

# Broughty Ferry Community Council

## Minute of Virtual Ordinary Meeting held using ZOOM on 1st December 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, Doreen Phillips,

### **In Attendance**

Jacqueline Fleming.

### **Ex Officio**

Bailie Derek Scott.

### **Apologies**

Charlie Delaney, Stan Nutt, Joyce McIntosh, Fiona M Potton, Isabel McLean, PC Garrie Watson, Cllr Craig Duncan, Cllr Philip Scott, Natalie Mackland.

### **Members of the Public Present**

3 members of the public were in attendance.

Another member due to attend submitted their apologies.

### 2 **Minutes of previous Meeting (3rd November 2020)**

With the following amendment; (Lindsay of the Gate Dundee is planning a Zoom Meeting - not hosting).

Minute proposed by John Watson seconded by Doreen Phillips and agreed by the members present.

### 3. **Matters arising from previous minute**

Community Action Ideas; It was agreed Lindsay of the Gate record information with regard to the community fridge and once received the secretary will distribute to members. It is hoped a number of organisations in the Ferry will be involved and interested Community Councillors should forward names to the secretary.

Chair Anna was invited to attend a Grove parent council meeting which was found to be useful and effective exercise and may possibly attend future meetings.

Although Grove carry out checks in the Ferry over lunch breaks due to the extended time frame there is insufficient manpower to carry out continuous monitoring.

We as a Community Council should support the school, parents and build a relationship.

### 4. **Co-Option of new BFCC Members**

Jacqui has been reviewing previous elections and in January there were two co-options. The regulations state we can have up to 25 Community Council members and will send necessary paperwork to the secretary for further distribution. Jacqui will confirm the number of supporting votes required and whether the number of co-opted members relates to the existing membership of Community Councillors or the quota for the Ferry.

She advised that no more than a quarter of BFCC membership can be co-opted, and also requested Community Councillors details are updated if required and will distribute the necessary paperwork.

Brian Stewart who has attended the previous few meetings has agreed and was proposed by John Watson, seconded by James Doig to be co-opted as a member of Broughty Ferry Community Council. His nomination was agreed by the other five members present. Since then the secretary has emailed all members of the Community Council (with the exception of one councillor) to provide notice of the intention to officially co-opt Brian Stewart at the January meeting.

## **5 Chairs Report**

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

Under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) it is a requirement to seek permission from members of the public present at a Broughty Ferry Community Council meeting to print their names in the meeting minutes.

The meeting agreed only the number of members of the public (not their names) in attendance should be stated in the minute.

Anna was to send Christmas cards to members but due to GDPR we only hold name and email address, If you wish a card, email Anna.

## **6. Matters raised by Members of the Public (previously intimated)**

Various comments reference Camper van parked in Brook Street and although it was highlighted it has two wheels on the pavement the law which prohibits parking on the pavement has not yet come into effect. Bailie Scott has contacted police and the roads department who state no traffic offence is being committed.

## **7. Public Engagement Campaign Ideas**

We presently have a good relationship with Dundee City Council and a better balance of variety through social media, Spotlight and the regularly updated website. Specific issues include the Flood Defence System and community fridge.

## **8. Police Report**

Nil

## **9. Secretary's Report**

Blood Donations – moved temporarily to Marryat Hall.

My place awards.

Food Train – Meal makers.

Love Dundee Local – buying from local businesses.

What's on – Community activated.

Dundee Partnership E-Bulletin:- including deadlines for fund application for the remainder of the financial year, the Ferry has a remaining balance of £3637 which must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021,. Dates are;

10<sup>th</sup> December - funding released after 21<sup>st</sup> January.

14<sup>th</sup> January – funding released after 18<sup>th</sup> February.

11<sup>th</sup> February – funding released after 18<sup>th</sup> March.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) requirements for new BFCC and members of the general public attending meetings.

RTYC Chairman request to speak at BFCC meeting?.

Events in the context of COVID-19.

Temporary Traffic order, Home Street, Broughty Ferry (3 weeks from 7th December for gas mains renewal).

Xplore Dundee – New Network comes into effect on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with the consultation period ending on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Broughty Ferry affected routes are No.5 and No.9/10.

### **Broughty Ferry Flood Defence System;**

Update on work in progress; Work continues at pace as we progress along Douglas Terrace installing U channels, walls and the concrete infill along the length of section 1. The road to the west end of Douglas Terrace was closed to all vehicles for a few days earlier this month to allow for the safe removal of the south footpath and stone revetment. We issued letters and spoke to as many residents as possible who would be affected by this road closure, to ensure where necessary any support or alternative arrangements could be made. The work went to plan and we were able to reopen the road ahead of schedule.

We are pleased to welcome the stonemasons on site this week, they have started to build the stone facing for the flood prevention walls, and this should help residents get a better idea of the finished design. The project remains on programme and we're delighted to be able to continue support to local businesses. We can confirm we have recently appointed Kilmac and Tayside Contracts to complete our light civil package including; road works, pavements and lighting and they will start work early next year.

Community Liaison updates; Unfortunately the recent high winds blew away our community and story boards which were sited just along from the Ship Inn, we have now received a replacement board which will be erected shortly. We are also going to create a similar story board for section 3, Beach Crescent which will show how this section will be constructed and the finished design.

Our recent audit from the Considerate Constructors Scheme went well and the project was given a score indicating performance above compliance, our certificate is proudly displayed on the Community Board at the site office.

We've continued to roll out our Virtual Site Visit, with now over 80 students, studying various engineering courses from Abertay University, Dundee & Angus College and Perth College all getting an opportunity to learn about what we're doing in Broughty Ferry. We have also agreed to support 10 foundation Apprenticeship students from Grove Academy with remote work placements over the next few months.

Earlier this month we launched our competition to design decorative gates for the Flood Prevention Scheme. Details have been circulated to local schools and are available on our Community Boards and online. We will require 2 sets of decorative gates, one set will be located at the west end of Douglas Terrace and the second gate will be sited beside the RNLI. We've asked that these gates have a Broughty Ferry theme and wait with interest to see the creative ideas the students come up with.

We're keen to get involved in any community events the Community Council may be aware of, we appreciate much has been cancelled or postponed due to Covid 19 but we were pleased to see the Christmas Lights go up this month and we were happy to donate £500 towards these. We'd like to wish the Community Council and residents of Broughty Ferry a Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

- 10. Planning Report 2nd – 27th November (previously circulated)**  
20/00534/FULL – New shared foot/cycleway – The Esplanade, Broughty Ferry (letters to and from the Case Officer- Craig Swankie).  
Broughty Ferry Community Council's view as stated in its letter of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 is hereby amended to exclude the three conditions attached to its support of the application.  
The meeting endorsed the content of the letter sent to the case officer dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Application 20/00205/FULL – 383 Brook Street, Broughty Ferry – Partial demolition of listed building and erection of 3 dwelling houses.  
This application is still under consideration and further information has been requested from the applicant.

Traffic Order – issued with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> December that prohibits a left turn out of Home Street into Dundee Road for a period of 3 weeks to facilitate the renewal of a gas main.

Suburban Ranch; work going on without planning application, enforcement May be issued due to breach of planning. Roads department looking into the Site as there is no dropped kerb at the entrance.  
Bailie Scott will investigate for further information.

BFCC presently has a good relationship with the Planning department with the dialogue providing results.

- 11. Licensing Report**  
Nil.

- 12. Public Relations Report**  
Website: A few enquiries have come through on the website this month; in particular I would like to highlight the request from Hans Vogelfanger for help locating family members originally from Broughty Ferry and thanks to John for his above and beyond assistance with that enquiry. I have continued to put relevant info onto the website, if any cc's come across information which they think should be on there, please let me know.  
Facebook: Favourite Ferry Photo: At our November meeting and in my last report I asked if cc's could please send in their favourite spot in the Ferry, preferably with themselves in the shot, the idea was not only to create more of a link with our local community and make ourselves more approachable but to help me post an item everyday which will increase our profile and number of followers.

Disappointingly there have only been 3 photos to date (Jim Joyce and myself). I know everyone is busy but it really only takes a few minutes to do and it's for the overall benefit of BFCC. Of all the posts I have put onto the Facebook, the Favourite Ferry pics have attracted the most number of views!

Our number of followers has increased albeit slowly from 211 last month to 240 this month (26th November).

We need to use both the website and Facebook to increase community engagement; this should be an aim for next year.

Dundee Community Groups – Communication Meeting; I, Anna, Doreen and Jacqui met (Zoom) with Stobswell & Coldside representatives to further discuss how we all communicate with our local communities and the importance of community engagement. It was an informal meeting with no agenda as such but proved very useful in terms of tips and ideas on how we could move forward in the future.

Further Publicity; Spotlight: We have half a page re pop-up Jeane in the next issue which will be distributed this coming weekend to “Area 1” which is roughly south and east from Claypotts Road to South Balmossie, running along Camphill Road, see Spotlight's website for their area map.

The PR secretary updated her report; we now have 241 followers in our system using Face book, Spotlight and the website.

Finally, again if anyone has further suggestions for posts on FB or the website please let me know and if you can encourage any local groups or contacts you have who use FB please get them to share our posts so we can reach as many locals as possible. One possibility being a competition, possibly with a prize?.

**13. LCPP Report**

Grove Rector gave a talk and Jacqui highlighted a draft paper with regard to Engage Dundee findings and fairness commission.

Also highlighted was the Dundee Partnership funding, see secretary's report for details. The possibility of a BFCC notice board located in the Ferry may be an item which we could apply for the necessary funding.

**14. Matters Raised by Community Councillors**

Members to review the procedure for adoption (co-option of new members) rule. We also require a vice –chair for the BFCC.

**15. Contribution from Elected Members (ex-officio)**

**Although Councillor Craig Duncan had tendered his apologies he had submitted the following Report;**

Craig Duncan reported on the following; In response to a question arising at the November meeting of BFCC around the possibility of Libraries opening on some basis on Saturday's I am advised by the Acting Head of Leisure and Culture Dundee that this is indeed under consideration but the details are not finalised and that any such move would be dependent upon Dundee being placed into a lower category than the Tier 3 it is currently in.

I have had welcome news from the Council's legal department that it appears that Network Rail are going to upgrade the Harecraigs level crossing rather than attempt to close it which had seemed a very real possibility. Details are unclear but it seems that the crossing will be equipped with warning lights and perhaps other measures in Spring and that meantime pedestrian access will remain as at present and will continue to be monitored by Network Rail. I am pleased with this as it is a tacit acceptance of my contention that this crossing has been in use for so many years that it is in effect by virtue of long standing custom and use as a public right of way which cannot be extinguished at will and that if Network Rail have developed safety concerns after so many years, then it falls to them to undertake the necessary steps to render it safe.

Regrettably there have been incidents of fire raising and other anti social behaviour in Dawson Park, including setting stolen wheelie bins alight, as well as in an apparently separate incident; setting alight the Lifeguard shed stored there in the council compound off Caenlochan Road. I have reported these and other concerns to the council and police asking that improved security measures are put in place. It is important to recognise that such behaviour is not only inconvenient to residents who have their bins stolen but that the public purse is impacted by the attendance of police, fire brigade and council staff.

Care Staff Covid testing; council staff in care homes are routinely tested but residents raised concerns about council carers who visit clients in their own homes. Currently these staff are not routinely tested but I am pleased to hear that measures to increase such testing are hopefully to be in place by Christmas.

Street Lighting Timings... The nights are certainly drawing in and I have received complaints that street lights appear to be coming on at different times as dusk falls, meaning that drivers and pedestrians are subjected to stretches lit and stretches unlit around dusk, which plays havoc with "night vision" and has obvious safety implications. Accordingly I have asked the Street Lighting Partnership to look into this.

RNLI Remembrance event 11th November... the Broughty Ferry branch of the RNLI for the first time ever held a Remembrance ceremony outside their lifeboat shed on the evening of 11th November which I was honoured to be asked to attend. The event was very dignified and moving with the building suitably lit and with appropriate images projected onto it. They carried out this event for the first time ever against a backdrop of most of this year's normal Remembrance events being severely curtailed due to social distancing measures. Accordingly I would like to pay tribute to them for such a thoughtful and meaningful act which was certainly well received by the public there.

**Bailie Derek Scott submitted the following report;**

Places for people funding: The council was successful in its second bid to the Spaces for People fund. There are four project types across the city – green circular upgrading; connecting school and communities with new and improved footway and cycleway links; pop up cycle lanes on commuter routes and district centres physical distancing measures. When I have a note for the works to be carried out in Broughty Ferry I will report back to the Community Council.

Broughty Ferry Library: Now opened to the public for limited browsing and PC access. I have been asked by residents about the reservations service and have been advised that this should be back by the end of November, but because of quarantine restrictions the process will take longer than previously. In the meantime, there is a new stock ready to be delivered to all locations over the next few weeks which should help increase the choice to readers.

Harecraig Level Crossing: Network Rail has accepted that the council and the residents to the north of the railway line “may have rights” to use the crossing. They have not gone as far as agreeing that there is a public right of way over the crossing, but they have not denied there is one either. They have confirmed that upgrade works to the crossing are scheduled to commence in April 2021 and that the current measurers, whereby a member of their staff is at the crossing between 06.00 and 22.00 will continue until the permanent solution is in place.

Queen Street Car Park Recycling Point: This has been relocated as the old toilet facility has been sold. The City Development Department tried to minimise the loss of car parking spaces.

School estate: Education Scotland conducted an engagement with stakeholders about the council’s proposal to close Braeview Academy and Craigie High School to create a new joint secondary school / community learning campus and the expansion of the catchment area for Grove Academy to include the current Craigiebarns Primary School catchment area. It concluded that the recommendation for a new school should go forward. A further consultation period is currently taking place (up to 9th December). Any final decision on approval will be considered by the council’s Children and Families Services committee in January 2021.

Gray Street drainage: Work was carried out to alleviate the surface water that gathers near to the bus stop in Gray Street. It can pool quite badly at this location.

Monifieth Road speeding: I previously reported that mobile speed cameras are to be utilised on Monifieth Road / Dalhousie Road between North Balmossie Street and Reresmount Place. The council has now agreed to also install ‘going to or from playground’ signs near Orchar Park. In the longer term, as part of the Broughty Ferry – Monifieth Active Travel Project, the council has also applied for funding from Sustrans (subject to the necessary approvals) for the installation of a controlled crossing at Orchar Park, east of the Panmure Street junction.

Traffic speeds Fairfield Road: There are long standing concerns from residents about traffic speeds on Fairfield Road, adjacent to Dawson Park. Having raised the matter with the council’s roads and transport team, several actions are to be progressed including carrying out an updated traffic survey, the use of vehicle activated speed signs and consideration given to the possibility of utilising mobile speed cameras. The police are also to continue to patrol the location. There is a traffic order in place restricting the weight of vehicles that can use Fairfield Road but for some reason the appropriate signage is not in place. These will be reinstalled.

Environmental Improvements: Broughty Ferry sites included in the council’s annual capital improvement works are the play area in Marlee Road, which is to have the Wet Pour rubber safety surface beneath the swings replaced, there will be work carried out on the path that runs between North Balmossie Street and Inchkeith Avenue to ensure water can run off the path when it rains, as currently ponding occurs in some sections of it. In Dawson Park the old fountain will be painted and the area around the base upgraded along with tree planting and some landscaping. All the works within the programme are to be carried out between December and the end of March.

Christmas Lights: Well done to the Broughty Ferry Traders Association for providing and installing this year's lights. I think it is looking better than ever. I also spotted Gingy's ten gingerbread friends in the Gillies window display.

**Bailie Derek Scott updated his Submitted report as follows;**

Broughty Ferry Library commenced their service today.

Appropriate traffic signage in Fairfield Road has been reinstalled.

Environmental Improvements; Japanese cherry trees have been donated and will be planted in Dawson Park.

**16. AOCB**

Date of the January meeting (Tuesday 5th January 2021) and other reporting dates highlighted by the secretary, the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 was agreed.

Due to time constraints meeting dates for 2021/22 was held over until the January meeting.

Jacqui raised the AGM for discussion at the January meeting.

**It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council would be held on Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 7.00pm.**