

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on Tuesday 5th November 2024.

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. Community Councillors Present

Doreen Phillips (Chair), James Doig (Secretary), David Easson (Treasurer), John Watson (Planning), Fiona Potton, Charlie Delaney, Chris Johnson, Kenny Matheson, Isabel McLean, Tara Javed, Molly Laidlaw,

In Attendance

Nil.

Ex-Officio

Bailie Derek Scott

Apologies

Neil Cooney, Norma McGovern, Lorna Murray, Christine Rea.

Members of the Public Present

7 members of the public were in attendance.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting (1st October 2024)

The amended draft minute (previously distributed) was agreed as a true minute, proposed by Kenny Matheson seconded by Charlie Delaney and agreed by the members present.

3. Matters Arising

Lack of toilet facilities in central Broughty Ferry; discussions still ongoing ?.

The Library toilet is considered unsuitable for general public use.

It was highlighted to DCC that the library was the only community centre in Broughty Ferry, where the toilet facilities were unsatisfactory. DCC maintenance team will look at resources and conduct a report with regard to the required maintenance.

Westfield Road Traffic Issues; Bailie Scott contacted the council's roads team about the issues raised by Westfield Road residents. The senior engineer has advised that he would like to deploy a mobile camera at the location to get a better understanding of the issue before determining what action might be required.

This coming Friday (8/11/2024) there will be a site visit to Westfield Road.

Broughty Ferry Castle & it's Future, as highlighted at previous meetings, David Easson stated that Broughty Castle (museum) is leased to DCC by Historic Scotland (this is also highlighted in 3. Matters Arising).

Fiona, Norma & Neil agreed to consult with DCC Leisure & Culture Department regarding the proposals possibilities of retaining, it as a museum.

Awaiting outcome of consultation prior to arranging a meeting.
It is noted, DCC plan to upgrade the existing floodlighting in the near future.

Flooding in Orchar Park (raised at a previous meeting) is to be further investigated by DCC and a solution found.

There are problems with debris and broken glass strewn over the wild flower areas on the Esplanade and will be raised at the next Beach Management meeting.
Update; Active Travel Project Manager to meet with the Landscape Manager on site to see what action is required.

4. Chairs Report

Chair Doreen, welcomed everyone to the meeting stating the 'Ferry Fridge' held its 1st AGM where there was a lot of interest and support, but are still awaiting the signing of the lease of the building by DCC. The next meeting is later this month, the agenda includes election of office bearers.

A meeting was held with community councils, forum's and action groups attending. It was agreed there was sufficient motivation and issues raised to take forward to another meeting, to be held on Monday 2nd December 2024 at 6.00pm in Hilltown Community Centre, Alexander Street, Dundee.

It is noted DCC have done away with landlines and now use mobiles for contact.

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

Nil

6. Police Report

Nil. Question raised as to why we have not received a Police report for some time.

7. Secretary's Report (Previously Distributed)

Correspondence

8/10 Resignation mail from BFCC member, Stan Nutt (Licensing secretary) due to ill health.

12/10 Info from Bailie Scott regarding build out on Forthill Road for school crossing.

17/10 Info regarding postponement of Community Council Planning Training scheduled for 21/10/24.

21/10 LCPP application for funding, (Friends of Broughty Ferry Library - £496.60). Assessment completed & approval was by 24/10/2024, which I agreed.

23/10 Further update on the school crossing point on Forthill Road, correspondence between DCC & Forthill Road residents.

23/10 Jubilee Arch, Reres Park, email to Craig Duncan regarding reinstatement of the Arch, fountain, stone wall, railings & upgrade of surroundings, along with maintenance of the trees.

23/10 Westfield Road; Ongoing discussions regarding the alterations to the house in Long Lane, not built to the approved plans, as stated at previous meetings.

23/10 Ref; Application to construct a dwelling in the ground south of 182 Long Lane

(previously supported by BFCC) has been refused (see Planning Report).
25/10 Info from DCC regarding proposed 20mph zones (Lochee area, Menzieshill area, Whitfield area, Ballumbie / Peebles Drive area, Abercromby Street / Montague Street area) comments to DCC by 15/11.

Holiday; The Secretary intimated his apologies for the meeting to be held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024. (Can forward Agenda prior to holiday, but not Reports). Member required take minute and lock-up.

Planning Secretary John, agreed to take the minute of the meeting. With regard to locking-up at the end of the meeting, it was suggested Christine Rea be asked to attend and lock up.

8. Planning Report 30th September – 31st October 2024 (Previously Distributed)

Of the 12 Planning and 7 tree applications validated and examined during the above period, none required attention.

One application and one decision made during this period is mentioned here for members' information.

24/00636/FULL – Installation and removal of various telecommunication apparatus. – Queen Street telephone exchange.

Although there has been no decision on an application made some time ago to erect a telecommunications mast in the vicinity of the substation in Queen Street, opposite the Library, to which BFCC objected, the works outlined in this application may be sufficient to avoid the need to erect the mast. Perhaps an elected member could make enquiries in this regard.

24/00332/FULL – Erection of a dwelling in ground south of 182 Long Lane, Broughty Ferry.

A notice has been received that this application, which BFCC supported, has been refused. Since this has been a delegated decision it is open to the applicant to request that the Local Review Board examine the decision. A request must be made to the Clerk of the LRB in writing within three months of the date of the decision. The Planning Secretary will explain the content of the report of Handling by the Appointed Officer that led to the decision. BFCC should now remain silent. Should a review be requested then BFCC will be informed and given the opportunity to consider whether it should make any further comment that may be material to the LRB.

John highlighted recent information received; Following the renovation to Anton House, the ground to the south was sold to a developer and an application to build two houses was refused by DCC. Following a recent approved application to remove some trees, a new application for one house has been submitted which seems appropriate for the area.

Kirkwood Homes application to build further houses in the Linlathan Grove area was refused by DCC, but an appeal has been submitted to the Scottish Government.

9. Licensing Report.

Occidental Bar, Queen Street, variation to licence to allow all types of music (live, D.J's, Karaoke) during core hours (up to 12 midnight), as discussed at the previous meeting.

The licence secretary had discussed the application with the licensing board and the premises owner and findings were forwarded to members of BFCC. There is little BFCC can object to regarding this application.

SM Convenience Store, 85 King Street, Broughty Ferry. Provisional application for premises licence for off sales (10am – 10pm). Previously distributed.

The Secretary intimated he had been in touch with (Lisa Archibald) secretary of DCC Licensing Board to ensure Licence applications were sent to him until a new Licensing Secretary is elected.

Stan is presently in hospital, It was suggested and agreed, a presentation be made to Stan Nutt on his retirement as Licensing Secretary due to the long service (almost 40 years) as a member of BFCC, paid for by BFCC's own funds. John Watson to investigate a suitable memento. John was also requested to pass on our best wishes to Stan.

10. Public Relations Report

Nil

11. Treasurers Report

No change from previous report of 3/9/2024.

Income - £570 (DCC grant)

Expenditure - £156.67

Total Balance - £1703.30.

A recent letter from the Bank of Scotland states they are changing our account to a "Community Account" and as of 14/1/2025, there will be a monthly charge of £4.25 (£51 per annum – monthly maintenance fee & day to day banking charges). In addition, there is a charge for cheques paid in and out of the account.

John Watson intimated he would investigate alternative banking facilities (Post Office, Building Society).

David has decided to stand down as Treasurer at the 2025 AGM, a position he has held since 2009.

12. Matters Raised by Community Councillors

Fiona Potton raised a point regarding the Castle Green pavilion, it was previously deemed a shared building where required, as it is suitable for persons with disabilities, but this has not been the case as the building has been leased.

There are staffing issues in the Broughty Ferry Library, with only one full time staff member.

What is the vision for the future in Broughty Ferry?. There is a present (East End Campus) consultation on Leisure & Culture facilities driven by DCC officers, which

Leisure & Culture City Development are not involved in.
Under the plans, all services from four facilities; The Hub Library & Community Facilities; Whitfield Community Library; Douglas Community Centre & Library; and Douglas Sports Centre would move to the new campus.
Can the 2016 extension to the library be resurrected due to the possible closing of other facilities in the eastern area of Dundee. Although a significant amount of money was ringfenced, it is not in the capital 5 year plan.
Baillie Scott awaiting further information and will discuss with the relevant personnel.

The trees and wall surrounding Broughty Ferry Library which is a DCC issue, requires maintenance, as there has been little contact, better rapport is required from DCC (Maggie McGuire – Assistant Property Officer).

13. Contributions from Elected Members

Baillie Derek Scott's Report (Previously distributed)

Claypotts Pond; The council will be carrying improvement works to walls at various locations across the city that it has responsibility for. Included in the list are Barnhill Cemetery boundary wall and the retaining wall at Claypotts Pond. I have previously highlighted the deterioration of the coping stones at Claypotts Pond and the condition of the steps from Balgillo Road. It is anticipated these will be attended to during the current financial year.

Pilot Pier; I have been seeking a tidy up of the pilot pier, including reconnecting the chains between the bollards and painting both the chains and the bollards. A general tidy up has now been instructed and it is hoped that the community payback team will assist with the chains/ bollards maintenance.

Royal Mail; I had occasion to write to Royal Mail again about postal delays. In response I was advised that deliveries have been impacted recently due to colleagues being away from work but all mail deliveries are now taking place to the majority of addresses served by the Dundee East Delivery Office six days a week when there is mail to deliver. Royal Mail also wrote that it is working hard to deliver consistently across the area, including recruiting new posties. It asked me if I could highlight that it is recruiting; its vacancies can be found at www.jobs.royalmailgroup.com

Leaves; Lots of contact from residents in the last couple of weeks about the clearing of fallen leaves. I have raised these locations with the environmental team and I will continue to report concerns as they arise.

20mph zone; As part of the preliminary work of the procedures to be undertaken to give effect to the 20mph proposals in the Abercromby Street area there is a consultation with interested parties on the streets involved which are: Abercromby Street, Abertay Crescent, Ardmore Avenue, Godfrey Street, Gordon Street, Guthrie Crescent, Hamilton Street, Hamilton Terrace, Invermark Terrace, Kerrington Crescent, Lethnot Gardens, Lethnot Street, Maule Street, Montague Street, Navarre Street, Panmure Street, Rosedale Crescent.

Bus shelter repairs and maintenance; Councillors received a briefing note on this subject. The service standards for the maintenance of the city's bus shelters is cleaning 6 times per annum, clearance of broken glass 24 hours, glazing replacement 30 working days. There had been a period of reduced services while new suppliers' arrangements were established but these are now in place. The main source of repair requirements continues to be in relation to vandalism and the council mitigates the resultant cost and disruption by replacing glazing with more robust materials.

Bus service diversion; I have attached, for information, copies of the bus service diversions that will be in place for the next phase of the SGN works in Broughty Ferry which begins on Monday 4th November. There are three maps on the pdf, one map for Xplore Dundee diversions, one map for Stagecoach diversions and one map for Moffat & Williamson diversions.

Cllr Craig Duncan's Report (Previously distributed)

Broughty Ferry Castle Illuminations Proposals; Members may recall that I advised of my campaign to see the prime asset for our community that is Broughty Ferry Castle Illuminated in an appropriate manner to properly showcase such a wonderful asset and although I reported my attention to the BFCC meeting of 3rd March 2020 a lot of things such as the pandemic somewhat hampered progress. Accordingly, I am delighted to report that ongoing efforts by myself and the Broughty Ferry Traders Association appear to be making headway and I recently received the following from the council and I will keep everyone updated. Obviously nothing is yet a "done deal" but I am encouraged.

"The planning application for the installation of lighting at the Castle is now in progress – this can be viewed on the Council's website at <https://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web> using planning application reference 24/00686/FULL.

The application to Historic Environment Scotland for Scheduled Monument Consent has previously been made and is still in progress with no indication of timescale yet. We need both of these applications to be successful in order to proceed and once we get an outcome I'll be back in touch.

Broughty Ferry Castle Future; I continue to press officers for an indication of what the future of this asset may look like following the public survey conducted by Leisure and Culture Dundee earlier this year.

The uncertainty is wholly unhelpful and I have pointed out several times that various people keep asking me what the future holds and I have recently reiterated my desire for an answer.

Balgillo Road East – Traffic Congestion; Some time ago I met onsite with officers to observe the growing congestion and frustration here and to put forward potential solutions provided to me by members of the public. Little has changed and I have again asked officers to not only monitor matters but to devise potential solutions to alleviate these matters which almost certainly will only continue to worsen and I will keep everyone updated.

Abandoned Vehicles; Although it is not usual for me to receive contacts about apparently abandoned vehicles, there does seem to have been a significant increase in recent weeks and I regularly raise these.

14. AOCB

The hedge at the bus stop, adjacent to the Library is encroaching onto the pedestrian walkway. Bailie Scott to request DCC Environmental team to investigate and take appropriate action.

There is ongoing work in the car park at Campfield shops, it is not known when these works will be completed.

Query raised with regard to the potentially dangerous wall in Davidson Street. It was stated this is being progressed.

Date of next meeting;

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 7.00pm in Broughty Ferry Library.