

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Virtual Ordinary Meeting held using ZOOM on 1st June 2021

Meeting opened 7.00pm

1. Community Councillors Present

Neil Cooney (Chair), Anna Robb (Vice Chair), James Doig (Secretary), David Easson (Treasurer), John Watson (Planning), Stan Nutt (Licensing), Fiona Lund (P.R.), Brian Stewart, Gavin Mackenzie, Doreen Phillips, Norma McGovern, Tara Javed.

In Attendance

Jacqueline Fleming.

Ex Officio

Bailie Derek Scott, Cllr Craig Duncan.

Apologies

Charlie Delaney, Doug McLaren, Natalie Mackland, Cllr Philip Scott,

Members of the Public Present

1 members of the public was in attendance.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (4th May 2021)

The draft minute previously distributed to all members was agreed and Proposed by Tara Javed Seconded by John Watson.

3 Matters arising from previous minute

Propaganda stickers in Broughty Ferry.
Overgrown bushes etc along Balgillo Road to Balgillo Road East (Greenbelt are responsible for the upkeep).
Prevention of dog's signage on Broughty Ferry beach.
Lifeguards for Broughty Ferry beach.

4 Chairs Report

As Chair Neil was late in attending the meeting due to other commitments, Vice Chair Anna took the Chair. There was no chair's report.

5 Associate Membership

As new members cannot be co-opted onto BFCC for a period of six months following an interim election it was suggested a member of the public can attend as an associate member. At the last meeting (4th May) a member of the public showed interest in becoming a member of BFCC, the secretary will email him with the relevant information.

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

One query came through the website; Update on the proposals at Queen Street car park. Bailie Scott intimated there was no update as the proposals were still within the public consultation period.

7 Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received since our last meeting of 4th May 2021. The secretary intimated correspondence would be included in future Secretary's Reports.

14/5How to participate in the legislative process in an effective way.

17/5Dundee Partnership Bulletin May edition No.31).

17/5Co-op Local cause application (for non profit groups & charities).

18/5Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP Leaflet).

20/5Refugees in Broughty Ferry (BF Churches Group).

21/5Showcase Older People's Services Volunteers.

21/5Free Open University Courses for Community Councillors.

26/5LCPP Minute and information.

27/5Carers Survey.

28/5Dundee Third Sector Interface Newsletter.

31/5Digital Skills Training.

31/5Community Fridge Meeting (Thursday 3rd June, 7.00pm).

Other correspondence received by Fiona Lund P.R.had been previously distributed.

With regard to Refugees in Broughty Ferry which is supported by the churches group, Treasurer David intimated they are looking for volunteers to assist, it was also suggested information could be intimated on the website and discussed with Broughty Ferry Traders Association.

8 Public Engagement Campaign Ideas

No further update, information passed to chairman and still looking at funding for a photo competition with images being put on the website and post cards made to promote Broughty Ferry.

9 Police Report

No report.

Secretary intimated he had sent relevant information to the two new Community Police Constables. Cllr Craig Duncan had met with them and they had stated they are willing to be involved in the Community depending on their shifts.

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

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

Douglas Terrace – From the rail bridge at Dundee Road and Home Street has been completed and section reopened. Now moved on to the section between Home Street and Westfield Road. Stone work and coping has been completed up to Westfield Road.

Fisher Street – Paving completed outside the Ship Inn and continuing with the north footpath towards Ambrose Street with a design change outside the RNLI houses.

On the beach in this area the sea wall has been completed and installing drainage and infill for the cycle path and walkway towards Beach Crescent where the old footpath has been broken out and continuing with drainage and the installation of graded and precast step installation.

Decorative Gates Competition – Presentation to the winners.

I have been in touch with the new Community Liaison Officer (Katy Bald) and arranged a site tour in the next week.

Broughty Ferry to Monifieth – Active Travel Project

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

11 **Planning Report;**

For the period 4th – 28th May 2021 (Previously distributed).

20/00823/FULL Development of 16 dwellings at Linlathen Grove, Broughty Ferry;

This application was objected to by BFCC, validated at the February meeting and refused at the Planning Committee meeting and the letter of refusal dated 20th May 2021.

21/00824/FULL Development of 15 dwellings 1-19 Linlathen Grove, Broughty Ferry;

BFCC decision at the February meeting was to allow the planning procedure to run to decision. The application was refused at the May Planning Committee meeting.

20/00841/FULL Change of use to conservation and education facility, south of Arbroath Road and north of Balgillo Road;

BFCC's preliminary view to object to this application was sent to the Case Officer on 21st May 2021, circulated to members and requires ratification or otherwise at the June meeting.

This lengthy report sent to the Planning Officer covered many aspects including various policies under the 2019 Local Development Plan.

Objection was approved and proposed by Doreen Phillips, seconded by Norma McGovern.

John was thanked for the report and attached information.

21/00332/FULL Demolition of 0.9m high dividing wall, 11A Davidson Street, Broughty Ferry;

Communication received from David Hewick with a request that since the wall was in a conservation area demolition should be avoided and BFCC object to the application.

Planning Secretary already considered the application and observed works had previously been completed in the past 20 years which was not compatible with the conservation of the wall and recent Planning Permission had been given for the demolition for a portion of the wall at No.11. BFCC would therefore remain silent and allow the planning process to proceed to decision.

21/00048/FULL

Erection of dwelling at 182 Long Lane, Broughty Ferry; Letter from Planning Officer Craig Swankie informing BFCC of the refusal of the application and the specific conditions and reasons for refusal. This is the fourth application with all four having been refused.

12 **Licensing Report.**

Nil to report, all quiet at the present time.

13 **Public Relations Report; (previously distributed).**

Website; Adding information as usual throughout the month.

Web enquiries will be available at the June meeting.

There was a technical glitch during May but has since been sorted and updated.

Facebook; The number of followers has again increased to 361.

The most popular posts are the Flood Protection project and Queen Street car park proposed improvements.

Spotlight; The new BFCC Chairman's article has been run in all three issues.

Other BFCC articles can be run, if there are any suggestions as to content, please contact PR Secretary Fiona, Following discussion articles could include; meet your Community Councillor, a question and answer guide to the Community Council.

Publicity; The Evening Telegraph contacted us with regard to the proposed CCTV for the Esplanade and Rock Gardens. The article was run in the Courier and we were also asked to comment on the new safety equipment and return of lifeguards for the beach. As the information had not been confirmed we stated we welcomed any proposals which increase safety on the beach.

Fiona intimated there had been a Beach Management walkabout this morning and although this report is due at the July meeting the following items were highlighted. Two new police officers in the Ferry, Lifeguards and Life saving equipment, CCTV at the rock gardens, new signage for dog exclusion zone.

14 **LCPP Report**

Result of elections and numbers discussed.

Funding; There are three distinct funds (Shopping Centre, Partnership and funding to assist with alcohol / drug prevention. There is also a festive fund available for any group.

Although LCPP meetings are open to the public, some BFCC members (Neil and David) normally attend, others at tonight's meeting (Norma and Tara) stated they were interested in attending future meetings. This was agreed.

15 Matters raised by Community Councillors.

With regard to the provision and cost of Community Councillors ID badges, David stated they should be paid for from the BFCC funds. Proposed by John, seconded by Fiona.

The ID badges would be dated for four years following an election (the term members are elected for) but if a member resigns within the period the badge should be returned.

It was highlighted that now some restrictions had been lifted there appeared to be additional inconsiderate parking in the Ferry with car parks being less used due to the reintroduction of charges. There had been a complaint regarding the seating area outside Gracies in Brook Street but this had gone through the proper Council procedure and should be removed when stated on the date agreed.

16 Contributions from elected Members;

Baillie Derek Scott's report had been previously distributed;

Harbour/Beach Area; Discussion meeting held with various parties including new/improved signage, provision of Lifeguards and animal exclusion zone. Progress made and actions to be implemented to be announced soon. There was a lengthy discussion with regard to jet skis, the safety of navigation in the Tay is the responsibility of the Harbour Master and only covers certain aspects. John was involved in drawing the by-laws in 1984 which covers jet skis but the onus is on those who control the water.

Once the Flood Protection project is completed entrance to the harbour will be by the flood gates which may be closed.

Reference the existing wooden animal exclusion zone at access points to the beach, presently highlighted in black to be repainted a light colour to make more obvious. Signs also to be located at the east end of the beach/ Esplanade alerting dog walkers to the animal exclusion zone.

Carriageway works; £750K extra funding allocated by the Council for carriageway surface treatment this financial year, additional schemes highlighted Balmyle Road, Ellieslea Road, Albany Road (east), Deepdale Place, Falkland Crescent and sections of Marlee Road, Seafield Road, Strathern Road and West Grange Road.

Local Nature Reserve; Improvements to be carried out on the path to alleviate drainage issues.

Parking; Queen Street car park project, three additional car parking spaces to be lost may result in parking problems at peak times. Review of loading bays in Brook Street/Gray Street requested which appear to be under used although there can be a traffic problem with large lorry's at specific times being unable to manoeuvre into loading bays.

One consideration may be loading/unloading times within these loading bays.

20mph Zone; This is designed to be self enforcing but members thought some vehicles were not observing the limit. Speed monitoring recorded data available (mean speed in Brook Street, King Street and Esplanade averaged between 16.4mph and 19.5mph. Derek will pursue with the transport office and request all available speed data.

Plans have been adjusted with regard to the bio-diversity area zones and can be viewed on the Council web site.

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

Lifeguards/Jet skis; Discussion meeting with various parties informed that it is likely Lifeguards will be posted at Broughty Ferry sands this year, awaiting final details.

Possible measures to limit or control Jet Ski activities including code of conduct, restricting access to the harbour but no legal basis to fully ban jet skis. Better and clearer signage to be produced to show which areas are permissible. Although enforcement is difficult action will be taken against inappropriate or dangerous behaviour.

St Vincent Street rail Tunnel; Complaint from residents approaching from the south unable to see the traffic lights and often stuck under the bridge, blocking access from the north. Council promised better signage and warning markings.

Telephone Box Beach Crescent; Likely to be removed and placed in storage this week until Flood Defence works completed in the area and will be returned to a nearby location and handed over to Broughty Ferry Traders Association.

Local Policing; Meeting arranged with recently appointed local officers to discuss a range of concerns around anti social behaviour, inconsiderate parking around schools etc.

Bus service provision north of the A92; Requested provision of service due to the growing number of housing in this area, discussing possible trial by altering the present 206 route which serves Panmurefield and options available with elected members of the Ferry.

Update; The red telephone box is to be removed tomorrow (Wednesday).

Rock gardens CCTV, issue to be raised with Police Scotland sergeant for the Ferry.

MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) pitches have been installed at Baxter and Gillies parks if members wish to view them. Funding also available through the Common Good Fund.

At the meeting with regard to jet-skiers they should act responsibly, signage is being addressed. The banning of jet skis or provision of permits is a legal matter and as the control of waters of the Tay is under the jurisdiction of Forth Ports, only they can issue permits.

17 AOCB

The housing north of the Arbroath Road (Clearwater Park) has a residents group which Chairman Neil is on, they are seen to be part of the community and are looking at ideas and funding for the community.

Jacqui stated it may be useful to put an action plan on the agenda, especially for available funding.

Training sessions were available for Community Councillors and Dundee City Council have an available training course on communications.

It was stated Natalie has information on what other Community groups do and go about getting required funding. Tara to look at getting in touch with other groups.

It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council would be held on Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.00pm.