

# Broughty Ferry Community Council

## Minute of Virtual Ordinary Meeting held using ZOOM on 1st September 2020

Meeting opened 7.00pm

Action

### 1. Community Councillors Present

Anna Robb (Chair), David Easson (Treasurer), James Doig (Secretary), John Watson (Planning), Fiona Lund (P.R.), Adele McGrath, Carolyn Forrester, Doreen Phillips, Fiona M. Potton.

### In Attendance

Jacqueline Fleming.

### Ex Officio

Cllr. Craig Duncan, Bailie Derek Scott.

### Apologies

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

### 2. Minutes of previous Meeting (7th July 2020)

With the following amendments;

Item 6 Secretary's Report; Delete first three lines to read.

[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].

Item 7 Planning Report; Third line to read.

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

Item 11 Matters raised by Community Councillors; Last two lines to read.

[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].

Minute proposed by David Easson seconded by Carolyn Forrester and agreed by the members present.

### 3. Matters Arising

'Pop-up-police'; Thanks to Doreen who has been successful in securing the necessary funding of (£237.60 inc VAT from the Local Action Fund) for this item. Jacqui will contact the suppliers for its purchase.

#### **4. Chairs Report**

Anna stated, we are here for the community but due to the present situation a number of items were on hold, there is a meeting next Wednesday which includes members from other Community Councils regarding the way forward. A link will be forwarded regarding 'How Councils Work'.

Jacqui stated anything to improve communication within the community would be beneficial and she would distribute previous training notes that would reflect previous conversations and highlight specific topics to focus on.

There is also a link for distribution on how Community Councils have responded to the Corona Virus pandemic.

<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/community-council-covid-19-responses.html>

It was agreed BFCC would look at priorities for the coming year at the next meeting.

#### **5. Police Report**

Nil

#### **6. Secretary's Report** (Previously circulated).

Secretary highlighted the following available information;

Dundee Partnership Bulletin #14 and #15.

Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund.

Learning Estate Consultations; Braeview Academy and Craigie High school,

Grove Academy catchment area, email to Paul Clancy was ratified at the

BFCC March meeting, a further email has been sent.

Public payphones removal consultation.

HIAL Air traffic Management Strategy.

Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action.

Alzheimer Scotland,

Online Activity classes.

Removal of universal free TV licence for over 75's.

Members giving reports please provide the secretary with a copy (by email).

#### **7. Planning Report**

Members noted the content of 1st July to 31st August previously circulated.

Aldi, Tom Johnson Road.

Kirkwood Homes at Linlathen.

Demolition of unit at the corner of Church Street and Queen Street.

Application at 383 Brook Street within the Broughty Ferry Conservation Area, further support documents are awaited from the applicant.

Cambustay Hotel site, an amended application has been submitted.

Community Council Members and the community have been impressed with a good response with the work carried out on the flood protection scheme.

#### **8. Licensing Report**

Aldi have applied for an (off sales) provisional licence for their proposed store at Tom Johnston Road.

## **9. Treasurers Report**

Statement from 06/04/2020 to 28/08/2020 has been distributed to members. The grant received for the pop-up policeman should be included in the next bank statement due this week.

There is a need to amend the signatories on the bank account as there has been a change in members. Presently Treasurer David Easson and member Stan Nutt are listed as signatories, It is proposed by David Easson that Chair Anna Robb and Secretary James Doig are added as signatories.

Proposed by Fiona M Potton, seconded by John Watson and agreed by all members present. Any two can sign cheques, usually the Treasurer and one other.

It was asked if the constitution required changing to reflect the change of signatories but was stated this was not required.

## **10. Public Relations Report**

A few enquiries have come through the website;

Regarding the pilot Community Care and Treatment Service scheme introduced across various GP practices in Dundee (Wallacetown, Whitfield and Lochee) but not Broughty Ferry.

A couple of enquiries relating to the Bio-Diversity plan have been redirected to Dundee City Council for further information where their views can be put for consideration.

Other information received continues to be put on the website.

The BFCC article and picture were in the August edition of 'Spotlight'.

Regular circulation of copies to households will continue.

## **11. Matters Raised by Community Councillors**

Nil

## **12. Contribution from Elected Members (ex-officio)**

**Baillie Derek Scott** reported on the following;

The most recent update regarding Covid-19 at Grove Academy is that there has been no further cases additional to the one senior pupil previously reported in the press. Derek had asked for the grass and gardens at the library to be tidied. Since then he has received numerous enquiries about when the library will reopen. He has been told by the head of service that they are working towards reopening w/c 21<sup>st</sup> September, but this might change depending on whatever Covid-19 restrictions are in place at that time. There is also a financial consideration given that L & C Dundee has a significant shortfall in its budget.

When notification was posted about King Street to be resurfaced Derek asked if the spaces for people measure in place at the west end of the Esplanade could be lifted to avoid further traffic congestion, which was done and it hasn't been reinstated. TACTRAN is currently undertaking a feedback survey on spaces for people measures and the council will use the findings when deciding on an end date for the traffic restriction at the east end of the Esplanade at the rock garden. The council has received another £2 million in funding for spaces for people initiatives and he will let the Community Council know about any new proposals for Broughty Ferry when he is aware of them.

He attended a meeting with the harbourmaster and police to discuss measures to deal with the many noise complaints received about jet skiing at the harbour. The council as owner and operator of the harbour has overall responsibility for what happens there and a number of actions are being looked at which should help the situation.

He has attended a couple of site meetings with residents and discussed with council officers the proposed naturalised / biodiversity areas at Rugby Terrace, Balmossie Park, Dawson Park and Claypotts Pond. Consequently a number of adjustments have been made to the proposals.

At a council committee he opposed the plan to cut direct funding to Broughty Ferry to erect its Christmas lights. A new festive fund has been set up which Broughty Ferry can bid for but the maximum grant available is considerably less than it currently costs to install the lights. Broughty Ferry Traders Association is taking this forward and getting costing for the work, so hopefully all the street decorations previously erected in Broughty Ferry will be erected this year.

Pedestrian access to Harecraig level crossing was reinstated. It operates between 6am and 10pm each day. This is only a temporary solution while longer term options continue to be explored.

**Councillor Craig Duncan** reported the work on the flood defences were going well and ahead of schedule. The company have appointed Dawn Turnbull as liaison officer who is very approachable and would be happy to update the Community Council at a future meeting if requested.

Craig carried out a Bio-Diversity site visit with residents and / or council officers in Dawson Park and at the Esplanade at Rugby Terrace to discuss / amend these proposals. There is a new police sergeant now sited in Broughty Ferry. Sgt. Jonathan Thompson advised Craig that from 31st August he would be replaced in Broughty Ferry by Sgt. Rik Seivwright but that PC Garrie Watson would remain as the main contact to provide continuity. Craig advised the meeting that he had raised the issue of reopening libraries with the Acting Head of Leisure and Culture Dundee who advises that reopening will be on the basis of much reduced services and hours and must absolutely ensure the safety of customers and staff during these pandemic circumstances. Nevertheless, the Central Library in the Wellgate will lead the way and with appropriate lessons learned, it is hoped that Broughty Ferry Library will reopen in some format around 21<sup>st</sup> September. It was highlighted there have been a number of complaints with regard to the library still being closed as it is important to the community.

Craig attended a meeting hosted by the police and as Dundee City Council were not in attendance he has asked senior Council Officers to convene a meeting at which Elected Members and Council Officers can discuss these matters. Thereafter he wants a much wider consultation process to get under way which would involve all stakeholders such as harbour / waterfront users, residents, local traders etc and would certainly envisage the Community Council being involved. It was highlighted by a member of the Community Council that the water front and requirements was discussed approximately 20 years ago but nothing came of it.

### **13. AOCB**

Question raised reference the two vans parked on the pavements on Dundee Road adjacent to the pedestrian crossing. Although an act of Parliament has been passed to prevent pavement parking it has not come into force yet.

Police have inspected the area mentioned stating there was sufficient room to pass on the pavements and there was no offence committed.

Jacqui highlighted the Engage Dundee consultation which will be available online and on Facebook, this will be used to determine services which are most important to local people.

Also, Dundee Partnership fund is available for activities taking place during November and December but the deadline for application is 10th September.

Thanks go to Dundee City Council Parks Department for cutting the grass areas in the Ferry, it is much appreciated.

Due to the constraints using Zoom there was no time for any further business.

**It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council would be held on Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7.00pm.**

## **Broughty Ferry Community Council**

### **Information received, discussed, highlighted following the meeting of 1st September 2020**

Points raised by BFCC; Derek Scott confirmed that Hillcrest will be giving all the tenants at Sandy Loan an opportunity to purchase their flat at a point in the near future, under the terms of the original agreement. This had been suspended due to lockdown but correspondence will be out before the end of the calendar year.

Suburban Ranch; Planning Officers responded advising that planning permission would be required for the proposed development, to date they have not received any planning application for the development.

With reference to seating areas on the roads in Broughty Ferry (one area mentioned was outside Gracies) the council are to check submitted layout proposals and carry out a site inspection. Due to Brook Street having higher traffic flows a suitable barrier is required to protect the public within the seating area from traffic including commercial vehicles as well as trying to achieve an appearance which does not resemble a building site.

Engineers having reviewed the location are happy that two-way traffic can be maintained for commercial vehicles and that the content layout does not create a road safety hazard but will continue to monitor this lane occupation and usage of the seating area arranging to amend any signs or barriers accordingly.

Craig Duncan has been involved with the above and the enforcement of the 20mph speed limit in central Broughty Ferry

The possibility of a Zoom subscription to ensure suitable time for discussion at future meetings.

James Doig  
Secretary

