

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Virtual Ordinary Meeting held using ZOOM on 6th April 2021

Meeting opened 7.00pm

Action

1. **Community Councillors Present**

Neil Cooney (Chair), David Easson (Treasurer), James Doig (Secretary), John Watson (Planning), Stan Nutt (Licensing), Fiona Lund (P.R.), Brian Stewart, Charlie Delaney, Fiona M Potton, Isabel McLean, Norma McGovern, Tara Javed.

In Attendance

Jacqueline Fleming.

Ex Officio

Bailie Derek Scott. .

Apologies

Anna Robb, Doreen Phillips, Doug McLaren, Natalie Mackland, PC Scott McEwing, Cllr Philip Scott, Cllr Craig Duncan,

Members of the Public Present

3 members of the public were in attendance.

2. **Minutes of previous Meeting (2nd March 2021)**

The amended final draft minute distributed to all members was agreed with an addition to (16 – AOCB – There was a 16 year old (Jamie Potton) on the Community Council many years ago and proved to be a good link to the young of Broughty Ferry).

The minute was Proposed by John Watson Seconded by Tara Javed.

3. **Matters arising from previous minute**

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

John stated a sub committee of 3 (himself plus 2 others) would suffice and had contacted interested members. (See planning Report).

Jeane (pop-up-policewoman) Jacqui stated PC Garrie Watson is no longer assigned to Broughty Ferry and has been in touch with Police Scotland (Longhaugh) as to the situation.

PC Scott McEwing is presently the liaison person for policing matters including (Jeane) the pop-up-policewoman.

John stated that P.R. Fiona Lund should be given assistance in her role due to the volume of work carried out.

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It was suggested that the Chair of the Grove Parent/Pupil Council (Tara Javed), at their meeting highlight to senior pupils (over 16) the work BFCC is involved in, in the hope of attracting younger residents to join BFCC or attend their meetings, this was agreed as the way forward to attracting more members of the public to get involved in Broughty Ferry.

It was suggested Craigie High and Dundee High School pupils resident in Broughty Ferry area could also be involved. Due to the current situation and exams this will be deferred until the new session in September. Tara will contact these school Parent/ Pupil councils to highlight BFCC and the work carried out.

TJ

4. Chairs Report

Neil thanked everyone for their attendance especially those involved in the BFCC election process.

He intimated the secretary had received an email of resignation from Joyce McIntosh and had replied thanking her for the input to the BFCC and presence at meetings, wishing her well in her other commitments.

Neil thanked the secretary for repairing pop-up Jeane and hopefully she will be back on duty soon.

The Flood Defence project is coming on as stated in the update and on the BFCC website and has been well received by residents.

5. Interim Election

Nominations have been received from the four co-opted members (Neil, Brian, Isabel and Tara), an additional two nominations have been received from members of the public.

The next meeting should be a formality, making the appointments official.

Jacqui suggested extending the meetings by 30 minutes over the next few months for training purposes whereby new and existing members if they wish could attend.

Initially development training would be carried out online. Training would be similar to that carried out previously at the Woodlands Hotel.

Members thought it would be of value and worthwhile and could involve other agencies.

Jacqui will put a package together and forward to members for review.

6. Matters Raised by Members of the Public (previously intimated)

Nil

7. Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received since our last meeting of 2nd March 2021.

3/3 Community Fridge.

3/3 BF Community Police (pop-up-policewoman).

3/3 Community & Dementia in Tayside (Course dates in spring 2021).

8/3 Age Scotland (Falls, treatment focus groups).

8/3 Have your say (Under nutrition info graphics).

9/3 Dundee Partnership Bulletin (issue 30).

10/3 20mph zone (DCC – Downfield Golf Club area).

10/3 Interim Election.

10/3 Dundee Partnership Funding (Community Regeneration Forum Budget of £20,000 allocated to spend between 31/5/2021 and 1/4/2022).

11/3 Pensioners Forum (Forthcoming Scottish Election – manifesto comments).

11/3 Older Peoples Services Network (Charity singing Café).

17/3 Dundee Museum of Transport (Survey to shape plans).

17/3 Mid-Lin Day Care Centre (AGM Invitation 26/3).

17/3 Intergenerational Information Session.
17/3 Persimmon Homes (Community Champions Charity Initiative).
22/3 Health Planning (Have your say research).
31/5 Peoples Assembly Reports
Other correspondence received by Fiona Lund P.R.had been previously distributed.

8. Public Engagement Campaign Ideas

The proposed photo / postcard competition idea has been discussed by a sub group of Fiona, Neil & Anna with regard to the practicalities, funding, categories, printing, method of entry and publicising. Discussion and research are ongoing.

9. Police Report

PC Scott McEwing forwarded the following report; With regard to the anti-social behaviour in relation to young people in the Broughty Ferry area, groups of young people have been identified and the situation continues to be monitored.

Further pro-active work has generated a substantial list of names.

The group causing the issues range from 14 – 17 years of age and can number in the 50's when gathering. They are from all over Dundee and appear to be meeting with local young people and drinking which is subsequently resulting in crime being committed.

We will no longer be carrying out plain clothes operations. We will of course continue to patrol the areas in question and operations will continue in high visibility where resources allow. The ASB at Barnhill is just a continuation of the wider ASB problem from the young people in the general area of Barnhill.

10. Secretary's Report – Information received (see also correspondence)

**Update on Broughty Ferry Flood protection Scheme (Previously distributed).
Broughty Ferry to Monifieth – Active Travel Project (Previously distributed).**

The Decorative Gates competition has now closed and shortlist of entries selected sent to Chairman Neil for judging. Each design was given an individual rating and returned to McLaughlin & Harvey.

The winning designs will be chosen in due course.

Correspondence as stated in item 6.

Broughty Ferry Flood Protection Scheme; Good progress being made and on target for completion in early 2022. The shared footpath / walkway at the west end of Douglas Terrace although not complete has opened and provides a good indication of the final design. Work commenced on Fisher Street and outside the Ship Inn to ensure completion prior to reopening. A platform created on Beach Crescent to allow work to continue and where there will be a stepped design onto the beach. Resurfacing of the carriageway has commenced at the west end of Douglas Terrace.

Broughty Ferry to Monifieth Active Travel; Confirmed funding for the project and planning consents granted. Tenders received for improvement works. Traffic order prepared for stopping up Mill Street, which was approved by Dundee City Council. For construction programme see update email. For information on the proposals for Windmill Gardens, refer to previously distributed update.

It was agreed that a part of this report could be inserted on the website which will form part of and be included in future planning reports.

- 11. Beach Management Report (Previously distributed).**
No walkabouts scheduled due to restrictions.
Beach award application is in progress with results expected in May/June.
No update at present on the Bathing Water Quality which should be announced about June and has been graded Excellent for many years now, so hopefully don't foresee this changing.
There has been quite a lot of litter picking in Broughty Ferry over the past year both from groups and families / individuals.
Brian reported that Rotary has recommenced litter pick and wish to share with other groups to alleviate covering the same areas. Broughty in Bloom, Beach Management groups and possibly others will be contacted with a view to liaising with each other.
- 12. Planning Report;
For the period 1st – 31st March 2021 (Previously distributed).**
Planning sub-group has been established since the March meeting and consists of John Watson (Planning Secretary), Charlie Delaney & Norma McGovern.
14 Planning and 3 tree applications were considered, preliminary views have been sent to the appropriate Case Officers and require ratification by BFCC.
21/00119/FULL 314-316 Brook Street Broughty Ferry; Extension to the rear of the property and formation of a beer garden. The preliminary view is that BFCC objects to this application.
Agreement to objection proposed by James Doig seconded by Neil Cooney.
It was intimated there were presently 24 objections from near residents.
21/00138/FULL Glenogil, 9A Ogilvie Road, Broughty Ferry; Proposed change of use from domestic dwelling to water sports headquarters and associated alterations for RTYC. The preliminary view is that BFCC supports the application subject to conditions referred to earlier.
Agreement for support proposed by Neil Cooney seconded by James Doig.
Stan Nutt declared that as a member of RTYC he would not take part in any discussion or vote.
Objections will be explained by the case officer prior the Planning committee meeting.
There is presently high demand being put on the Planning authority at the present time.
- 13. Licensing Report.**
No update to report, if planning is approved for the beer garden at the rear of 314-316 Brook Street as stated in the Planning Report, licence proposal will be received by the Licensing Secretary.
- 14 Public Relations Report; (previously distributed).**
Website; Adding information as usual and list of enquiries will be available at the April meeting.
Facebook; The number of followers has again increased to 344.
Posting more suggestions and information with regard to the forthcoming Community Council Elections.
Spotlight; Chairman Neil's appointment is running in the April, May and June issues along with an advert for the AGM to be held in May.

Publicity; There was an article in the Evening Telegraph with regard to further vandalism to pop-up-Jeane which has now been repaired and back on duty and the problems associated with anti social behaviour at the old Esplanade tennis pavilion.

15. Matters raised by Community Councillors.

ID badges/cards for Community Councillors would be useful when dealing with companies or the general public. This item was discussed some months ago and would certainly assist when out and about carrying out duties associated with BFCC.

NM

16 Contributions from elected Members;

Baillie Derek Scott's report had been previously distributed;

E-Scooters, contact with regard to the number and received advice from police and the Council's transportation division. Areas of concern are to be monitored and schools contacted to make pupils aware of the legislation.

Vandalism; A spate of vandalism and anti-social behaviour particularly at Barnhill Rock Garden and the Esplanade area have been raised with the police.

Litter; A large number of littering issues have been raised recently, the Council's Environment department are planning on engaging additional support including a number of specific community led initiatives.

Park Improvements; The Council is presently working on plans for upgrading the play area at Gillies Park which will be part of the 2021/22 Environmental Improvements Programme.

Memorial Benches; There are no plans to remove these benches along the Esplanade during the works. An inventory will be made in case any removal is required. Painting will be carried out as soon as current restrictions are lifted.

Dog fouling; Remains an issue, the animal control section is not patrolling areas as before due to current restrictions. Once they are removed they will resume patrols.

Arbroath Road Toucan Crossing; Queries received as to the location of the crossing. The location enhances and adds a missing link, connecting Douglas to the core path on Arbroath Road and enables potential bigger breaks to stop traffic flow when demand dictates.

Update; With regard to Ogilvie Road (see Planning Report), The road is presently un-adopted and owned by residents who have a liability for the upkeep of the road. If the Council were to adopt it, residents would require to bring it up to an adoptable standard which is unlikely due to its width?

Police Scotland is presently dealing with the spate of vandalism in the Ferry.

The new Toucan crossing on the Arbroath Road is a direct link to Douglas, the dedicated cycle path will continue along the Arbroath Road to the Kingsway.

The E-bikes are being used and well received by a number of people.

The phone box mentioned in Craig Duncan's Report must remain red.

Question raised regarding E-Scooters, how parents receive the information.

The Community Liaison Team will be attending all schools to highlight the legislation

Query regarding the old yellow Ferry cab wooden hut in the Queen Street car park, can it be painted a different colour and who owns it?, it is a listed building and Derek will make some enquiries regarding the colour and owner.

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

Phone Box; The red phone box at Beach Crescent has been adopted by the Council and will be removed for safekeeping due to the ongoing Flood Defence Works. It will be returned to a new position towards the end of the year with ownership transferred to the Broughty Ferry Traders Association.

Harecraig Level Crossing; Upgrades appear to be working smoothly although residents in the area have complained that the volume of the audible alert is excessive. This has been raised with Network Rail.

Grassy Beach Crowding; Complaints received, probably due to current circumstances the area has become very crowded with foot and cycle traffic with some “near misses” and altercations. The Council have been requested to consider the feasibility of better signage or other appropriate safety measures.

Linlathen Iron Bridge; There has been recent vandalism to some of the stonework of this Grade A listed structure which was restored and renovated in 2012. Police Scotland are investigating and the Council as owners advise they will restore the bridge but some of the broken stonework cannot be repaired. Builders Kirkwood Homes have offered help if they can and offers of financial support from residents have been passed onto the Council.

Council Tennis Courts; There has been recent discontent by parents of children taking part in tennis lessons at Dawson Park who claims the Council had put a stop to. The head of Environment advises that the Council are working with private operators to ensure an equitable system of booking is devised to ensure all people have access to these public facilities.

Barnhill Rock Garden; I attended a meeting with police, Council and the Friends of the Gardens to discuss increasing anti social behaviour. Details are being worked out but was agreed a combination of CCTV, extra police patrols and Council Community Safety Wardens would help address the issues before they escalate.

Esplanade Tennis Pavilion; This abandoned structure has been a magnet for anti social behaviour and at a cost to the public purse due to repeated visits by the Council, police and fire service. Following recent damage the structure is beyond economic restoration and will therefore be demolished until which time police and Community Wardens will keep the area under observation.

17. AOCB

Next months meeting commences with the 2021 AGM at 7.00pm followed by an Ordinary BFCC Meeting.

Election of Office Bearers at the AGM; (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Planning Secretary, Public Relations Secretary, Licensing Secretary).

It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council would be held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.30pm, which is preceded by the AGM at 7.00pm