

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on Tuesday 4th April 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), John Watson (Planning Secretary), David Easson (Treasurer), Charlie Delaney, Fiona Potton, Isabel McLean, Kenny Matheson, Norma McGovern. Tara Javed.

In Attendance

Nil

Ex-Officio

Bailie Derek Scott.

Apologies

Stan Nutt (Licensing), Chris Johnson, Doug McLaren, Christine Rea, Joanne Kelly, Cllr Craig Duncan, Cllr Pete Shears, Cllr Kevin Cordell, PC Steven Wallace. PC Fiona Hall (has been seconded to another area).

Members of the Public Present

One member of the public was in attendance.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting (7th March 2023)

The draft minute of 7th March 2023 was agreed as a true minute, proposed by John Watson, seconded by Tara Javed, following a query regarding the location of the telecoms mast in the Dawson Park area.

Planning Secretary to check on the exact proposed location.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minute

DCC Festive fund for living (Christmas) tree for Community Council Areas, Christine will apply for Broughty Ferry which expires on 31st March 2023.

The following update was received from Christine (At this point they are looking for communities who are interested in progressing with the option. No decision has been made until all expressions of interest are received and the cost implications reviewed). An update will be forwarded in due course.

Lack of toilet facilities in central Broughty Ferry once the Queen Street car park block closes in April, discussions ongoing with Broughty Traders/Pubs and Scotrail (Broughty Ferry Station) regarding toilet facilities. Awaiting a reply from Christine with regard to toiletries.

The library toilet has not yet been upgraded and is presently unsuitable to be used as a general public toilet. It was noted staff had repainted the toilet.

Broughty Ferry Licensing information, Cllr Pete Shears contacted the clerk to the board who stated they presently forward applications as part of the legislation (there have been none for a while). Applications can be checked at; www.dundee.gov.uk/licensing/civillicensing. The secretary has been added to the group to receive the necessary licence information.

4. Chairs Report

The Secretary had intimated that Gavin Mackenzie has resigned as a member of BFCC due to a new position in the civil service and move to London. We wish him well and hope he re-joins on his return to Broughty Ferry.

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

Question raised regarding cycle charge points at Queen Street & Windmill car parks, forwarder to Bailie Scott & Cllr Duncan.

Answer from Sustainable Transport:- Unfortunately the UK operation of the Spanish owned bike scheme has entered liquidation. Their assets are currently up for sale and the liquidators are hoping a buyer may come forward, an update to elected members will be provided in due course.

6. Police Report

No report had been received. It was intimated by a BF Community Councillor the euro bins in Brook Street outside Subway had been set on fire but there had been no information received by BFCC.

Police Officers had visited Barnhill Blether's and as stated at the March meeting, if unable to get through on 101 to use 999 if serious.

7. Secretary's Report

Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received since our last meeting of 7th March 2023 (distributed to members).

8/3 Older Peoples Network; Barnhill St. Margarets, free café every Wednesday 10.45 – 12.00 followed by lunch if required, meet other people.

8/3 Reply from Pete Shears re, Licensing applications (highlighted in (3) above.

13/3 Older Peoples Network; Support for over 60's with digital technology (every 2nd Tuesday 10.00am – 12.00pm, DVVA, 10 Constitution Road.

16/3 Email to Councillors ref broken manhole cover in Balgillo Road, reply received.

20/3 Resignation of BFCC member Gavin Mackenzie due to moving to London.

22/3 Older Peoples Network; Volunteers required for over 60's Research regarding impact of COVID pandemic.

- 30/3 email from DCC ref, parking/waiting restrictions in Esplanade area.
3/4 Older Peoples Network; Dementia Friendly Concert, 2.00pm, 18/5/2023 – Caird Hall (cost £6 – carer free).

Above email regarding parking/waiting restrictions from Castle Approach, along Esplanade to Bridge Street forwarded to members.

Item raised with Councillors regarding broken manhole cover in Balgillo Road at the junction with Seafield Road which could cause a serious incident. Traffic lights set up and repaired within two days. Well done Derek & Craig.

8. **Planning Report for the period 23rd January – 20th February 2023**

Of the 14 planning and 8 tree applications examined during the above period, one required attention and one requires to be brought to the Community Council's notice for future consideration.

23/00102/FULL – Castle Green Hall, St Vincent Street, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 2HA.

Proposed dual use of Public Hall (Class 10: Non-residential Institutions) and Café (Class 3: Food & Drink), with associated external alterations.

Broughty Ferry Community Council considered this application at its regular meeting on 7th March 2023. After discussion it **decided to Support the Application.**

This application was received shortly before the March meeting and discussed and approved at that meeting. This is to confirm the decision was communicated to the Planning Authority.

Above sent to Planning Officer Jemma Tasker, Dundee City Council on 10/03/2023.

23/0001/EIASCRC Ethiebeaton Farm, Balmossie Terrace.

Screening request for proposed solar farm.

This application was noted at the beginning of March and a search was conducted into whether a formal planning application had been lodged and if so when. Nothing further was found. The Planning Secretary is in the process of determining what is involved regarding a 'screening request' and will provide a further report later. It may be that the request is to establish the planning route to be followed.

Broughty Ferry – Monifieth – Active Travel – Esplanade Shelter

Progress report provided; An amount of funding has been established by the Project Manager for repairs and various contractors have been approached with regard to carrying out these repairs.

The following update was given by John;

The Cinema/West End Garage demolition is being carried out by hand.

Although the Esplanade Traffic Order which is for public consultation, had been distributed to members, and difficult to comprehend as there was also a page missing, John copied and appended to the Library notice board.

Question raised with regard to the possibility of residents parking ticket and an area shown on the drawing adjacent to the new flats on the Esplanade. Bailie Scott stated

as the road width had been reduced, this was a turning head for delivery lorries and other vehicles.

Blue badge holders can continue to park as per the present legislation.

A sizeable car park will be reinstated where the present site compound is located on the Esplanade with the surface initially of whindust.

9. Licensing Report.

See (3) Matters Arising from previous minute. Information from Cllr Pete Shears, The Secretary reported that the Licensing Board have received no liquor licence applications and there had been no civic applications for the Broughty Ferry area over the past month.

10. Public Relations Report

There has been nothing received from the media over the past month.

11. LCPP / Beach Management Report

A survey is being carried out regarding street rubbish bins, size and location, there are a few small bins in Dalhousie Road but seem not to be used by pupils from Monifieth High school, especially at lunch time.

New bins are being sourced for various locations in the Broughty Ferry area.

LCPP members unsure as to the plan for the Castle Green pavilion.

Are "Keep Scotland Beautiful" still carrying out visits ?.

12. Matters Raised by Community Councillors

Treasurer David stated as we are at the end of the tax year, he is looking to appoint an independent examiner as the present examiner has moved out of town, and who in DCC does he send the account remit to ?.

It was also noted that both the Scottish First Minister and Deputy First Minister reside in the BFCC area.

13. Contributions from Elected Members

Bailie Derek Scott's Report (Previously distributed)

Grove Academy Traffic Issue; On 22nd March, along with ward colleagues, council officers and the rector of Grove Academy I attended a site visit to discuss concerns raised about pupil and traffic safety caused by inconsiderate driver behaviour.

We observed the congestion created in the school car park at pick up time which results in cars queuing out into Claypotts Road and some vehicles overtaking on the wrong side of the central traffic island while pupils were boarding a bus, which has previously been raised as a concern by the community council.

The possibility of installing a barrier is being considered for the car park entrance and also the removal of the pair of bus stops on Claypotts Road, which I previously reported to the community council.

Following the site visit it is proposed both bus stops, east and west side of Claypotts Road are removed (the nearest stops will be at the Bullring on Queen Street).

The central island on Claypotts Road will remain, as will the bus bay for the school (Fisher's) buses.

Question raised, will a school crossing patroller be provided ?, this will be part of the investigation.

2023/24 Roads Programme; There are a number of Broughty Ferry carriageways included in the Dundee Roads Maintenance Partnership annual capital works programme for 2023/24: Abertay Crescent, Archer Street, Boysack Gardens, Castleton Place, the east and west sections of Rossie Avenue and Abercromby Street north of Strathmore Street are to be resurfaced, as is the footpath from Falkland Crescent to Gillies Park. Sections of pavement in Belsize Place, Anton Drive and Dalhousie Lane are to receive surface treatment.

Other roads and pavements will be attended to as part of the structural inlay programme and I will provide an update on these at future meetings.

School Streets; The school streets proposal for Eastern Primary school is progressing. As a preliminary part of the legal procedures to be undertaken the council is consulting with appropriate parties on the prohibition of driving in Church Street, Seafield Road, Camperdown Street, Harley Street and Stanley Road during school term time between 8.30am – 9.15am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm.

Tree works; There are a number of outstanding tree works to be carried out across the area. The council's forestry section has been delayed in returning to its planned service following Storm Arwen work due to a high priority of ash dieback disease removal.

Transport Act; The new Transport Act that will give the council powers to take action where vehicles are blocking dropped kerbs or parking on footways will come into force towards the end of 2023. Councillors are to attend a briefing during April about the rollout and implications.

Bench; I have been asked by residents about the bench that was located on the east side of Fort Street, at Camperdown Street. It was a useful stopping off point for those residents struggling up the hill with shopping bags. I have asked if this can be replaced. There is a bench on the opposite side at Camperdown Street but this can be a draughty spot to wait.

This bench will be replaced this week.

Cllr Craig Duncan's Report (Previously distributed)

Barnhill Tenants Association; (Formerly Barnhill Tenants and Residents Association). On 9th March I was pleased to attend the first in person meeting of this group since prior to the pandemic. It took the form of an Annual General Meeting followed immediately by an Extraordinary General Meeting at which members voted by a considerable margin to reconstitute the group membership as for Council Tenants only and I wish the group and its new office bearers well.

A further meeting is to be held to establish that private house owners can attend these meetings.

Ferry School Heads – Changes; Alison Macgregor has retired as head of Forthill Primary School and will be replaced by Lorna Robertson from Fife and I have wished Alison a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement leaving as she does Dundee's largest primary school on a peak of excellent results and I know the community will warmly welcome her replacement.

Graham Hutton is retiring as Rector of Grove Academy and will be taking up the lead role at School Leaders Scotland... so not quite complete retirement but nevertheless I shall miss working with him and wish him all the best and look forward to meeting his replacement in due course.

Reres Park; As the public are already aware improvement works to paths etc in Reres Hill Park have been approved and are due to begin soon but in light of the utter devastation to trees caused mainly by Storm Arwen I have suggested to the council that when the issue of replanting is eventually addressed that consideration be given to the merits or demerits of simply replacing like with like given that many scientists believe we may be in an era of climate change during which such hitherto extreme weather events may possibly be more commonplace and officers agree that this is indeed something to take into consideration when deciding what types of trees may be suitable for planting to make up for the enormous loss of trees at this and indeed other locations.

Castle Green Pavilion; I reported some crumbling concrete on this structure and the council assure me that the necessary repairs will be carried out as this building is an important public asset which is only going to become busier as a charitable organisation opens a café of sorts there.

20mph Faded Markings; Several of these roundel markings have become badly faded in central Broughty Ferry and I have asked that these and other numerous examples of faded road markings be refreshed as a matter of public safety.

Grove Academy Site Visit; As advised in my last report a site visit with among others the Rector, appropriate council officers and ward colleagues took place to view, discuss and consider possible solutions to inappropriate parking and general congestion in the car park of the school as well as congestion on Claypotts Road caused by normal commercial service buses using the stop on the east side of the road immediately outside the school, leading to several examples of highly dangerous and illegal passing by drivers too impatient to wait. All of this is an obvious danger to pupil safety and although there is no "magic bullet" solution, officers are to investigate and consider potential measures such as a barrier-controlled access to the car park and relocating the bus stop but clearly a more frequent police presence would help deter illegal driving and an education campaign to encourage less drivers to crowd into the school car park and surrounding areas in the first place would be helpful.

Dawson Park – Broken Missing Play Equipment; I have reported examples of missing goal posts at some of the football pitches as well as reiterating that a swing need replacing at the fenced in play area and that for a long time now the basketball court has been reduced to one rather than two goals.

Cllr Pete Shears Report

No Report

Cllr Kevin Cordell Report

No Report

14. AOCB

'Cosy Spots' in various churches and halls with tea, coffee etc and companionship for some, are still available. Barnhill Blethers had a visitation from the Scottish Fire & Rescue service who distributed electrical items including electric blankets.

Date of next meeting;

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 7.00pm, this will be followed by the May General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.