

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Virtual Ordinary Meeting held using ZOOM on 2nd February 2021

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.), Brian Stewart, Neil Cooney, Fiona M Potton, Joyce McIntosh, Stan Nutt

In Attendance

Jacqueline Fleming.
Carole Jenkins
Natalie Mackland

Ex Officio

Bailie Derek Scott.

Apologies

Charlie Delaney, Isabel McLean, Doreen Phillips, Cllr Craig Duncan, Cllr Philip Scott.

Members of the Public Present

Nil; This was a closed meeting for BFCC, Elected Councillors (ex-Officio), DCC Empowerment team & Police representative.

2 Minutes of previous Meeting (5th January 2020)

With the following amendment;
Wording in Flood Protection Scheme Item 9 confusing and typo error in Item 14.
Minute proposed by Fiona Lund seconded by John Watson and agreed by the members present.

3. Matters arising from previous minute

a) Resignation of BFCC member Carolyn Forrester received by the secretary on 17th January 2021 due to the amount of time and energy required.

Email sent to Carolyn by the secretary on behalf of BFCC thanking her for her commitment as a member over the years and wishing her and her family well both now and in the future.

b) Election of Chairperson; John had spoken to Neil Cooney prior to the meeting and was encouraged by his response with Neil stating although still working, he would gladly accept nomination. Neil was formally proposed by John Watson, seconded by David Easson and his position as Chairperson agreed by members at the meeting. All members offered their support to Neil in his new role.

Jacqui highlighted the need for a Vice-Chair; Anna Robb stated although due to work commitment was unable to continue as Chairperson she was willing to be nominated as Vice-Chair and assist Neil where possible. Anna proposed as Vice-Chair by Stan Nutt Seconded by Fiona Lund and agreed by the members.

c) Email correspondence; There was discussion with regard to private email addresses being used for BFCC correspondence and although re-directing from the web site which

is monitored only by Fiona Lund was an option Carole intimated members have a statutory duty of means of contact and although recent correspondence has been excessive an alternative was to have individual email accounts for office bearers. Fiona Potton stated she did not use a private email address as there had been problems in the past.

It was suggested that Councillors consider using a separate email address for BFCC business. It was highlighted that queries should come through the web address for BFCC. A generic email address may be preferable for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary etc. Carole stated there could be a standard reply to web queries (Thank you for your email, we will review your concern in due course).

It was advised that all Community Councillors are copied into emails and responses where necessary.

John stated we all have the ability to block unwanted email addresses.

All members should share the workload and support each other.

It is suggested an item; Correspondence be put on the agenda to deal with any queries forwarded by any method. John, as Planning secretary has authority to deal with planning applications with drafts being sent out to all BFCC. Anything sent is a preliminary view and requires ratification at the following meeting.

d) Communication and distribution; Jacqui stated office bearers should assist the secretary who is carrying out a dual role (Secretary and Minute Secretary) where possible and assist in the Zoom control as at present only the secretary is the operator. As reports from office bearers are forwarded to all members by the secretary prior to the meeting, there is no requirement to insert them in full in the minute.

An abbreviated version along with any update would suffice.

Although the Treasurer role does not require an assistant/shadow at present, other positions do and all members should think about what they can do to assist.

The **approved minute** of the previous meeting will be available on BFCC web site following the meeting.

Contact information, Zoom etiquette and office bearer roles have been covered in the foregoing paragraphs.

4. Chairs Report

Nil to report.

5. Public Engagement Campaign Ideas

Fiona Lund responds to all web queries and requires help from all Community Councillors when requested to assist with answering them (please refer to this months PR Report), also she requires ideas & suggestions for posts on Facebook to keep interest going and to engage the public and keep increasing our number of followers, for instance a photograph competition to “re-brand” BFCC and update our current castle image or something similar. Possibly get other Broughty Ferry groups involved. There has been a meeting of groups in the library in previous years (2018) the list of attendees might be useful.

Request members to make a list of BF groups who may be interested, possibly the art society along with others. The possibility of photographs being made into a postcard could be explored but was dependant on funding and if funding was available?

Other points to consider would be how photographs would be sent in, where we would advertise the competition, who would judge, prize involved etc.

David intimated he had not seen Jeane (pop-up-policewoman) recently. Jacqui stated PC Garrie Watson is no longer assigned to Broughty Ferry and will get in touch with Police Scotland (Longhaugh) as to the situation.

6. Police Report

Nil Report.

7. Secretary's Report – Information received

Community Fridge presentation video link from Lynsey Penny.

Temporary traffic order (The Esplanade from 11/01/2021).

Temporary traffic order (Claypotts Road – repairs to dangerous wall).

Dog fouling / hedge in Queen Street, reply from Rod Houston DCC.

Partnership funding.

The big knit information.

Tablets for seniors.

IYN Blog.

Update on Broughty Ferry Flood protection Scheme (Previously distributed).

One item from the report discussed; Our Decorative Gates Competition closing date has been extended until 15th February, to allow all those interested the opportunity to take place.

We would like to invite a representative from the Community Council to take part in judging entries and deciding the winning designs which will be made into decorative gates for the project. If you could let me know a name and contact details, [Neil Cooney stated he would be happy to be our representative. The Secretary will forward his details to Dawn Turnbull, Community Liaison, McLaughlin & Harvey].

8. Treasurers Report

David had previously distributed the latest statement which was forwarded to members.

The bank balance as of 30/01/2021 is £1,281.95. A new statement arrived today 2/2/2021 but the figure has not changed since 24/12/2020

9. Planning Report;

For the period 4th – 29th January 2021 (Previously distributed).

20/00534/FULL; Proposed Development – New Cycleway, Footpaths and Infrastructure Improvements – The Esplanade, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.

This requires to be ratified by the meeting and was proposed by Fiona Potton seconded by Neil Cooney and agreed by all members present.

20/00823/FULL; Former walled garden, Linlathen Grove, Broughty Ferry, Dundee. Development of 16 Dwellings with associated infrastructure.

Preliminary view is we object to this application and was ratified by the meeting on 02/02/2021 as its formal view and a letter of such forwarded to Planning Officer Craig Swankie.

20/00824/Full; Land to north of 1 – 19 Linlathen Grove, Broughty Ferry, Dundee. Residential Development of 15 Dwellings with associated infrastructure.

The above applications is out with the allocated housing area with a change of design. It is suggested this be left to the Planning Department. James Doig proposed seconded by David Easson and agreed by members.

21/00048/FULL; Garden ground to rear of 182 Long Lane, Broughty Ferry, Dundee Erection of one and a half storey dwelling.

This site lies within the Broughty Ferry Conservation Area (2014) and has been the

subject of a previous application which was refused. The preliminary view that BFCC objects to the Planning Application in order to protect the character of the Broughty Ferry Conservation Area (2014) was ratified at the 02/02/2021 BFCC meeting as it's formal view and a letter forwarded to Planning Officer Craig Swankie.

John highlighted information he had received; Care UK are no longer involved with the Cambustay Hotel / Care Home site. The owners have entered into a new contract with Meallmore Ltd. a Care provider based in Inverness. The new application will be lodged in the near future for 54 beds (previously 70+ beds) and copy of the application / plans forwarded to BFCC.

10. Licensing Report.

Nil to Report

11 Public Relations Report; (previously distributed).

Website; Have been adding information throughout the month.

Fiona discussed the correspondence and enquiries received through the website and requested that all Community Councillors respond to her emails when possible as I am not happy answering some of the enquiries myself as it has been addressed to the full council and am wondering if there may be a better way to deal with enquiries coming into the website.

Lesley, our website administrator has updated the homepage again with some new photos and I asked her to make finding the list of Councillors easier to locate.

On the 19th January I sent a copy of my reply to a member of the public along with the enquiry with regard to contacting Community Councillors, to all Councillors but received no responses so have to assume that no one had an issue with it.

I have also asked Lesley how to add our meeting dates onto the events calendar so that they are also more visible, so will I hope be able to achieve that as it doesn't seem too complicated.

Facebook; Our community engagement has certainly increased this month along with our number of followers which has gone from 240 to 291 – a lot of this is in relation to our issue with regard to dog fouling & littering which attracted a lot of comments, including thanks to BFCC for raising the issue with DCC.

I venture to post something each day, either directly from us or shared from another post – again if anyone has any suggestions for content or FB pages that may be of interest please let me know.

Further Publicity; We were again contacted by Lindsey Hamilton (Evening Telegraph) for comments on both littering and the overhaul of the Broughty Ferry Post Office – I provided copy for both & both were used, so good to keep getting our name mentioned, even if it's just a couple of lines.

Spotlight; Would be useful if we could pop something into the next available issue, again suggestions would be welcome.

12. Matters raised by Community Councillors.

Consideration should be given to setting up a planning sub-group to spread the load on the Planning Secretary.

13 Contributions from elected Members;

Baillie Derek Scott's report had been previously distributed;

Harecraig level crossing update: - Network Rail are still adamant the Pedestrian crossing is not a public right of way but will remain open at the invitation of Network Rail and although DCC has the relevant paperwork stating it is a public right of way, Network Rail states it has to be public land on either side and at present one side is privately owned by RTYC.

It is anticipated Grove Academy can cope with increased demand once the new campus is complete. Following a question Derek stated the Grove catchment area is presently up to Drumsturdy Road

Esplanade Active Travel Proposal (Engage local residents):

Spaces for People programme (physical distancing):

VAS (vehicle activated speed signs – Fairfield Road):

Bus stop in Brook Street (knocked down, location to be reviewed):

Harecraig Level Crossing (Upgrade to be carried out in the spring):

Grove Academy (expansion of catchment area):

Parking (continue to be free for the time being):

SGN (upgrade of gas network):

Post Office (closed for renovation 24th Feb – 10th March):

Cllr. Craig Duncan's report had been previously distributed;

There were no queries raised.

A). Recently agreed at Children's and Families Committee that Braeview Academy and Craigie High School will close and be replaced by the creation of a new Community Campus on Drumgeith Road, hopefully to open in August 2025.

B). City Development Committee recently agreed to progress a "Safer School Streets Traffic Management" policy, basically on schooldays Monday to Friday 8.30am to 9.15 am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm

C). I recently met (remotely) with officers to discuss ways in which the many offers from members of the public to help clean the beach and promote recycling might be progressed. A number of possibilities were discussed

D). Gray Street Post Office was closed on Friday 29th January displaying a notice that due to an outbreak of Covid it would be closed until Friday 5th February.

E). I have again pressed for the installation of covered seating on the platforms of Broughty Ferry train station.

14. Items raised by members of the public

Nil.

15. AOCB

Nil.

It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council would be held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7.00pm.