a free technical help and training services to anyone either 55 years of age or older or anyone with a disability/medical condition at home, at work or at a venue which is most suitable to them. They can help with basic things such as setting up call blockers to stop the nuisance calls to homes or vital skills such as digital shopping etc. They are looking to work with the police/ local authority to offer support in the community and I have suggested Broughty Ferry may be the ideal ward for this type of thing, particularly following on from the inputs we provided during the scam awareness in December 2019. Police Scotland would not be in a position to endorse them as such and I don't know how things have changed for them during the ongoing health crisis but I will forward the details on to the older peoples services development officer.

Reports of speeding continue to be an issue, particularly on Queen Street and Monifieth Road. I have asked our Road Policing Unit to assist with this and they are undertaking speed checks at varying times. Their presence will hopefully make drivers more mindful on these roads. I am also looking for funding for a 'Pop-up-police' which could be situated in these locations. They seemed to have been received positively in other ward areas and may assist with speeding issues at these repeat locations.

They can be moved from one area to another after a short period, Jacqui highlighted cost involved and stated the local action fund may cover it.

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6. Secretary's Report (Previously circulated).

As stated in my recent communication;

Unfortunately an individual who came forward at the Community Council elections last Autumn has been unable to provide the necessary proof of residence of proposer and seconder and has been informed that she cannot be confirmed as a Broughty Ferry Community Councillor.

Temporary Traffic Order – The Esplanade Broughty Ferry (initially for 12 months from 15/06/2020)

Dundee Partnership funding.

Dundee Partnership E-Bulletin's.

Suburban Project (Saddle-up-Ranch).

Revised Grounds Maintenance Operations – Biodiversity and Naturalised Areas (Locations are on the website)..

Availability of Cycling friendly funding.

Sultrans Spaces for People (a paper from Stobswell Forum).

7. Planning Report

Members noted the content of the 1st – 30th June previously circulated.

Reference; Planning Application 20/00321/FULL.

Kirkwood Homes development at Linlathen, SuDS provision, BFCC will respect future planning decisions.

Fiona Lund stated the planning application at the former Cambustay Hotel had been withdrawn until later in the year. Neil Cooney stated the company were committed and will probably make slight adjustments to the proposed plan.

8. Licensing Report

Nil.

9. Public Relation's Report

Website; We have had a few enquiries, a couple of which have been resolved relating to past minutes and general BFCC information. The remainder have been circulated to Community Councillors for their input and where required Fiona has replied on behalf of BFCC.

Information has continued to be put on the website with regard to the Dundee Partnership bulletins, which gave advice and help on all matters surrounding Covid 19. Planning reports and other information regarding the planned cycle routes, biodiversity plans (7 areas but not set in stone, residents should make their views known, one of the areas was the school running track which obviously requires changing, the contact is Head of Environment Tony Boyle).

All items continue to be put on the website.

Spotlight; The BFCC article and picture originally planned for the April edition is now going out this month as they have restarted production. A slight change has been made to the text with regard to our meetings being currently held online.

Any suggestions or local stories for further articles to be forwarded to the PR Secretary.

10. Beach Management report

Fiona M.Potton stated that recent meetings have been cancelled due to Covid 19 and although everyone is working from home the Marine Licence has been approved.

11. Matters Raised by Community Councillors

a) Social Media Proposal. Anna Robb has drafted up a proposal of action, how to achieve and possible implementation date with regard to connecting with the community during the present health crisis.

Although people were viewing the website, more co-ordination and a means of passing on information is required. Members intimated we should forward / share any relevant information. Fiona will put as much information as possible on the website.

Jacqui stated that not everyone on social media and positive posts will get BFCC known.

A number of people were growing older in the Ferry and would not be covered.

David showed a poster from 2013 for obtaining information.

There is a great history in Broughty Ferry which we should make people aware of.

The Stobswell Forum paper was highlighted and it was decided we discuss with the West End and hopefully get some information which was applicable to us.

Fiona Lund, Anna Robb, Neil Cooney and Doreen Phillips agreed to meet with them.

b) Chair/Vice Chair situation; Chair Stan Nutt who was elected at the November 2019 meeting and confirmed at the ordinary meeting of 3rd December 2019 has suffered health problems in recent months and has indicated he wishes to relinquish his role as Chair but remain a member of BFCC and is happy to continue the role of Licensing Secretary. Vice Chair Anna Robb has stepped in to cover for Stan at recent meetings and has ably provided the continuity required for the organisation.

Anna has indicated she is willing to accept nomination as Chair of BFCC and Stan along with other members supports her nomination.

A resolution that Anna Robb be elected as chair of BFCC with immediate effect was proposed by Carolyn Forrester, seconded by Adele McGrath and agreed by all members present.

12. Contribution from Elected Members (ex-officio)

Bailie Derek Scott informed the meeting of signage for the 20mph zone in central Broughty Ferry, streets south of the A930 (Queen Street) will soon be in place. This will include repeater 20mph markings on the carriageways and pole signs at each of the roads leading to the 20mph zone.

The flood defence works are ahead of schedule and w/c 13th July the plan is to extend east of the RNLI jetty, the platform/bund that is being constructed adjacent to the sea wall.

He has been pursuing the reopening of public toilets and has been advised by the Council that details for doing so are being finalised. He has asked the head of service for a definitive date.

To help local businesses in the hospitality sector a working group made up of appropriate Council Officers has been set up to action at pace applications for cafes, pubs and restaurants that wants to provide temporary outdoor seating areas. There may well be premises in Broughty Ferry that will make application.

Schools are now going to return full time on 12th August. The blended learning model will become a contingency plan.

In respect to the level crossing at Harecraigs, Ogilvie Road, he had asked the Council's legal team to check its public right of way status. Following searches of title the Council are of the view that a public right of way does exist and Network Rail was notified. Network Rail has now instructed solicitors to carry out its own searches to clarify the position. Network Rail has been advised that the Council has a statutory duty to ensure public rights of way are kept open and isn't prepared to wait weeks for this to happen.

Hopefully there will soon be an outcome.

He has received complaints about youths gathering at the top of Reres Hill and causing a disturbance. The police and community wardens are to give the location some attention. Cllr Craig Duncan met with contractors of the flood defence work stating they are 2 weeks ahead of schedule. A company representative is willing to address and answer questions at a Community Council meeting if requested.

The Council and Network Rail have different views with regard to the level crossing at Ogilvie Road. There have been recent problems in recent weeks with regard to the lack of lifeguards on Broughty Ferry beach.

On discussion with Broughty Ferry Traders, shops as in Dundee should be allowed to open. With regard to the animal exclusion zone on the beach there is no one at present to enforce it due to the current pandemic.

There has been a recent problem with youths at the Campfield Square shops which has been raised with the police. There are again problems with youths at the Sandy Park on Balgillo Road and again police have been informed.

13. AOCB

Fiona Potton stated the problem with lifeguards would be brought up at the Beach Management Committee.

It was asked if the Sandy Loan affordable housing was transferred to Hillcrest Housing. Bailie Scott will ask head of housing for clarification.

Jacqui Fleming spoke on information received from Saddle-up-Ranch, near the 7 arches. It was asked if planning was required as the area is between two housing estates and there may be problems with access roads, smell and animal waste. Neither the local Councillors or our planning secretary is aware of any planning application but will contact Council Planning Department for information.

Treasurer David highlighted the payment of 3 external accounts (Living Streets, Scotways and Marine conservation).

Jacqui asked if any member was aware of Bombay Joe's in Gray Street applying for a licence application? (Stan Nutt, Licence secretary should get notification).

With regard to Reres Hill, Fiona Potton stated she had removed bags of rubbish, plastics and other items from the area. David was shocked at the items strewn all over the area.

Isobel McLean highlighted 2 vehicles situated in Dundee Road at the junction of Grove Road with obscene language displayed on them. Police had checked and there was no impediment to pavement access. Planning consent may be required if they are advertising. Jacqui to contact police Scotland for advice and response.

It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council would be held using ZOOM on Tuesday 1st September 2020 at 7.00pm.