

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday 5th April 2022

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. Community Councillors Present

Neil Cooney (Chair), James Doig (Secretary), David Easson (Treasurer), John Watson (Planning), Stan Nutt (Licensing), Chris Johnson, Doreen Phillips, Tara Javed.

In Attendance

Ex-Officio

Bailie Derek Scott.

Apologies

Anna Robb (Vice Chair), Brian Stewart, Charlie Delaney, Doug McLaren, Fiona Potton, Gavin Mackenzie, Isabel McLean, Norma McGovern, Natalie Mackland, Sarah Barham, Cllr Craig Duncan, Cllr Philip Scott. PC Steven Wallace, PC Fiona Hall.

Members of the Public Present

One member of the public was in attendance.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting (1st March 2022)

The Draft Minute previously distributed to all members was agreed in its entirety and proposed by John Watson seconded by Doreen Phillips.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minute

Bailie Derek Scott provided an update on points raised; Queen's Platinum Jubilee; as stated earlier the council do not have available funding, possibly Awards for All. A new Lord Provost, taking office in May, may wish to do something ?.

Camperdown Street EV chargers; now live in use, signs ordered and will be installed when available.

Bus link to Balgillo Heights, Clearwater Park, Ferryfields; Pursued with bus companies but unable to find a workable solution. Companies are aware of the council's aspiration to have a bus route serve these housing developments.

Following contact with the Transport Team Leader he reminded bus companies there is a growing housing development north of the Arbroath Road which would benefit from a service to the City Centre which could potentially help increase patronage on existing services and accommodated without significant impact on the current passengers travelling time.

Possible left turn lane in Balgillo Road East; Following contact with the Head of Sustainable Transport & Roads, there are no plans for junction widening at this location, the reason being a left turn lane might encourage use of this route by providing journey time betterment over the Claypotts junction route, increasing traffic in the Balgillo Road area, worsening traffic issues.

Junction widening is planned to the Claypotts junction (additional lane on the westbound entry) which will increase junction capacity, reduce queue lengths and potentially lessen the number of vehicles detouring via Balgillo Road East.

4. Chairs Report

This April meeting is being held by Zoom due to their being no authorised member available to lock the library at the close of the meeting.

Chairman highlighted Scotland's Town Partnership, looking at projects and funding.

As you are probably aware, both Natalie Mackland and Sarah Barham are being relocated from the Ferry ward to the North East ward, we wish them all the best.

Their replacements are Communities Officer Christine Miller and Community Learning and Development Worker Joanne Kelly whom we welcome onboard.

5. Matters Raised by Members of the Public (Previously intimated)

The following Web forms have been received;

Rubbish left on beach by Flood Defence contractors.

Request for information regarding another memorial remembrance bench, forwarded to relevant DCC department.

Planning query regarding an unfinished wall at Abertay Street / Monifieth Road junction, 105 Monifieth Road (see Planning report).

The member of the public present, highlighted the potential problem with the Glass Pavilion (Urban Beach), Application 21/00920?FULL, applying for a variation of conditions 2 & 3 of planning permission 06/00925/FULL, to extend opening hours and allow takeaway food and drink. Planning Secretary will examine the application and forward his findings.

6. Action Plan & Public Engagement Ideas

Nil

7. Police Report

February/March update received today 5/5/2022;

(Antisocial behaviour / vandalism – youths) – Issues well documented regarding vandalisms and anti-social behaviour particularly along the waterfront, Esplanade and Castle area and further east in Panmurefield.

Initiative carried out on Saturday 2nd April 2022 involving the Community Policing Team. Visible patrols carried out in these problem areas and groups of youths engaged with. Reassurances provided to people living on Lawers Drive at Panmurefield regarding these issues and ring doorbell footage obtained of those involved.

Constable Wallace will liaise with Grove Academy when the schools reconvene to circulate images and aid with identification.

Large groups spoken to and moved on from the Castle area. Would appear that youths are getting on buses in groups of 40-50 due to the free passes they now have and are congregating in Broughty Ferry amongst other areas including the City Centre, Dundee.

Information has recently been forwarded to the Community Policing Team regarding the person responsible for spate of spray painting, vandalisms, enquiry is continuing to have this matter detected and those responsible dealt with appropriately.

Enquiry also ongoing with Xplore buses re CCTV and awaiting a reply re vandalism on-board one of their buses. In addition, Sergeant Kiddie is in contact with Xplore looking at solutions / intervention going forward around the free use of the buses by youths and the additional problems this is bringing. Inputs will likely be instigated to all schools once they return after the Easter break around this issue along with the support of partner agencies

A request has been sent to the mobile CCTV unit to show presence at these problematic areas as often as possible beginning 04/04/2022 and Community Wardens have been contacted and apprised of the issues and confirmed their support also.

Constable Wallace is attending a meeting arranged on Tuesday 5th April 2022 at Flood Defence office, Broughty Ferry. Police to attend this with Councillor Duncan, Leisure & Culture staff, Dundee City Council staff (ASBO team), Grove Academy staff, Coast watch staff and Flood Defence contractors to discuss ways to combat the issues caused by these youths.

Grove Academy – Constables Wallace & Hall are involved in ongoing intervention work at Grove Academy specifically around S1 pupil in relation to issues with bullying Parents involved along with partner agencies.

Anti-Social Behaviour – numerous neighbour disputes regarding anti-social behaviour and parking issues. Advice given to parties however these are an ongoing issue. Community Policing Team have been in the area patrolling on foot when opportunities arose.

(Fire alarm misuse – Grove Academy) – Two males set the fire alarm off intentionally to cause disruption to both the whole school and fire service on 18/02 and 22/2. They have been identified, both males to be charged with improper use

of the fire alarm systems Fire (Scotland) Act 2005). Fire Service have been updated. It appears to be an issue all over the city whereby pupils are competing from different schools to ensure their school has the most activations.

(Traffic Parking initiative) – Further successful traffic initiatives carried out at Forthill Primary School with fines being issued to people parking on Zigzag lines outside the school. Council staff, traffic wardens and blue badge authority all in attendance. Further initiatives being arranged with Bruce Erskine (traffic wardens) for when schools reconvene.

Community Engagement – Church Street incident – Following the incident at Church Street, locals quickly became aware of what had happened. Police managed to get out and engage with those whom reside in the area around locus and provide reassurances.

8. Secretary's Report (Previously distributed)

Update on Broughty Ferry Flood Protection Scheme (Previously distributed)

McLaughlin & Harvey continue to make good progress on the flood protection scheme and remain on schedule for completion of the project in April 2022. Following the completion of Fisher Street, works continued up Gray Street, resurfacing the roads and pavements through to and including the north footway and carriageway of Beach Crescent. The ongoing works continue to progress on the installation of the active walkway and retaining wall. The transformation is taking place nicely (photos supplied).

We are finalising the works at the east end of Beach Crescent which will complete the Flood Protection Contract. Dundee City Council have recently awarded an extension to the contract to carry out Active Travel improvements to Castle Approach and along the beach front to Windmill car park. The current programme of works are expected to be complete towards the end of June. Currently there is restricted access along Castle Approach, however, the Castle remains open with pedestrian access for visitors through Castle Green,

We have teamed up with local partners Alexander Community Development and Broughty Ferry Glaziers to refurbish the iconic red phone box located on Gray Street. This phone box is classified as a listed building, therefore great care has been taken to bring the phone box back to original condition. The project has been carried out for the community to enjoy, with Alexanders carrying out the painting and Broughty Ferry Glaziers kindly donating glass panels for the restoration. It will be back on site very soon.

McLaughlin & Harvey distributed over 300 leaflets to local residents in Broughty Ferry appealing for donations to support Ukraine. There has been a great response from the community and staff, a selection of items such as tents, sleeping bags, tinned food and toiletries, we then delivered all the donations to Brakes Scotland, Dundee Depot who then sent off the supplies. Thanks to everyone for donations and participation.

Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received since our last meeting of

1st February 2022.

3/3 Mill Street stopping up order, Reporter appointed and hearing 23/2.

8/3 Web submission, rubbish on beach left by contractors.

8/3 Broughty Ferry Networking event.

8/3 Queens Platinum Jubilee, No Council funding available.

11/3 Traffic Order; Linlathen Road area 20mph zone order.

11/3 Traffic Order; Bus lanes in City Centre.

11/3 Census support from Sarah in Broughty Ferry Library.

13/3 Web submission, request for installation of another memorial bench in B/F.

14/3 Project on mental health awareness issues.

15/3 Pensioners Celebration Concert, Caird Hall on 2/4/22.

15/3 Web submission, removal/replacement of wall in Abertay Street.

18/3 Planning Secy; Erection of 2 houses south of Anton House.

24/3 Flood Defence; vandalism / graffiti at the site in Beach Crescent

1/4 Email – Natalie & Sarah are being allocated to the North East ward.

The Secretary had distributed an email regarding the forthcoming AGM to be held on 3rd May 2022 at 7.00pm. All Office Bearers are required to stand down to allow elections to take place and it may be helpful prior to the meeting if present incumbents could indicate if they are willing to continue in their present position for another year.

**9. Planning Report for the period 28th February – 31st March 2022
(Previously distributed)**

16 planning and 8 tree applications were validated during the above period, one required attention and BFCC's preliminary response requires to be validated or otherwise.

22/00018/FULL – Erection of 2 houses, land south of Anton House, Forthill Road, within Forthill Conservation Area. Reference is made to the Planning Secretary's letter to the Case Officer dated 17th March 2022, previously circulated to members, wherein **BFCC's preliminary view is stated that it objects to the application.** This was ratified and proposed by James Doig, seconded by Stan Nutt and agreed by the members.

21/00688/PPPL – Proposed housing site, 10 Forthill Road. It was agreed to support this application which was subsequently approved on 16/3/2022 subject to conditions. The application only establishes the principle that a dwelling similar to that proposed may be constructed at a future date. Should it be decided to construct a dwelling, it would require a full planning application.

20/00485/FULL – 105 Monifieth Road, East extension to building. A member of the public drew BFCC's attention to the condition of the new eastern boundary wall in Abertay Street which did not fit the character of the surrounding area. The matter was

investigated and the approved plans showed the new wall was to be rendered, coloured and marked to suit the area, which has yet to be done and currently showing a breeze block finish. This has been drawn to the attention of the appropriate planning officer and will be monitored.

The Secretary intimated the blocks had been scratch coated ready for the final finish.

Stopping-up-order – Mill Street – Appeal. The Planning Secretary received an email from Mrs Karen Cowie, Case Officer in the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division of the Scottish Government on 3rd March 2022 referring to the above. In it she advised the appointed Reporter considering the Appeal had noted in the objections certain criticisms made of the involvement of the Community Council in the process. He invited BFCC to consider the matters and gave the opportunity to make representations if so wished in writing or by attending a virtual hearing scheduled by the Reporter on Wednesday 23rd March 2022. Treated as urgent business under BFCC's Standing Orders the Chairman after consultation decided to make BFCC's representations in writing and sent a letter to Mrs Cowie dated 7th March 2022 containing BFCC's representations for the Reporters attention, a copy of which was circulated to members for their information.

Members, after discussion, endorsed the content of the Chairman's letter to the Reporter.

The Reporter's decision may be available before the May meeting of BFCC.

Application **21/00689/FULL**. Refused on 29th December 2021, was an application that the temporary structure (installed during Covid) immediately south of the Ship Inn on Fisher Street be made permanent. It was at variance with Covid regulations for temporary structures and BFCC had objected to the application. An application to review the refusal decision was lodged with the Planning Department on 29th March 2022.

10. Licensing Report.

As Stan's mail had dropped out he was not available but did phone the Secretary following the meeting with the following update; The Rose suite in the former Gulistan Restaurant had applied for a licence, Stan intimated there was no reason for objection.

11. Public Relations Report

Chairman stated it was good to see a response from Police Scotland regarding the current problem with youths in the Ferry. DC Thomson reporters had been in touch with regard to the problem around the Esplanade and Castle areas, it is hoped a multi group strategy can be put in place.

12. Beach Management Report

Nil

13. Matters Raised by Community Councillors

Public Toilet's; With the Queen Street car park toilet due for closure, the nearest toilets are located at Castle Green / Windmill Gardens car park. Bailie Scott stated there was another before the lease ended and that it was a budget saving by DCC with the Library toilets suggested as an alternative. The present Library toilet is unsuitable and would require upgrading and is not open 24/7. The rail station does not now have toilet facilities.

Treasurer David intimated as this was the end of the tax year he had completed the accounts for the year and could now apply for the administration grant, but as Natalie and Sarah are both on annual leave and have been assigned to another area, who is the present contact for administration purposes. It was stated Sarah was back from holiday on 14/4 and could probably deal with it.

14. Contributions from Elected Members

Bailie Derek Scott's Report (Previously distributed).

New items in addition to those highlighted in item 3, matters arising from previous minute;

Roads and pavements capital works programme; The Roads Maintenance Partnership recently published its annual capital works programme for the upcoming financial year. On the list are locations I have highlighted over the past year as needing attention which includes, Hamilton Street which is to be resurfaced from Abertay Street to Abercrombie Street; Morlich Gardens, the whole length will be resurfaced; a section of pavement in Claypotts Road between the two Ferndale Drive junctions; the pavement on the south side of Queen Street between Fort Street and Gray Street and the non-adopted asset section of the programme is the path from Falkland Crescent to Gillies Park and a small slabbed section in Heriot Gate. Other locations raised on behalf of residents will be attended to as part of the structural inlay programme and Derek will update us with locations when available.

Blocked gullies and channels; Continue to report streets which require to have their gutters swept clear of leaves and debris, many need attention and looks unsightly, especially when leaves become compacted causing ponding to occur at the gullies and have requested a plan be put in place to address this issue.

Dog bins; The environment department has recently completed a dog waste bin audit. A rolling programme to replace bins in poor condition is to be carried out and general waste bins stickered, to confirm they can also be used for dog waste, which will provide additional units for dog walkers to utilise.

Cllr Craig Duncan's Report (Previously distributed)

Anti-Social Behaviour – Multi Agency Site Visit; All of us will be painfully aware of several and repeated instances of vandalism, fire raising and other anti-social behaviour particularly around the vicinity of Broughty Ferry harbour, including graffiti daubed on the castle walls and the removal of life saving equipment such as life buoys.

The effects of all of this are off putting to properly behaved residents and visitors as it ruins the otherwise attractive ambience of the seaside, as some of the reported behaviour is intimidatory and graffiti, fire raising etc puts an unnecessary burden on the public purse and tampering with the lifesaving equipment could cost lives.

Accordingly, I raised my concerns with the council and police after the first weekend of good weather saw a spate of these instances and again after last weekend.

It is early in the year and as the weather improves, the clocks have gone forward and rising temperatures bring more people to these areas, it is vital to nip this unwelcome behaviour in the bud well before the peak season.

Happily, the police are in agreement and I have arranged to meet them and other interested parties such as the Flood Defence Contractors and the council Community Safety Wardens early next week to ensure that a robust and coherent strategy is devised and employed, and I will provide an update of what transpires in due course.

Bike Rack Provision; At the request of residents, I have been in touch with the council about the possibility of providing bike racks at suitable locations in central Broughty Ferry and have received a positive initial response.

Again, at the request of residents I asked the council to install a litter bin at the bus stop on the south side of the A92 near the Belltree and this has been done.

At my request the council have written to Greenbelt about an issue around insufficient litter bin provision in Sandy Park

15. AOCB

Although the Flood Protection Scheme is due to be completed by the end of this month, an extension of works has been agreed by the council.

The present storage areas will be utilised by the Broughty Ferry Active Travel Scheme.

It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council would be held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 following the AGM at 7.00pm.

This meeting is due to be held in Broughty Ferry Library.