

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on Tuesday 3rd December 2024.

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. Community Councillors Present

Doreen Phillips (Chair), David Easson (Treasurer), John Watson (Planning), Fiona Potton, Charlie Delaney, Chris Johnson,

In Attendance

Christine Rea.

Ex-Officio

Bailie Derek Scott

Apologies

James Doig, Kenny Matheson, Molly Laidlaw, Tara Javed, Lorna Murray, Cllr. Craig Duncan, Cllr. Kevin Cordell.

Members of the Public Present

6 members of the public were in attendance.

Quorum

Satisfied, meeting proceeded.

Stan Nutt

Members sat in silence in memory of Past Chairman and long-time member Stan.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting (5th November 2024)

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

3. Matters Arising

Toilet facilities in the Library, DCC maintenance team resources limited.

Westfield Road Traffic Issues; Report awaited on site visit of Friday 8/11/2024.

Broughty Ferry Castle & it's Future; Bailie Scott reported on a decision that had been taken at a DCC meeting on Monday 2nd December 2024 to allow further consultation with interested parties until the end of February 2025 to explore potential alternatives to allow a final decision to be taken. Refer to Bailie Scott's report under agenda item 13 of these minutes for the detail on this subject.

John Watson reported that the Rotary Club of Broughty Ferry, should its members agree, may explore a commercial alternative along with Broughty Ferry Traders Association and the support of Broughty Ferry Community Council. In that regard he tabled a draft letter to Historic Environment Scotland on behalf of BFCC asking it to explain its exact role as the carer of Broughty Ferry Castle and Museum so that a baseline could be established when working towards the development of an alternative operating solution to that current. The meeting agreed the content of the letter and to support the effort to secure a commercial alternative operating solution for Broughty Ferry Castle and Museum.

It is noted, DCC plan to upgrade the existing floodlighting in the near future as stated in Cllr Craig Duncan's November report.

Flooding in Orchar Park Following a survey by DCC Engineers, a new drainage and soakaway system has been installed to solve the issue and will be monitored.

Banking facilities; Agenda item 11 of the November 2024 meeting refers. After investigations it was confirmed that the Yorkshire Building in Brook Street, Broughty Ferry can offer a suitable savings facility with two signatories free of charges. The meeting authorised Treasurer David to open a BFCC account with that Society and transfer all BFCC's funds from the Bank of Scotland to that new account at the earliest opportunity.

Presentation to Stan Nut (Licencing Secretary), who retired due to ill health after almost 40 years' service to BFCC. John Watson reported that he had carried out the wishes of BFCC and procured a suitably captioned framed print of Broughty Ferry waterfront. The print had been presented to Stan for his services to the community at his bedside in Ward 3, Ninewells Hospital, with his wife Elsa and daughters present.

Library Extension; Bailie Scott reported that it was unlikely that the extension would be considered in the foreseeable future due to financial constraints and provided a view that any monies that may have been allocated to the project would be used to provide urgent maintenance to the fabric of the current building. The meeting expressed a view that the need for such an extension should not be forgotten.

4. Chairs Report

Chair Doreen said that matters relating to the 'Ferry Fridge' as stated in her report to the November meeting were proceeding slowly.

Due to last minute changes, she had been unable to attend a meeting for community councils forums and action groups on Monday 2nd December 2024.

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

No matters previously intimated. A member of the public attending, through the chair, asked why warning lights and markings at the new crossing facility in Forthill Road had not been installed. After some discussion among members, Bailie Scott stated that he would investigate.

- 6. Police Report**

The Secretary had sent an email to the Broughty Ferry Community Police office taysidetheferrycpt@scotland.police.uk as there had been no report for some months. A reply was still awaited.

- 7. Secretary's Report (Previously Distributed)**

Correspondence

 - 8/11 Email sent to the Ferry Community Police Officers requesting a monthly report be forwarded to BFCC secretary.
 - 11/11 Web email from (David Hewick) regarding planning application for erection of house (24/00702/FULL – land south of Anton House). Objection letter to planning officer Laura Stewart.
 - 29/11 Budget consultation survey papers received. The closing date at the end of December was inappropriate for such a long and involved survey – meeting's opinion.

- 8. Planning Report 1st – 30th November 2024 (Previously Distributed)**

Of the 10 planning and 6 tree applications validated and examined during this period, none required attention.

24/00749/FULL – Erection of 3 self-contained assisted living flats and associated facilities. Land West of Library, Queen Street, Broughty Ferry.

This application was received after the Planning Report had been distributed. An application for the erection of 5 flatted dwellings on the same site was approved on 12/12/2016 but building was not started within the 3 year limit so the application fell. The Planning Secretary advised that given the approval of the 2016 application there was no material reason BFCC should respond to this current application and therefore, should remain silent. Members agreed.

- 9. Licensing Report.**

No applications had been received during this period.

- 10. Public Relations Report**

No report.

- 11. LCPP Report (Meeting held 14th November 2024)**

Regeneration Fund; Broughty Ferry Library awarded £497, leaving £1,500 of available funding.

Paper regarding Budget Consultation to City Government Committee; recommendations for the 2025/26 budget and financial implications, consultation process to run for a four week period over November and December 2024.

A list of 25 areas where savings could be made (City marketing, Community regeneration, UNESCO, Cultural organisation, School swimming pools, School crossing patroller service, Children's services, Devolved school budgets, Ancrum Activity centre, Dundee House, Third party payments, Discretionary housing payments, Scottish welfare fund, Civic activities, Community safety wardens,

Waste collection frequency, Small skip service, Recycling centre hours, Lifeguarding service, Air service, bus service, city events, Sustainable transport fund, Accident investigations, Equalities funding)

There is also a consultation process in progress regarding closures and moves to the new Community Campus at the new school in Drumgeith Road (The Hub library & Community Facilities, Whitfield library (The Crescent), Douglas Community Centre & library, Douglas Sports centre).

It was noted the lack of a chairperson (from DCC) over the last two meetings. David Eason highlighted the churches group pamphlets (Love, Peace, Joy). Grant Taylor (SFRS); gave an update on the quarterly report; Accidental dwelling fires, Deliberate secondary fires, Road traffic collision, were all down. Home fire safety visits were 66 (year to date – 140). Unwanted fire alarm signals were up. There was an update paper from Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action Communities Team.

A verbal update from Joyce Barclay, Health & Social care Partnership, written report to follow.

Update from Sustainable transport department, regarding the present road works in central Broughty Ferry and forthcoming road closures within the Broughty Ferry area.

Bailie Scott intimated that DCC officers, had checked on the protruding hedge at the library bus stop and informed the owners to have it cut back.

DCC have informed householders in certain areas, where overhanging trees are causing a problem with transport and pedestrians to have them cut back. The trees in Davidson Street between Seafield Road & Claypotts Road are to be cut back by the council.

Fiona Gilmore from 'Giving Back' informed the meeting, vouchers had been given out to families, and a Community engagement event is to take place on 28th November in the Dawson Park pavilion.

It is noted that St James Church (cosy place) is open from 9.00am to 4.00pm for tea, coffee, soup etc. (25 – 40 attend on a regular basis).

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 13th February 2025 at 6.00pm in Balmossie Fire Station.

12. Matters Raised by Community Councillors

Fiona Potton reported that a silver birch tree in the library garden required attention – Bailie Scott to deal with the matter.

Charlie Delaney voiced his concerns regarding the speed of traffic using Strathmore Street during school crossing times. Police to be asked to investigate.

13. Contributions from Elected Members

Bailie Derek Scott's Report (Previously distributed)

Castle Museum; The council's administration voted to defer a decision on the closure of Broughty Castle Museum until February 2025. (The month the council sets its budget). The intention is for council officers, Leisure and Culture, Dundee and any other interested parties to engage with Historic Environment Scotland and Scottish Ministers over the long-term funding and management of the castle,

museum and grounds. I argued at the meeting that the council should commit to the continued funding of the Castle Museum and remove any uncertainty about it. It should never have been put up for consideration of closure in the first place. It is too important historically and culturally.

Beach Entrance; I previously reported that residents had contacted me about the entrance to the beach between South Balmossie Street and Bridge Street. Build-up of debris and erosion had made it a difficult route to negotiate. I raised the matter with the relevant council department and asked for something to be done to make this entrance usable again. The required work has now been carried out.

Railway Footbridge; I contacted Angus Council about the possibility of carrying out some maintenance on Balmossie Railway Footbridge to compliment the Broughty Ferry to Monifieth active travel route. The bridge is an important link to the route and would benefit from a refresh. Angus Council agreed to carry out an inspection and has reported back that there are no major structural issues with the bridge. However, the parapets and surface do require some attention. There is also graffiti on the abutments that needs to be addressed. Although there is no funding available this year to undertake these works the Council is going to programme some improvements to be made next financial year.

New Book; Callum Webster, a former Broughty Ferry community councillor, has written a new book on Broughty Ferry history with Craig Muir, 'Of mansions and mariners, the Tale of Broughty Ferry.' The book recounts the development of Broughty Ferry from a thriving fishing village to a prosperous suburb. It tells the stories of people from Broughty Ferry's past and the properties they occupied, with an account of over 360 mansions and villas.

SGN; The next phase of the gas main will be between Fort Street and St. Vincent Street in early January. The gas main here is in the footway, so it is likely the work will be carried out under a one-way closure, so access to Queen Street car park will be maintained.

Wall Davidson Street; Latest update is there is no change, it is regularly inspected for safety measures.

Library Extension; I was asked about this at the last meeting. There is £1.165M in the capital plan for Broughty Ferry library, £346k of this is match funding for the extension. The balance is earmarked for life cycle works, such as roof repairs and wiring. Sadly, I am advised there is little prospect of the extension materialising in the current financial climate. The cash raised by Friends of Broughty Ferry Library via donations is being held by LACD and it is decided not to pursue an extension, attempts will be made to return the donations to the donors in the first instance.

Cllr Craig Duncan's Report (Previously distributed)

Brook Street Broken Bench; I am delighted to say that my repeated calls to have the long broken and eyesore remains of the bench outside 'Mitchell's' at last met with success and it was removed in advance of the Broughty Ferry Christmas lights switch on as requested by the Broughty Ferry Traders Association and others.

Whether or not it is ever replaced is uncertain due to lack of funds but I will certainly pursue the matter.

Gray Street Pedestrian Underpass; Also, in advance of the lights switch on I called for defective on this very well used underpass to be repaired, and I am grateful to officers for accomplishing this. Additionally, I again raised the issue of unsightly rust streaks staining the tile walls via the council who contacted Network Rail and I hope for some improvement in future.

Victoria Road/Claypotts Road Junction; Following the latest accident at this location a number of concerned residents asked me to seek safety improvements and I have raised this with appropriate officers.

Forthill Playpark Missing Swings; I have been pursuing this issue with officers and I am assured that missing swings will be replaced.

Fallen Leaves and Blocked Gullies; Residents will be only too aware of multiple locations in Broughty Ferry in sore need of having leaves and other debris uplifted and gullies unblocked to prevent slips, falls and flooding, particularly before really freezing weather arrives and I highlighted affected locations to officers.

14. AOCB
None.

Date of next meeting;

The meeting decided that because of the lack of activity during the festive period, the ordinary meeting scheduled for 7th January 2025 should be cancelled.

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 7.00pm in Broughty Ferry Library.