

Broughty Ferry Community Council

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

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

1 Community Councillors Present

Anna Robb (Vice Chair), James Doig (Secretary), David Easson (Treasurer). John Watson (Planning), Brian Stewart, Charlie Delaney, Gavin Mackenzie, Doreen Phillips, Fiona Potton, Norma McGovern, Tara Javed.

In Attendance

Nil

Ex Officio

Baillie Derek Scott

Apologies

Neil Cooney, Jacqueline Fleming, Natalie Mackland, Cllr Craig Duncan, Cllr Philip Scott

Members of the Public Present

3 Members of the public were in attendance

2 Minute of Previous Meeting (1st June 2021)

The Draft Minute previously distributed to all members was agreed and proposed by John Watson seconded by Gavin Mackenzie

3 Matters Arising from Previous Minute

Associate Membership; Following agreement of Associate Membership of BFCC at the last (June) meeting, Chris Johnson was proposed by John Watson seconded by Charlie Delaney and agreed by the membership present. ID Badges; Jacqui is dealing with this item and those who have not done so are requested to forward a photograph (head & shoulders) to her. Brian thanked Derek for forwarding the spread sheet with traffic data from streets within Broughty Ferry.

4 Chairs Report

There was no report as Anna (Vice Chair) took the chair due to Neil Cooney's work commitments. Anna did indicate she was on holiday for the next meeting.

5 Matters Raised by Members of the Public (Previously Intimated)

No matters had been received by the Secretary.

6 Action Plan & Public Engagement Ideas

There was nothing forthcoming for this item, members should give some thought to ideas to bring forward to the next meeting.

7 Police Report

No Report

8 Secretary's Report

Unfortunately, I received an email from Fiona Lund our PR Secretary on 21st June 2021 informing me of her resignation as a member of BFCC. As PR secretary, Fiona updated the Website, Facebook and Spotlight, dealt with publicity, was involved with other committee's including beach management within Broughty Ferry and will be sorely missed. Although the Secretary had replied to her resignation, thanking her for the work done, the meeting agreed a formal letter of thanks from BFCC.

RNLI Lifeguards are now situated at Broughty beach over the summer months. The secretary had spoken to them and forwarded photos to BFCC members.

Update on Broughty Ferry Flood Protection Scheme (previously distributed)

Continue to make good progress and remain on schedule for completion of the project early 2022. Works completed from Home Street over the rail bridge to the new junction at Dundee Road. 380m of the new offset footpath has been opened to the public. Work continues on street works east of Home Street with this section due for opening in the coming weeks. Works on the north path of Fisher Street are nearing completion, once heavy Civils works are completed on the beach the street works will be completed in this section. On Beach Crescent, new drainage line installed and part of the old sea wall removed which will be the entrance to the new shared path. Construction of the new stepped revetment has commenced and works will be ongoing over the next few months. The site compound has been painted by Grove Academy pupils as part of the Princes Trust Community Project. The concrete ramp slipway along the grassy beach for the RTYC has been successfully repaired by McLaughlin & Harvey as a goodwill gesture.

Broughty Ferry to Monifieth – Active Travel Project

There is nothing further to add to the previous update provided.

Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received since our last meeting of 1st June 2021.

- 3/6 DCC – Stopping up order, Charleston.
- 3/6 Nicola Mitchell – Older Peoples Services Review.
- 4/6 Web – Panmure Street rail tunnel bollards.
- 4/6 Web – Tables on road outside Gracie's (Brook Street).
- 7/6 Jacqui – Independent Advocacy Information (SIAA).
- 7/6 Jacqui – Stay in Scotland, EU Citizens.
- 8/6 Nicola Mitchell – Volunteers week (Older Peoples Network).
- 8/6 Web – Public Survey on Biodiversity.
- 9/6 Nicola Mitchell – Tayside Falls, Pathways (Age Scotland).
- 9/6 Nicola Mitchell – Community Companion (Dudhope Multi Cultural Centre).
- 10/6 Nicola Mitchell – Shopping Experience Research of Older People.
- 10/6 Nicola Mitchell – Age Scotland. Online Benefits Training.
- 14/6 Jacqui – Engage Dundee 2021 Survey.
- 14/6 Jacqui – Cycling Friendly Community Fund 21/22.
- 14/6 Jacqui – Community Councillor Training, intro/Code of Conduct.
- 15/6 Nicola Mitchell – Have your say on Engage Dundee 2021.
- 17/6 Jacqui – Key for notice board at Queen Street car park.
- 17/6 Nicola Mitchell – Free Age Scotland Online Benefits Training / Booking.
- 21/6 Dundee Civic Trust – Newsflash 50 (June 2021).
- 23/6 Saving lives in the Community with AED (Defibrillator).
- 23/6 Nicola Mitchell – Digital Skills Support (Volunteering).
- 24/6 Managing Finances (Part Funded Places).
- 25/6 Jacqui – Recovery Friendly Dundee survey results.
- 25/6 Jacqui – Festive Fund 2021 (Round 2).
- 25/6 Nicola Mitchell – Say something Dundee Conversation Café.
- 1/7 Web – Health & Safety Conference. Post Covid 19 (9th November 2021).
- 1/7 Natalie – Fireworks Consultation (Amendment to Regulations).
- 2/7 Nicola Mitchell – Dundee Age Concern (Trustee's required for Board of Management).

9 Planning Report; For the period 1st – 30th June 2021 (Previously distributed)

Notif/007/2021; Proposed base station installation upgrade – Broughty Bowling Club. Removal of existing pole and foundation and replace with new pole and ancillary works. No comment is considered necessary.
21/00138/FULL; Glenogle – 9A Ogilvie Road, Change of use RTYC. At the April meeting of BFCC it was agreed to support the application. RTYC be invited to attend the BFCC September meeting to explain its forward plans for the club to members.

Land to the south of Old North Balmossie Street; Sale by Auction 2nd July 2021. A wooded site with many mature trees and an important site in terms of the local landscape.

20/00534/FULL; New cycleways, Footpaths & Infrastructure Improvements, The Esplanade, Broughty Ferry. Unanimously approved by DCC Planning on 18th January 2021 subject to conditions.

BFCC supported the original application await the decision without prejudice.

21/00484/FULL; Land to north of Colliston Drive, Broughty Ferry; Erection of new detached house with adjacent garage and gravel driveway. Similar application lodged in April 2017 was withdrawn and a second application lodged on the same site refused in April 2018. There are no material planning considerations to justify approval of this new application. The site is currently extremely untidy and unkempt, the applicant failing to maintain the site in good condition since inheriting it around 2016. It was agreed that BFCC strongly objects to this application. Letter of objection sent to Planning Officer Craig Swankie.

10 Licensing Report

Nothing to Report.

11 Public Relations Report

No Report due to the resignation of the PR Secretary.

New BFCC Associate Member Chris Johnson had offered assistance to Fiona at the June meeting and following his nomination at this meeting stated he was willing to look after and update the web site once he received the relevant data and information.

The Secretary will contact Fiona and Lesley (Thistle Software) and forward any information to Chris.

David (Treasurer) stated he had not received an account to date from Thistle Software, Secretary to investigate.

12 Beach Management Report

There had been a Beach Management walkabout the morning of the June meeting with the following items highlighted;

Two new Police Officers assigned to the Ferry; Lifeguards and Lifesaving Equipment; CCTV at the Rock Gardens;

new signage for animal exclusion zones.

It was highlighted there was still an issue with animals on the beach.

Lifeguards are having a problem with some animal owner's and there is no signage at the slipway adjacent to the Castle although there has been a signage improvement in other areas.

With regard to problems in the harbour BFCC had not been invited to any previous discussion.

Although there has been problems with jet skiers over the years, apparently, police spoke to jet skiers last week.

This problem may be highlighted on Facebook to raise awareness !

13 Matters Raised by Community Councillors

It was highlighted that dog waste bins are overflowing, DCC must ensure they are emptied on a regular basis.

Baillie Scott will contact the relevant authorities.

Contributions from Elected Members:

Baillie Derek Scott's Report had been previously distributed:

Railway Footbridge

Shiell Street footbridge will be stripped of existing timber deck and replaced with a reinforced plastic system. The structural steelwork will be stripped, cleaned and repainted with some repairs to piers and stairs.

Meeting with Police

Discussion with new community police officers to discuss local issues and raise concerns including the problem of 'boy racers', high visibility patrols will be undertaken and hopefully enforcement such as anti-social behaviour orders on the vehicles will spread the appropriate message.

Underpass in Panmure Street

Following a BFCC enquiry with regard to the spacing of bollards, they have now been moved to a more central position to close of the possibility of cars passing through and an additional blue sign has been installed indicating the underpass is for pedestrians and cyclists.

Defibrillators

Following a cardiac arrest at the 2021 Euros a question was raised if the council could provide more defibrillators in public places (all Leisure & Culture Dundee sports facilities have them). Council Officers have advised they are to assess the amount that might be needed prior to taking the issue forward. Rotary look after the Castle Green Defibrillator, as a number of private clubs have one It was suggested a map of Defibrillator location in the Ferry may be useful. An audit should be undertaken to source locations.

Lifeguards

It is good to see the return of Lifeguards at the beach. They will be on duty 10am to 6pm, 7 days a week until 5th September. Their primary duties are engaging with beach users on water safety and responding to first aid incidents. They will also place A-boards at the animal exclusion zone at the start of their shift and speak to owners to inform and educate them (they have no enforcing responsibilities). A number of new signs are also due to be installed at the beach and harbour.

Grass Cutting

A number of residents have complained with regard to the lack of grass cutting. The department has advised it is now catching up. Areas reported on requiring attention have now been done.

Douglas Terrace

Question raised with regard to the replacement of the 20mph roundels. The council is not planning to replace them but will monitor the situation over the remaining Flood Defence contract. The limited carriageway width and the extent of car parking provides a reasonable speed limiter, the traffic order (20mph), remains in place and if necessary the roundels can easily be replaced.

Phone box on Beach Crescent

This was due to be removed on 2nd June for storage but there was a request to witness it and removal was cancelled. The contractors have been asked to proceed as soon as they are ready.

Bus service

A meeting was held with the council's sustainable transport team to explore the possibility of a bus being diverted to serve residents of Clearwater Park/Ferryfields/Balgillo Heights area. No firm decision has been reached pending enquiries with Moffat & Williamson about the 88 Sainsbury's service and the collection of passenger number data on the council funded 206 service.

Cabmen's shelter

The shelter in the Queen Street car park has been repaired and painted in a colour more in keeping with its location.

Question raised: Electric scooters

The growing number are starting to cause problems on pavements and roads. Not sure if parents are aware of the legality. Derek will raise with the head of schools to highlight and ensure awareness. These scooters should only be used in private areas and users should have the relevant licence, insurance etc. If they were to be legalised it may reduce the number of cars on the road !

Cllr Craig Duncan's Report had been previously distributed

Forthill Primary

Requested the council to repaint the yellow Zig Zag markings during the school holidays.

Animal Exclusion Zone

Complaints and observations confirm breaches of the regulation on a regular basis and requested the council to provide more signage, especially directly east of the castle and the Lifeguards to explain the rules, the council to consider more robust enforcement measures.

Giant Hogweed

This continues to pose a potential risk to public health in areas around the Dighty, seven arches, Panmurefield where growth is prolific. Contacted the council to ensure landowners properly discharge their responsibilities to tackle such invasive species which rest with the landowner.

Policing

Met to discuss ongoing concerns around under age drinking hotspots, minor vandalism and anti social behaviour connected with some jet ski users and boy/girl racers in central Broughty Ferry and Esplanade. I am informed that many of these drivers do not reside in Broughty Ferry and police plan to carry out high profile enforcement actions.

Public Toilets

Previously requested the council to have opening / closing times clearly displayed as well as why the facilities at the Windmill car park has recently been closing at 3.30pm at the height of the summer as the beach can still be busy with visitors well into the long light evenings.

Missing bus stops

Again asked the council to reinstate physical bus stops missing on Monifieth Road outside Reres Park and in Brook Street outside M&Co, although the latter may be moved slightly as the current site has resulted in costly damage to the bus stop, presumably hit by poorly driven vehicles.

Jet Washing

Keep pressing for the main streets of much visited Broughty Ferry to be jet washed as the fancy pavement in Brook Street in particular is in a filthy state and does not showcase the Ferry in its best light. The council have promised action but a combination of ill health and equipment failures has delayed matters.

Douglas Terrace

Newly installed dropped kerbs have been installed as part of the flood defence project which are a boon to wheelchairs etc but are all too often obstructed by selfish or genuinely ignorant drivers who do not realise their purpose, the council have agreed to paint white lines at these locations which are not legally enforceable but hopefully highlight the presence of these dropped kerbs to considerate drivers.

15 AOCB

Query regarding Library meetings. It is not known at present when these meetings will resume. Legally we can hold 11 meetings / year in Broughty Ferry Library, which is the reason there is no meeting in August.

** It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council would be held on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.00pm.*