

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

Meeting opened at 7.00pm. Neil Cooney in the chair welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Community Councillors Present

Neil Cooney (Chair), Doreen Phillips (Vice-Chair), James Doig (Secretary), David Easson (Treasurer), Stan Nutt (Licensing), Charlie Delaney, Doug McLaren, Fiona Potton, Isabel McLean, Norma McGovern.

Ex-Officio

Bailie Derek Scott.

Apologies

John Watson (Planning Secretary), Chris Johnson, Gavin Mackenzie, Tara Javed, Christine Rea, Joanne Kelly, Cllr Craig Duncan, Cllr Pete Shears, Cllr Kevin Cordell, PC Steven Wallace, PC Fiona Hall.

Members of the Public Present

Two members of the public were in attendance.

2. Presentation (Kirkwood Homes)

Allan Rae and Ewan Maclean from Kirkwood Homes were in attendance, Ewan gave a presentation to members present on the future development of homes in the Linlathen area, north of the Dighty where it is planned to build a further 50 homes on the site including the walled garden and the existing neurological home which is unable to be converted due to its condition, with the proposal to demolish it. The development will include infrastructure, open spaces and landscaping. Some feedback re key areas included several community councillors raising concerns about: the lack of public transport in the area – there are ongoing discussions in progress with DCC; Traffic congestion at Arbroath Road and Balgillo Road East; Primary and secondary schools in the area being full as it is; The inability for people moving into the area to be able to be registered with a Broughty Ferry GP, and the removal of trees. These were largely unresolved / out with the developers control. It was hoped the facilities for children (cycle track / skateboard area) would be provided in the new development.

Street design is the standard width as required by DCC.

A pathway from Clearwater Park through to the new Aldi shop and Sainsbury's is due to commence shortly.

A Community and shop is also being considered.

They are due to put in for planning towards the end of March. There was a commitment given that BFCC would be kept updated.

Neil thanked Allan and Ewan for their time and presentation.

3. Minute of Previous Meeting (6th December 2022)

The draft minute of 6th December 2022 was agreed as a true minute, proposed by Stan Nutt seconded by Isabel McLean.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minute

Review of Community Councils.

Attendance of Communities Officers ?. The secretary emailed Nicky MacCrimmon, Christine Rea & Joanne Kelly inviting them to the March meeting to explain the empowerment team position regarding attendance.

Speeding in Broughty Ferry (Beach Management meeting).

Details of online newspaper reading forwarded to members.

Parking in Fort Street, at Camperdown Street; Item raised by Derek Scott with DCC Roads Department, No vehicles parked during visit to area. Reply forwarded to members (see report).

5. Chairs Report

Neil highlighted the possibility of sculptures to be located along the Esplanade.

6. Matters raised by Members of the Public (Previously intimated)

Noted in Secretary's correspondence.

7. Police Report

The following report was delivered to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

A male has been reported to the PF, Dundee in relation to the well documented and publicised incident that occurred at Premier Stores, Claypotts Road, Broughty Ferry on January 18th 2023. I would like to thank the public for their co-operation and help with this matter.

There has been a rise in thefts and sneak in thefts to both cars and sheds in the Clearwater / Ferryfields area of Broughty Ferry. A number of crimes have been linked and are being investigated at the moment that occurred between 23rd and 28th January 2023. If anybody has any information or private CCTV in the area that they feel may be of evidential value then please get in touch via taysidetheferrycpt@scotland.police.uk.

Despite the attention drawn to bus shelters being damaged in and around Broughty Ferry, this issue is persisting. PC Fiona Hall and I will carry out further initiatives and continue to engage with the local schools to trace those responsible. Can I please ask that the Police are called on 101 to report any sightings of vandalism.

There has also been a rise in reports of anti-social behaviour emanating from Ceres Crescent, Gillies Park and Abernethy Road. It appears that youths are congregating

at the parks in large groups where they are drinking alcohol, smoking cannabis and causing general unrest to the locals living nearby. Can any sightings be reported to Police via 101 please.

PC's Steven Wallace and Fiona Hall are attending at Primary schools within Broughty Ferry to undertake inputs on anti-social behaviour.

They will also be attending at Grove Academy for a Community Safety day along with the Scottish Fire Service and Ambulance Service.

Future Events; On 2nd March 2023, both Steven and Fiona will be attending Barnhill Blethers at the Barnhill Community Centre.

The first Coffee with a Cop will take place on Friday 17th February 2023 at 5pm within Broughty Ferry library where any concerns or issues can be raised with PC's Steven Wallace or Fiona Hall. Even if you have nothing of note to report, please pop along for a chat and a cuppa. This event will be advertised on our social media and our local Councillors have been made aware too whom may advertise the dates on their social media pages.

8. Secretary's Report Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received since our last meeting of

6th December 2022 (distributed to members).

9/12 Older Peoples Network; Open door information.

14/12 Older Peoples Network; Age Scotland, pension credit deadline.

14/12 Christine; CRF application available funding.

15/12 Older Peoples Network; The future of ageing event at V&A.

16/12 Community Council Consultation, review scheme for the establishment of Community Councils.

6/01 Web form; Exercise class looking for premises in B/F.

8/01 Web form; Community Regeneration Funding, Forthill Sports Club.

9/01 Older Peoples Network; Online Workshop on Communication & Dementia.

10/01 Older Peoples Network; Future of Ageing events.

10/01 Web form; Person looking to hold exercise class in Broughty Ferry.

14/01 Web form; Resident complaint regarding high energy bill.

23/01 Older Peoples Network; Blue Badge Exemption in Low Emission Zones.

26/01 Email, Scottish Water, looking to locate a top-up water tap in the Castle Green/ Beach area of Broughty Ferry.

28/01 Web invoice for payment, forwarded to treasurer.

1/02 Older Peoples Network; Dementia-friendly concert at V&A 14/02/2023.

1/02 DCC (Western Gateway, 20mph zone – Claverhouse & Craigiebank).

1/02 DCC ((Dighty Burn Court, 20mph zone).

6/02 Planning Consultation; Proposed telecoms masts, Fintry Place & Claypotts Road. Forwarded to Planning Secretary.

7/02 Older Peoples Network; Talking Tuesday's, Tannadice (Hegarty suite – soup & Sandwich) 11.30-1300 .

Reference email from Scottish water, Secretary contacted Amy Methven, Corporate Affairs, TUT Project Manager with regard to proposed location, operation etc. They

are looking at a location within Broughty Ferry, suggestions welcomed from BFCC, preferably on the active travel route.

Secretary met with Gerry Conway who agrees with their proposal. Once a suitable location is established, Scottish Water will apply for the necessary planning etc.

They also check, clean and test water quality on a regular basis.

There are presently two in Dundee, located in the Murraygate and at Slessor Gardens (photograph previously forwarded to members).

Scottish Water forwarded four possible locations (two in Beach Crescent, one in the Castle Approach and one at the pavilion in the Windmill car park). These were highlighted to the members present.

9. Planning Report for the period 1st December 2022 – 16th January 2023

Of the 13 planning and 4 tree applications considered during the above period, none required attention.

Broughty Ferry – Monifieth – Active Travel (BFMAT)

Early in December 2022, Gerry Conway, Project Manager, contacted the Planning Secretary regarding a shelter situated towards the eastern end of the Esplanade. He informed that the structure was not included in his Active Travel budget and its demolition had been considered. However, it could be looked upon as a valuable asset to the community using the area. He was in the process of having a condition survey of the structure done to establish works needed to conserve it. Initial views suggested it was in a stable state.

Since that initial contact, the Planning Secretary met with Gerry Conway during the second week of January 2023 to establish what assistance this Community Council might provide to help secure the future of the shelter. Subject to a positive condition survey the shelter could be renovated to provide a variety of uses always leaving the original structure intact and according to a design to be evolved through discussion and consultation. Willie Watt, Director, Nicoll Russell, Architects, Broughty Ferry had met with Gerry Conway earlier when some proposals were examined.

This information led to the Planning Secretary meeting with Willie Watt on Monday 16th January when a broad view of what could be achieved was considered. It was agreed that renovations could be done within a limited budget if local volunteer sources of supply could be persuaded to assist.

The renovations, yet to be detailed, could consist of roof and minor structural repairs, painting and gutter replacement. The floor area constructed of concrete should be cleaned and retained, suitable seating provided and wall space where local art works could be displayed. A broad plan of the potential works could be developed at an early date and used to persuade local suppliers to provide voluntary help to deliver the works.

Early on Tuesday 17th January 2023, Gerry Conway provided the notion that the north side of the building could be developed to provide cycle stands and perhaps a repair unit. This would fit in with the south side providing suitable seating and art spaces.

In so far as art works then the chair of this Community Council has been involved in promotional art works in recent times and could be called upon to assist in that regard. In so far as funding is concerned, it is likely that the Project Manager of BFMAT will be able to provide some funding from his budget, however, it would be helpful if the local community could provide contributions in kind to cover the

remaining costs.

BFCC will not be required to provide any but it's DCC Empowerment Team could be requested to investigate if some could be made available to BFCC from any source for the purpose once an estimate of the costs are established at an early date.

As a result of these discussions Gerry Conway has now put the matter to DCC advising that the renovation could be regarded as a Community Project and that he could assist with some allowance from his project funds.

A reply is awaited from DCC as to whether it has any objections or requires any formal permissions.

Although strictly speaking the involvement of the Planning Secretary to date may be considered out-with his remit. However, he considers the matter to be within the scope of this Community Council's interests. As such he would volunteer as a member to continue to work with the Project Manager of BFMAT towards the eventual completion of the project should Community Council members wish, involving other members and reporting back on a regular basis.

The attached plans indicate the site and structure under consideration.

The purpose of this paper is to recommend that this Community Council considers assisting in the renovation of the shelter by persuading members of the local community to take part after final designs and works have been agreed with Dundee City Council.

The above was proposed and agreed by the members present and that we should all think about getting involved.

10. Licensing Report.

No information received from Dundee City Licensing Board.

It was noted that the temporary (Covid) seating area on Brook Street outside Gracie's has now been removed.

11. Public Relations Report

Nothing has been received from the media.

12. Treasurers Report

David Easson's report had been previously distributed to members and he highlighted the following relevant points, Payment to Lesley Duncan for website maintenance from 2021 - (£498.34). As the renewal now current, we can continue with the retainer or pay as you go, difference in cost to be investigated.

We are within amount to qualify for the annual grant from DCC

13. Matters Raised by Community Councillors

Beach management / LCPP met before Christmas, there appears to be water storm leakage in the area. There is no information with regard to the regatta.

There is a lack of communication from DCC management.

It was noted that only one elected councillor (Baillie Scott) was in attendance at the meeting although there were apologies from others.

LCPP/Beach management meeting points will be reported to at the March meeting.

14. Contributions from Elected Members

Baillie Derek Scott's Report (Previously distributed)

Seven Arches; Some repairs are to be carried out at the seven arches viaduct.

The deteriorated timber stepped access from valley to deck level is to be renewed as are the sections of damaged handrail. The metal balustrading is to receive corrosion protection. Work is to commence as soon as practical due to the current extent of timber deterioration.

Esplanade; I have been liaising with the Active Travel Project Team and the City Development Department on behalf of residents of the Esplanade. A traffic regulation order has recently been promoted as part of the active travel scheme.

The yellow lines that have already been painted on are advisory at the moment until such time as the statutory process is completed and committee approves the order or otherwise.

The car park currently occupied by the works compound is to be restored as a car park on completion of the works. It will initially be finished in rock dust but will be considered for surfacing at some future stage.

The surface of the cycle path will have the appropriate cycle lane markings on it and there will be a central lane marking providing an east bound and west bound lane.

The road humps won't be going back in but there will be raised tables every 150m or so to aid pedestrians crossing. These will also help control the speed of vehicles. The decision to remove the road humps came about as a result of comments received during the initial consultation of the active travel project.

The cycle lane will be included in the gritting route during frosty weather.

A landscaping plan is being developed. The hedge east of Urban Beach/Glass Pavilion is being replaced with an avenue of trees, after consultation with the Environment Department, who advised the hedge was in a very poor condition. There will be additional benches between some of the trees.

Grove Academy; The last meeting of the School Parking and Pupil Safety Working Group considered some issues to do with Grove Academy. In respect of the traffic island at the bus stop the Road Safety Team has been asked to review this again.

Fort Street Parking; At the last meeting I was asked to find out why there are no double yellow lines on the west side of Fort Street between Camperdown Street and Hill Street. I raised the matter with the roads team and have since been advised that the location was visited by a traffic engineer at various times but no cars were parked there.

Apparently the geometry of the road is satisfactory in terms of 2-way traffic.

I was asked to check if there is a specific time during the day that this can be problematic so that the location can be revisited at that time to assess the situation.

Reres Hill; Path improvements are to be carried out at Reres Hill. The work will include a new set of steps climbing from the southwest corner of the park to the northwest corner. These will replace the previous steps that have eroded away. Designed to be long lasting, they will be constructed using recycled plastic timber. The surface will be compacted stone dust but will tie into the tarmac paths at either end. A handrail will also be provided. Another path damaged by Storm Arwen will be repaired and several storms lifted root plates will be removed to improve visual amenity.

In addition to his report, Bailie Scott also highlighted Road Safety Engineers are reviewing the traffic islands on Claypotts Road. Sustainable Transport Team Leader is reviewing the location of the bus stop on Claypotts Road. These points had been raised by Grove Academy working group.

He also stated there was external funding available for artworks from Sustrans for the Active Travel Project.

He intimated the cost of "Winkie" the pigeon statue was £2000.

Cllr Kevin Cordell's Report (Previously distributed)

Green Spaces; Are so important to both mental and physical well-being, as well as for the aesthetics of our area. With that in mind, I was delighted to see the proposals brought forward at the most recent Neighbourhood Services Committee that will see improvement works carried out at Reres Hill.

The proposed work will improve the steps and access up and around Reres Hill, building on previous path resurfacing improvements. A new set of steps, with a handrail will be built replacing steps eroded away, and will include drainage and recycled plastic to be long lasting.

Another path damaged by Storm Arwen will be repaired, and several storm lifted root plates removed to improve visual amenity.

Furthermore, at the City Development committee (23/01), the SNP administration introduced a report that will see over £125,000 spent in the Seven Arches area.

Works will be under-taken to reinstate footpaths & fence foundations and repaint handrail and should be completed by early springtime, will ensure the area continues to meet the needs of its users.

On 23/01 I chaired the latest meeting of the Tayside Valuation Joint Board. Amongst the reports under consideration was one outlining the incoming ELECTIONS ACT and its impact.

The Elections Act 2022 was granted Royal Assent on 28th April 2022 and provides for the requirement to show photographic ID, to be allowed to vote at polls for UK Parliamentary elections only. Individuals without such ID will be able to apply to the Electoral Registration Officer for a 'Voter Authority Certificate' via an online facility which is scheduled to go live on 16th January 2023.

The Voter Authority Certificate will be an A4 paper-based document, with appropriate security features, displaying only the elector's name, photograph, date of issue, issuing authority, an alphanumeric reference and a recommended renewal date.

These certificates will be issued via a central agency, except in the period immediately prior to relevant elections when ERO's will need to issue these directly. Any temporary documents issued by the ERO will be valid for the specific election only.

The deadline for applications to obtain a Voter Authority Certificate for elections is 5pm, 6 working days before the poll, with emergency proxy procedures being available to anyone who loses their ID thereafter up until 5pm on polling day.

The Electoral Commission intends to roll out a public awareness campaign in relation to the above change in Scotland ahead of a UK Parliament general election.

A further change, due to be implemented in summer 2023, is an amendment to the existing Postal vote signature refresh period arrangements to change this from the current 5 years to 3 for UK Parliamentary elections, at which point a reapplication will require to be made, whilst maintaining the 5-year refresh period for Scottish elections.

Other changes to be introduced in due course include the introduction of an online absent vote application service, removal of the 15-year limit on voting rights for British citizens living overseas, and a limit to be imposed on the number of electors a person can be appointed to act as proxy for.

In my capacity as Depute Lord Provost I was delighted to be asked to start "the dook" and seeing all the hard work of volunteers throughout the year pay off when folk finally entered the water was fantastic.

For almost 140 years Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association have been an integral part of the Ferry and the Dook is at the centre of activities this time of year.

Cllr Craig Duncan's Report (Previously distributed)

20mph Zones abuse; I continue to raise concerns with the police over frequent abuse of such zones in central Broughty Ferry such as sections of Brook Street and King Street and have again asked the police to do what they can to enforce these speed limits.

Millpark / Panmurefield Dighty Bridge; This bridge has sustained damage to parts of its stone supports, likely from large objects such as fallen trees being swept downstream and I have been in touch with the council who advise me that they will contact the owners of this well used bridge to carry out any repairs which may prove necessary, as I am sure residents would not wish to see access to this bridge restricted in any way on safety grounds.

Esplanade / Active Travel; Many residents will be well aware that these works continue to unfold and recently at committee I sought and received assurances around certain aspects, such as making it much more obvious in terms of markings / signage which is now the new footpath and which is the new cycleway to avoid potential conflicts between genuinely confused users as well as an explanation that newly appeared double yellow lines will be subject to the usual legal protocols and procedures before they become enforceable and that in certain sections new measures such as 'raised tables' will take the place of now removed speed bumps.

Play Park Broken / Missing Equipment / Disabled Friendly; I continue to raise ongoing concerns from residents about the dilapidated state of several items of play equipment at multiple locations and recently made the point at committee that whereas upgrades are always welcome, it is imperative to properly maintain existing offerings. Additionally, I very much want to see more emphasis placed upon the provision of play equipment and benches which are disabled access friendly as society needs to bear in mind the need to be inclusive for all.

Albert Road / Bayfield Road Buses; The unauthorised (and unrequired) appearance of buses in these streets continues to attract complaints from time to time from residents who object to such practices given that these are not on bus routes. As on previous occasions, Explore Dundee accept that buses have no business there and will yet again try to impress this upon their drivers and I have also made appropriate council officers aware and I hope that at last this problem will be resolved.

15. AOCB

Point raised with regard to lack of ev charging points in West Ferry, possible location in the Dawson Park area.

On his way home Bailie Scott checked and intimated there were two located within the Caenlochan Road car park.

The ev charging points in Camperdown Street are available for general use after Eastern School is closed.

The Queen Street toilet block is due to be removed due to cost in April 2023.

There was discussion with regard to Broughty Ferry toilet facilities, the library is not suitable at present as it requires refurbishment and although public houses are willing to let members of the public utilise toilet facilities we are still awaiting a reply as to supply of toilet products from DCC.

Norma to discuss with Steve James and Broughty Traders.

Doug to discuss station facilities with Scotrail.

Following the noted Election Action in Cllr Cordell's report David asked about photographic evidence. Hopefully further information will be forthcoming.

It was stated, Barnhill Blethers was doing well with more public attending.

Fiona stated there was a food bank in operation within Barnhill clinic on Wednesday's but we have received no information with regard to it.

With regard to the proposed telecoms masts mentioned in the correspondence, the Secretary highlighted the locations (Claypotts Road & Fintry Place) and the height of the masts. This item will be included in the Planning Secretary's report for March.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.00pm.