

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Virtual Ordinary Meeting held using ZOOM on 3rd November 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.), Carolyn Forrester, Neil Cooney, Doreen Phillips, Fiona M Potton, Isabel Mclean.

In Attendance

Jacqueline Fleming.

Ex Officio

Bailie Derek Scott, Cllr Craig Duncan.

Apologies

Adele McGrath, Charlie Delaney, Doug McLaren, Norma McGovern, Stan Nutt, Joyce McIntosh, PC Garrie Watson, Cllr Philip Scott, Natalie Mackland.

Members of the Public Present

5 members of the public were in attendance.

2 Chairs Report

Anna welcomed everyone to this Zoom meeting stating it was nice to see a number of members of Broughty Ferry public present.

3. Minutes of previous Meeting (6th October 2020)

With the following amendment;

Item 12. Matters raised by Community Councillors 5th line to read; Broughty Ferry Churches Group (Lindsay of The Gate Dundee is planning to arrange a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 10th November at 2.00pm to discuss this issue).

Minute proposed by Carolyn Forrester seconded by John Watson and agreed by the members present.

4. Matters raised by Members of the Public (previously intimated)

A member of the public spoke with regard to the fact, many Broughty Ferry residents have highlighted the ongoing situation in Brook Street at lunchtime on school days when Grove Academy pupils converge on the pavements and food shops paying little attention to social distancing as well as preventing other pedestrians from being able to socially distance from them. This is a serious public health problem and even more so now as the number of Corona virus cases are rising in Dundee as we enter Tier 3.

Bailie Scott stated he had a response from the Rector and Convenor of Education regarding the problems and they continually advise pupils with regard to the regulations.

As there are some 1400 pupils in Grove they have introduced staggered lunch breaks to try and ease the situation. As we are now in tier 3 we must all work together and Chair Anna will contact the Grove Rector in an attempt to find a solution.

Although some pupils at times, refuse to wear a mask it is noticeable the vast majority wear them on public transport.

It is important we all work together on this particularly as there is a substantial segment of the population in the more vulnerable over 70 age group. There are a number of actions we can take, including; highlighting on the website and Facebook, enlist the cooperation of the B.F.Traders Association requesting them to put notices in their windows and that queues keep 2 metres apart which is already done by some premises in Broughty Ferry? Additional signage, police assistance, Discuss with a faculty member of Grove Academy to remind pupils to socially distance while in the Ferry.

Residents who can, should try and avoid central Broughty Ferry during the Grove Academy lunch times as they have already stated to a member of the Community Council they have no jurisdiction over pupil's outwith the school at lunch times.

Details will be forwarded to the chair, regarding a Grove Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 17th November 7.00 pm – 8.30pm.

5. Matters arising from previous minute

No matters arising.

6. Community Action Ideas

Following discussions with regard to a community fridge, Jacqui has made contact with the Gate Church for further information and will keep Anna and Rotary President who expressed an interest in this development updated.

We should be pro-active and have ideas ready when funds become available for projects such as the community fridge.

The Planning Partnership meets on Thursday 12th November, David attends as a member of the churches group but we should also have a representative from the Community Council in attendance. Neil Cooney agreed to attend on behalf of the Community Council.

Neil is also keen to investigate the possibility of a skate park in Broughty Ferry.

Broughty Ferry in bloom is open to suggestions to enhance the area and look at the possibility of seating on the front once the flood defence work is complete.

Fiona will look at the possibility of putting the engagement idea and suggestions on Facebook, Spotlight and the website.

7. Public Engagement Campaign Ideas

Use of email for random ideas and draw attention and work of the Community Council on Facebook and other media.,

One idea being, Councillors take a photograph of their favourite spot in Broughty Ferry, have a short description so the public know who there Community Councillors are.

A communications meeting is due to be held next week.

8. Police Report

With regard to Pop-up-Jeane, it comes in two parts which simply slide together, it had been slid apart and not been damaged in any way as previously reported.

PC Garrie Watson has Jeane and will connect the two parts more securely to prevent a re-occurrence. We have been monitoring its impact and are happy to say it was positively altering driver behaviour with cars visibly slowing down as they entered Broughty Ferry.

The Pop-up-Jeane won't be left out in the same location for any period of time.

It may be out for a morning, several days in succession and there will be periods of time when it is not out at all which is important to ensure it remains impactful. I anticipate that this combined with police enforcement action will ensure that drivers do not become complacent. Police are aware of the horse trailer parked on Victoria Road and while I understand the residents are not happy about its location, it is parked on a public road with no parking restrictions and is not causing an obstruction, therefore no action will be taken in respect of this.

9. Secretary's Report

Our condolences go to John and Natalie on the loss of their loved ones.

Social Renewal Advisory Board information requesting examples of good practice that has supported communities as a result of the Corona virus.

Pop-up-Jeane Policewoman who was assaulted while on duty to curb speeding in Monifieth Road on the evening of 21st October has recovered (see police report).

Flood Defence Scheme update;

Work continues to progress well with the installation of U Channels, walls and the concrete infill along the length of section 1 on Douglas Terrace. The next work activity is installing drainage behind the new sea wall and constructing the foundations for the new set back wall. This work is going to programme and the stonemasons are on schedule to come on site before Christmas to build the cladding to the set back wall. Local stone is being used so the walls of the flood defences will be in keeping with the existing stone work in Broughty Ferry.

The start of the new year will also see the start of the street works package.

Community Liaison;

Grove Academy pupils continue to paint the hoarding on the Esplanade as part of their Princes Trust Award, when weather permits. We are also discussing with Grove Academy other ways we can support them over the next few months, as much of what we could offer precious remains challenging due to current Covid 19 restrictions. To ensure students don't miss out we all need to be a bit more creative. Abertay University have created a virtual site visit which provides civil engineering students the opportunity to see the project virtually; this will also be delivered to students of Dundee and Angus College next week. We've also had drone footage filmed, which gives a good overview of the project from the air. The link to view is on the BFCC website.

We welcome any approaches from community groups or organisations looking for support with events or community activities. We've been discussing how we can support the Phibbies (although this years Dook has unfortunately been cancelled).

We have made contact with Dundee City Councils Regeneration Officer to discuss community projects she is involved in. There are a few things planned for the future and will keep BFCC updated as these progress.

The site has recently been visited by an auditor from the Considerate Constructors Scheme which went well and we await the final report. The scheme monitors the site to assess how well we are performing as a Considerate Constructor in terms of Community.

Broughty Ferry Traders have received a grant from the Dundee Council festive fund which will go towards erecting the Christmas lights in Broughty Ferry.

Finally, I have received an email from Adele advising of her decision to step down from the Community Council due to work, family and health issues. Although we are sorry to see her go we wish her well for the future.

**10. Planning Report (previously circulated but items highlighted at the meeting)
Report for the period 5th – 30th October 2020**

Public convenience, Queen Street – Change of use from public convenience to healthcare unit (Podiatry Clinic).

Suburban Ranch – Panmurefield; No planning application has been presented to date the local development plan currently in force refers the area as a *‘Locally Important Nature Conservation Site’*.

John thanked the Community Council members for the flowers and kind thoughts received on the loss of his wife.

Since the circulation of his report John highlighted the following;

20/00534/FULL. As a result of a meeting between the Planning Secretary and the stakeholders, new plans have now been submitted regarding parking on the Esplanade and Castle Green area which, broadly satisfy BFCC’s earlier concerns on the issue?

The area around Windmill Gardens is still a concern, SEPA had objected to the application but are now happy and have removed their objection.

Thanks go to the Case Officer for his assistance to date. The application will now go to Development Committee for decision, probably in January 2021.

Plans have yet to be submitted regarding the Cambustay Hotel site.

11. Licensing Report

Nil.

12. Public Relations Report

Website; Not much activity this month but continuing to put on as much relevant information as possible which includes the Flood Defence Scheme information, the DCC’s online survey relating to the Bio diversity project and suggestions where pop-up-Jeane may be best employed are (King Street (at Church Street junction), Brook Street (at Church Street junction), Strathmore Street, The Esplanade, Claypotts Road (from Claypotts junction south to Broughty Ferry). Suggested areas previously mentioned are Forthill Road, Dalhousie Road, Queen Street, Balgillo Road (Arbroath Road to Inchcape Place), Strathern Road, Dundee Road. If there are any further suggestions for posts on Facebook or the website please contact the Public Relations Secretary.

If any member of the public wish to join our (Zoom) meetings contact the secretary directly, details can be found on the agenda which is on the website.

Facebook; Fiona and Anna had an informal meeting to discuss how to manage postings on Facebook and sharing posts from other relevant bodies with the aim to increase the number of followers from the present 211 and more importantly raise community engagement as has happened with regard to our “Safer Roads” post.

I would like to have some items in reserve and welcome any ideas, one being each Community Councillor comes up with their favourite spot in the Ferry, give a reason and take a photo which lets the local community know who we are. We will trial this up to Christmas then review and look at other avenues of social media to ascertain if they would be useful to us.

Our current position is not to make comments to those posted and would encourage members of the public to contact us directly via email or website.

Spotlight; They will run the article with regard to our ‘Pop-up-Jeane’ which will give us another avenue for public engagement, not just for location but what else the local community thinks we should be focusing on. This will run in the December issue and presumably the following two editions.

The Evening Telegraph was to run an article on our new Pop-up-Policewoman but due to the unfortunate mishap that befell her we ended up with slightly different publicity than planned although we did get coverage.

Finally, if anyone has further suggestions for posts on FB or the website contact Fiona and try to encourage any local groups or contacts who use FB to share our posts and reach as many locals as possible.

13. Treasurers Report (Interim Statement Distributed)

Forms for change of signatories have been sent to the Bank of Scotland (Signatories will be; Treasurer, Chair, Secretary & Licence Secretary).

Payment has been made to the secretary for the Zoom invoice and other purchases, the Pop-up-Policewoman and repayment of the grant for Dundee Bairns.

Bank Balance at 02/11/2020 - £1,298.45.

14. Matters Raised by Community Councillors

Suburban Ranch; It appears some work has been going on regarding the site, digging possibly for a road, muck being thrown into the Dighty and that some livestock may currently be in situ. Bailie Scott will discuss with the appropriate council department.

15. Contribution from Elected Members (ex-officio)

Baillie Derek Scott Submitted a report as follows;

Winter maintenance roads/pavements; The council recently agreed its maintenance regime for 2020/21. It is the same as in previous years, but a contingency provision was also agreed which will see the full-service standard maintained should there be a reduction in availability of resource due to Covid 19.

Phlebotomy services; A resident mentioned that they have had to travel across the city to get an NHS hub for blood tests. I arranged for a letter to be sent to NHS Tayside about it and in response was advised that this is part of a national ambition to develop new models of primary care, facilitating the delivery of services from the relevant people such as access to a physiotherapist or a mental health specialist and this also includes bloods being taken. However, the intention in Dundee is to have some services including phlebotomy accessible to people in their local communities and NHS Tayside has identified the Broughty Ferry area as a priority for additional space. It is actively planning to increase local provision and this will be phased in when identified.

Mobile speed camera Monifieth Road / Dalhousie Road; The installation of the necessary signs was delayed as it was decided to widen the scope of coverage, which now extends from Rowanbank Gardens eastwards to the boundary with Angus at North Balmossie Street. The site was marked out last week and public utility details have now been acquired for the excavation works. This information has been passed to Tayside Contracts with an instruction to progress the works as soon as possible.

20 mph zone; Tactran are carrying out an evaluation of these Spaces for People initiative.

There are traffic counter/speed check equipment at Brook Street, The Esplanade and King Street. Bus service changes – Explore Dundee has developed a long-term strategic plan in response to Covid-19 which will see some changes to its services. The bus company is to provide a briefing to Councillors on 11th November.

Public toilets; I am advised that unfortunately the council does not have the additional resources that would be required to extend opening hours whilst simultaneously ensuring these facilities are compliant with Covid guidance.

Flood Protection Scheme; I met on site with engineers for a briefing on some changes being made at Fisher Street, between Fort Street and Gray Street. It is proposed to widen the footway between Gray Street and Ambrose Street, realign the northern kerb between Fort Street and David Street, create a new parking bay and make the section between Gray Street and Ambrose Street one way. There will be consultation with residents as to the flow of traffic.

Councillor Craig Duncan submitted the following Report;

Queen Street Flooding; Most concerned to see repeats of previous years flooding on Queen Street at / near the junction with Claypotts Road and also at its junction with Whinny Brae / St. Vincent Street. Plainly these are major traffic pinch points for Broughty Ferry and I dread to think what freezing weather would add to the mix. Accordingly I have pressed the Council to ensure that gullies are kept clear of leaves / grit to allow water to enter the sewer system and that Scottish Water ensures that there is sufficient capacity in the system.

Anti Social Behaviour; I have been in touch with the police and the council about repeated complaints round drinking, littering and potentially some other forms of illegal behaviour at Gilles Park and elsewhere in Broughty Ferry.

Harecraig Level Crossing; have been in touch with councils legal department who say that Network Rail is still monitoring use of the crossing but have not clarified their intent for the future of this long established crossing which I believe is in effect a public right of way which absolutely cannot simply be closed and that of Network Rail have safety concerns it is their responsibility to make the appropriate upgrade to the crossing.

Fisher's Tours school buses; I have received several complaints about recent use of such buses in relation to Grove Academy and have been in touch with the Council's Education and Transport departments and am confident that adjustments to ensure that a maximum of one coach will park in Caenlochan Road will help and that as currently pandemic circumstances hopefully ease the need for so many buses serving Grove Academy will naturally decline as some P.E. lessons will once more be possible in school rather than having to go to Dawson Park.

Explore Dundee are to review the frequency of buses within the Broughty Ferry area and are holding briefings for councillors on 11th November. The secretary will contact their Commercial Officer for information of service changes.

16. AOCB

There was a request for Saturday to be put on the rota for opening of the Library as present times are not suitable for schooling.

There will be no change at present but may be looked at in the future.

Fiona indicated a Beach Management Group Update; There have been no changes or additions to the action plan although some of the work being carried out by the Flood Defence Scheme will tie in directly to some of the actions on the plan.

The planned walkabout for this Autumn will not be held whilst we are in Tier 3 but is still on the cards once appropriate.

Good News; Broughty Ferry beach has retained its Scotland's Beach Award, any publicity from Keep Scotland Beautiful for the awards schemes will be low key this year and issued over the course of Autumn and Winter rather than the usual big announcement.

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

