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## **Broughty Ferry Community Council**

**Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on  
1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

**1. Community Councillors Present**

Neil Cooney (Chair), James Doig (Secretary), John Watson (Planning), Stan Nutt (Licensing), Charlie Delaney, Chris Johnston, Doreen Phillips, Fiona Potton, Isabel McLean, Norma McGovern, Tara Javed.

**In Attendance**

Sarah Barham.

**Ex-Officio**

Bailie Derek Scott.

**Apologies**

Anna Robb (Vice Chair), David Easson (Treasurer), Brian Stewart, Doug McLaren, Gavin Mackenzie, Natalie Mackland, Cllr Craig Duncan, Cllr Philip Scott.  
PC Steven Wallace, PC Fiona Hall.

**Members of the Public Present**

Graham McKee – (see item 2).

**2. Work of the WRBF**

Presentation by Graham McKee on the work of the (With Refugees Broughty Ferry). A voluntary group (attached to Broughty Ferry Churches) working to help refugees displaced by war from the Middle East and North Africa, identifying opportunities for volunteers to get involved in various projects in Dundee and overseas.

Dundee Refugee Support operates a clothes donation and sorting operation, sending clothes to refugee camps in Europe and the Middle East.

Support the Council and other agencies by providing mentors who assist in English language learning and getting into work. Also take part in social events to bring people together.

We support Kalunba, a charity which supports and integrates refugees in Budapest.

**3. Minute of Previous Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> February 2022)**

The Draft Minute previously distributed to all members was agreed in its

entirety and proposed by Norma McGovern seconded by Neil Cooney.

#### **4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute**

Update from Bailie Scott:- Road Humps at Balgillo Heights; Presently the responsibility of Kirkwood Homes who are aware of their responsibilities which is presently private until adopted by the council.

Speeding in Forthill Road; Previous surveys indicated a mean speed of under 28mph. The road is not suitable for a 20mph speed limit, a further speed survey will be undertaken by Police Scotland and council officers will consider deployment of vehicle activated signs to help moderate speed.

Resurfacing at Camperdown Street/Seafield Road; Deferred until the 2022/23 financial year but will be inspected in the interim and any actionable defects repaired. Claypotts Road traffic island; This is not a pedestrian refuge island; it was positioned to prevent other vehicles overtaking stationary buses dropping off school pupils. The barrier at the school entrance is there to prevent people using the island.

Community Alarms; Part of the councils Social Care Response Service. There are different pathways into the service (as distributed) with individuals receiving a personalised outcome based on their needs but predominantly supports people with a high risk of falls but provides a wider range of support.

Pavement Parking Legislation; Will be set nationally with the present target being no later than December 2023. Dundee City Council are reviewing exemption requirements during the summer of 2022 prior to providing a report to the City Development Committee.

Doreen Phillips has been in touch with colleagues at Angus Council regarding the concern of Fishers buses use of Montague Street (Secretary sent her details of the Web notification). Route had been changed several times due to vandalism of buses with the current route being most suitable

Doreen also highlighted the lack of signage at the Monifieth end of the beach. Hopefully there will be negotiations with Angus and Dundee Councils.

Reference the pedestrian lights crossing at Broughty Ferry Library from Sarah Barham; Technically the time for crossing can be increased to any value but given the width of the road and an average walking speed of 1.5 metres/second gives a time of 6 seconds on red therefore the present 10 seconds exceeds the minimum and as this is a Puffin Crossing it automatically extends the red to traffic if someone is still on the crossing to a maximum of 15 seconds.

#### **5. Chairs Report**

Neil intimated the next meeting of LCPP will be held on 24/03/2022 at 4pm.

#### **6. Matters Raised by Members of the Public (Previously intimated)**

Web form received 14/02/2022 (forwarded) Concern regarding amount of rubbish on/around Broughty Ferry beach along the Esplanade.

Sandy Boyd DCC had been contacted regarding this problem. Different bins are to

be sited.

Web form received 28/02/2022 Person wishing details of contact with regard to placing a memorial bench in the Ferry. Passed to relevant DCC department.

**7. Action Plan & Public Engagement Ideas**

Nil

**8. Police Report**

Although the BFCC Secretary had not received a report, Sarah stated a combined Police report had been received by the Community Empowerment Team (Broughty Ferry Report) as follows

Due to the spate of theft by housebreaking to commercial properties – Longhaugh Community Team have conducted high visibility foot patrols and leaflet drop carried out. Commercial premise owners and staff spoken to and given both advice and assurances. Constable Wallace has engaged with the public regarding the issue.

The Community Investigations Unit have been successful in identifying and arresting the individual responsible for these crimes, relevant reports have been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Targeted ongoing approach to a number of residents causing anti-social behaviour within numerous streets in Broughty Ferry area. Reassurance visits/patrols to residents, single point of contacts established and enforcement action taken against problematic tenants along with the support of partner agencies.

Long Lane – antisocial behaviour and possible drug dealing identified. Constable Wallace has attended on multiple occasions and spoke with/reassured neighbours. Problematic occupant identified and ongoing work around any criminality identified. Single point of contact, liaison with private landlords re-this.

Grove Academy – Hate Crime, Social Media and Drugs inputs to be carried out by Constable Wallace before schools break up for Easter. Ongoing work with Grove Academy regarding anti-social behaviour both in and outside school. Verbal warnings issued and parents spoken too.

Eastern Primary School, Constable Jackson and Hall delivered inputs around 'People who help us'.

Mobile vehicle patrols within Broughty Ferry area to deter and eradicate anti-social behaviour on the roads in Broughty Ferry. A number of cars parked at the car park on Esplanade were traced and verbally warned regarding noise of music coming from within vehicles.

A number of vehicles stopped and warned/apprised of the newly implemented 20mph speed limit.

School Parking – Continued patrols/enforcement action around schools in Broughty Ferry area with regards to parking issues around school start/finish times.

Multi agency meeting attended regarding parking issues at Forthill Primary and joint enforcement days carried out at Forthill Primary with Dundee City Council parking attendants and Dundee City Council disabled fraud team resulting in numerous parking fines issued by DCC.

Constable McEwing and Wallace have also delivered inputs including topics such as Road Safety and People who help us inputs carried out at Forthill Primary school.

#### **9. Secretary's Report (Previously distributed)**

##### **Update on Broughty Ferry Flood Protection Scheme (Previously distributed)**

Resurfaced the road on sections of Beach Crescent and closed off the junction at Castle Approach with pedestrian access only, up to the castle with a diversion for all other pedestrians through the Castle Green park area. Beach Crescent will be open one way within the next two days and we are due to finish the last section (Beach Crescent) by the end of March.

We have commenced works by the Castle and barracks to install a new footpath and retaining wall.

##### **Correspondence**

The following correspondence has been received since our last meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

03/02 Flood Prevention, traffic order requirements.

04/02 Library pedestrian crossing, Queen Street.

14/02 Web form; Litter around the Esplanade and beach.

16/02 Rotary to recommence litter-picking in March.

24/02 Survey regarding making areas of Dundee smoke free.

28/02 Web form; DCC contact for placing a memorial bench.

Secretary had been given an update on the health of David Easson from his wife which had been forwarded to all members. The Secretary passed on the good wishes from BFCC.

#### **10. Planning Report for the period 25<sup>th</sup> January – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 (Previously distributed)**

Of the 12 Planning and 10 tree applications examined, one required attention.

##### **21/00924/CON Pavilion, Rugby Terrace (Complete Demolition of Pavilion Building in a Conservation Area.**

This application can be linked directly to 21/00946/FULL which BFCC has already commented upon and lent its preliminary support. The Building Inspection Report attached as a supporting document makes it clear why demolition listed in the report

is recommended as the preferred option.

BFCC preliminary view is that it supports the recommendation. Ratified at the February meeting.

In addition to the demolition of the pavilion the tennis courts are to be upgraded and the whole area renovated.

21/00504/FULL; Mixed use path to link Tom Johnston Road and Linlathen Lane, although BFCC supported the application there have been a number of objections and therefore have to go to committee for decision.

Hoardings have been installed on the north side of Tom Johnston Road adjacent to the road, cutting off the grass footpath.

**11. Licensing Report.**

Nil to report.

**12. Public Relations Report**

Dundee Courier journalist had contacted Chair Neil with regard to the approved increase in cost of the brown bin uplift.

**13. LCPP Report**

Next meeting in March.

**14. Matters Raised by Community Councillors**

Fort Street (north) parking; As this is a busy bus route they often have difficulty at the corner at the top end of Fort Street due to parked cars. Is it possible to extend the double yellow road markings to enable free flow of traffic.

Due to the build-up of traffic in Balgillo Road East which at times backs up to the roundabout on Arbroath Road, is it possible to install a left turn lane at the junction with Balgillo Road.

Are there any plans in place to commemorate the Queens jubilee? Nothing presently envisaged.

Electric car charging points in Camperdown Street; there appears to be a lack of signage. Bailie Scott to discuss with Council.

Ferryfields bus service, are there any plans to provide a service to this area. Companies have investigated and stated it was not commercially viable.

Re-routing the 206 (funded by the council) has been investigated but as this is an hourly cycle the rest of the route would require changing. Bailie Scott to check.

A cart has been sited at the bottom of Victoria Road has been there for some time and is thought may be a safety concern.

## 15. Contributions from Elected Members

### **Bailie Derek Scott's Report (Previously distributed).**

**Litter Bins;** Concern from residents regarding overfilled bins along the route from Grove Academy to the shops in Brook Street. Environment Department advised there is to be a change in the type of bin used, which should deal with the capacity issue, particularly during lunch time breaks.

**Road Safety;** Previously reported chasing signs to be erected on Monifieth Road, near Orchar Park and Reres Hill, alerting drivers to the fact they are approaching a public park and there might be young people crossing the road. Two :  
"Children Playground" warning traffic signs have now been installed, one on the eastbound approach to Orchar Park, the other on the westbound approach to Reres Hill.

Due to an on-going backlog of works, the councils in-house design team have so far been unable to carry out the detailed design to allow procurement of the works to install the new active travel pedestrian crossings on Monifieth Road at Panmure Street and Dalhousie Road at Guthrie Terrace. I will report back when notified of a start date for these works.

**Public Toilets;** The council are to terminate the lease on the automated public convenience (APC) located in Queen Street car park. The facility will remain open until April 2023 before being removed. I have requested this decision be reconsidered as I believe the alternative provision suggested (the toilet in the library), isn't suitable as a main public convenience without a major upgrade. I would like the local traders and the team on the council who promote tourism to be consulted as well, before any action is taken.

Meanwhile, I have asked the City Development Department if anything can be done to enhance the toilet block at Windmill car park to tie in with the active travel improvements. A building survey is to be carried out and options identified.

**Gillies Park;** Work to upgrade the play area at Gillies Park is due to commence on 26<sup>th</sup> April and is expected to take 6 weeks to complete.

**Storm Damaged trees in public areas;** The council's sub-contractors are on target with their programme of work. They will be on site in Reres Hill in the next two weeks to carry out and complete the removal of the storm damaged trees on the east side of the park. While there was less damage to the trees on the west boundary, these have also been inspected and all appear in a fair and reasonable condition with no above ground visible indicators that would indicate any cause for concern.

There is some outstanding storm damage work still to be done at Barnhill Primary School. Three part blown pine trees, a standing but damaged pine tree and an alder

tree are to be removed. The remaining conifer trees at this location are in an acceptable condition.

**Cllr Craig Duncan's Report (Previously distributed)**

**Strathern Road Work;** Temporary bus stop arrangements, ongoing works to properly upgrade the carriageway surface are most welcome, several residents complained there was no information at the stops currently inaccessible in the closed off section as to where temporary stops are located (Victoria Road & Ralston Road). This is particularly confusing for visitors to Broughty Ferry and I have asked the council to ensure such information is displayed at affected stops in the current work section and in the next phase.

**20mph Zones – Speeding;** I have personally observed and received complaints about what appears to be an increase in instances of some motorists travelling well in excess of the 20mph zones in central Broughty Ferry such as Brook Street and King Street. The limit in these zones is mandatory as opposed to merely advisory and I have therefore asked the police to try and pay particular attention to enforcement.

**Flood Defence Works – Safety Concerns;** I recently met on site with a member of BFCC to discuss safety concerns he had about recent works around Castle Green / Castle Approach and having passed these on to the council and contractors I understand that his perfectly valid concerns have been taken on board.

**Waterfront Benches / Litter Bins;** Several residents have complained that recently installed benches are sited far too close to litter bins which obscure the view and will doubtless smell vile in warm weather, I have raised these concerns with the council who have agreed to site permanent bins more appropriately, so that residents and visitors can enjoy sitting on the new benches without the ambiance of another wise enviable vista being spoiled.

**A92 Cycle Walk Way – Litter;** I have received complaints about litter along this route and have pressed for more bins and an enhanced cleaning regime.

**16. AOCB**

**It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council would be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.00pm.**