

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on Tuesday 6th May 2025.

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. Community Councillors Present

Doreen Phillips (Chair), Neil Cooney (Vice-Chair), James Doig (Secretary) Tara Javed (Treasurer), John Watson (Planning), Lorna Murray (Licensing), Chris Johnson (P.R.), Fiona Potton, David Easson, Norma McGovern, Isobel McLean, Charlie Delaney, Kenny Matheson, Molly Laidlaw, George Laidlaw.

In Attendance

Christine Rea

Ex-Officio

Bailie Derek Scott

Apologies

Nil

Members of the Public Present

Four members of the public were in attendance.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting (1st April 2025)

The draft minute (previously distributed) was agreed as a true minute, proposed by John Watson seconded by Norma McGovern and agreed by the members present.

3. Matters Arising

Westfield Road and Broughty Ferry Traffic Issues;

DCC are awaiting a decision from Network Rail regarding electrification of the east coast line through Broughty Ferry which will have an impact on traffic issues, they will not make a decision until that is decided.

Broughty Ferry Castle & its Future;

Update from Planning Secretary; A steering group has now been established, two members from Rotary Club of Broughty Ferry, two from Broughty Ferry Traders Association and two from Broughty Ferry Community Council. Martin Goodfellow of BFTA has been appointed interim chairman. A meeting between the chair, John Watson and the chair of the Friends of the Caird Hall Organ Charity is due to take place next week to explore common ground. It is intended that the group should be formalised as a charity later in the year.

Papa Jacques Beer Garden, outside hospitality.

Bailie Scott contact the relevant department and established;

The beer garden has been included on the licence since the premises opened, with the following conditions –

1. All amplified music and vocals shall be controlled as to be inaudible within the nearest residential accommodation.
2. Consumption of alcohol in the beer garden will cease at 9pm September to June and 10pm in July and August.

It is hoped the above will continue to be monitored by the relevant licensing department.

New school crossing facility in Forthill Road.

Due to SGN works, council won't be able to complete the works on the build out until late March and will advise once complete (forwarded to members).

4. Chairs Report

Chair Doreen highlighted the 'Dundee Communities Action Group' following which there was a fair discussion on their topics, ideas, terms of reference. BFCC, Tara Javed attended the last meeting, giving a brief update on the information discussed, although there seems to be a duplication of information presented.

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

None

6. Police Report

Following discussions with Cllr Duncan & DCI Burns, reports are to be forwarded on a regular basis with the following being received 20th April 2025.

Eastern Primary School have had online safety inputs with primary 7, highlighting the importance of proper use, age ranges with various apps and devices.

PC's Hall & Fotheringham attended Forthill Primary where their upper school were learning about Emergency Services, what roles each service carry out and we were asked to attend and talk about what information is important when calling Police for assistance.

Talks have been carried out with Grove High School with their 2nd year pupils in relation to online safety/bullying. With social media and smart phones being used more and more the message was the importance of how to use them with respect and properly.

Police have teamed up with partner agencies including Traffic Wardens and with hi-visibility patrols around the School Exclusion Zone – Eastern PS whereby several tickets and warnings have been issued.

Police were also involved in the Eastern Primary School 'Cycle Bus Scheme' teaming up with Dundee and Angus Cycle hub volunteers to assist with the school children cycling to school. These involved volunteers waiting at prearranged 'bus stops' where the children could meet Police/Volunteers and be supported in their bike ride to school.

Broughty Ferry saw a spate of Theft shopliftings whereby the prolific offender was identified and arrested for multiple offences. The arrest of this male has had a dramatic decrease in crimes being reported in the Broughty Ferry area.

A combination of Hi-Viz and plain clothes patrol were used in order to detect and arrest this male.

Our Community Officer PC Fotheringham has attended a Youth Diversionary Meeting with CLD workers planning for upcoming events and diversionary work in B/F over the coming summer period.

Work ongoing by partner agency to ensure diversionary activities are in place for the summer months and the increase in people attending in the area to utilise the beach.

PC Hall has been in contact with the Harbour Master and both parties will monitor any Jet Ski issues going forward.

Community Officers have taken part in Operation Challenge (off road bikes) throughout the month of April across the city which remains a low level nuisance within Broughty Ferry.

Police Scotland are thanked for the above report.

7. Secretary's Report (Previously Distributed)

Correspondence

02/04 Minute of Dundee Communities Action Group meeting held on 13th February 2025.

02/04 Info from Cllr Duncan with reference to Police reports. Following discussions, a report was received on 20/04, hopefully we will receive monthly reports.

03/04 Survey for Dundee Fair Trade Forum received from DCC.

04/04 Variation of Waiting Restrictions from DCC for various streets in Dundee.

05/04 Response to Bailie Scott with regard to the 'Beer Garden' at Papa Jacques (see 3 – Matters Arising).

16/04 Various comments reference lack of invoice for Web site maintenance.

21/04 DCC Tennant Participation Strategy 2025 meeting, to be held 22/04 2025.
Charlie Delaney to attend.

23/04 CRF Application from DCC (Barnhill Blethers – Grant requested £1443.39).

29/04 From DCC; Looking at changes how we run the Ferry LCPP meetings (requesting updates in advance with the use of power point and circulated prior to the meeting).

01/05 From DCC; LCPP meeting (08/05/25) cancelled.

01/05 From DCC; New SSEN funding for community owned buildings (Low Carbon Technology Fund & Powering Communities to Net Zero Fund – closing date 25/06/2025

02/05 From DCC; Dundee to Monifieth Active Travel Plan, Final Phase, resurfacing etc. (The Esplanade – Broughty Ferry), 12/05/2025 – 26/09/2025.
Information will be displayed on the library notice board.

8. Planning Report 31st March to 30th April 2025 (Previously Distributed)

Of the 4 planning and 5 tree applications validated and examined during this period, none required attention.

The site visit referred to in the planning report presented to the April ordinary meeting took place on the 3rd April 2025. As a result, indications are that the delegated decision to refuse the application has been upheld. A formal letter to that effect has not been received at the date of writing this report.

A note of thanks was received from the applicants, especially to planning secretary John Watson for doing so much research and effort involved in supporting the application on behalf of BFCC.

9. Licensing Report.

No applications had been received by the secretary during this period.

10. Public Relations Report

Nothing to report

11. Treasurers Report (as per AGM)

Present admin A/C £1327.13 and a total bank balance of £1554.05.

Accounts examined, signed, and approved at the AGM.

No website account received for the last financial year.

Treasurer David Easson stood down as Treasurer at the AGM.

Copy of annual accounts forwarded to DCC (Christine Rea).

It is noted that monthly bank charges now apply to the BFCC account.

12 Beach Management Report

Deferred from last meeting; Representative Fiona Potton highlighted the following – Esplanade sewage pipe repaired by Tay water management, due to the age of pipework in the area, a lot of work will be required in the future.

Windmill toilets are to be refurbished. Due to lack of toilets in the area, queues form, especially during good weather. Additional, better signage is required for toilet location.

As there is only one toilet in the library, it should not be listed as a public toilet.

Dundee City Council are requested as to the clarification with regard to toilet provision in Broughty Ferry. The local development plan includes toilet provision.

Castle Green play-ship repaired by the installation company at a reduced cost following malicious damage.

13. Matters Raised by Community Councillors

Secretary; Various media reports regarding the possible downgrading or closure of Balmossie Community Fire Station (see also Bailie Scott's report).

Secretary; Good to see the Orchar Park Bowling Green to be leased and spruced up by Broughty United, Youth football team.

George Laidlaw; had distributed a report regarding the Queen Street garden, and is arranging a meeting with the Church, Brownies, and School contacts with regard to upkeep, advice and suggestions. The Ferry community fridge will benefit from the growing of herbs to hand out in due course.

14. Contributions from Elected Members

Bailie Derek Scott's Report;

Balmossie Fire & Ambulance Station; Following a strategic review several locations are being considered for change by the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, including Balmossie. An options appraisal was due to be completed by the end of April with any recommendations being subject to a public consultation over the summer.

East End Community Consultation; The City Governance Committee held on 21st April dealt with the outcome of this consultation. I know there are a lot of Broughty Ferry residents who use the facilities at Douglas Sports Centre.

Given the high response against closure, it was decided to defer a decision and remit the chief executive to further review the operations and report back to a future committee. Two interests and a third expression of interest from the current operator Leisure & Culture Dundee for a community asset transfer were received during the consultation.

At the last meeting I was asked to investigate two items;

Papa Jacques – the councils' licensing manager advised me that Papa Jacques has always had a beer garden on its licence. It was included when the licence was granted when the premises opened.

Licensing notifications – the list I receive every month are those licences decided under delegated powers, which isn't what the community council wants. The licensing manager has confirmed that her team send new grant and major variation application to community councils but there hasn't been any in the Ferry area for a while now.

Navarre Street; In a previous report I mentioned that Broughty Ferry hadn't fared well in the 2025/26 carriageway resurfacing capital programme but I was hopeful that other streets might be attended to as part of the council's inlay programme. The first of those has come through – Navarre Street. It was inspected and deemed to be beyond patching. Work is due to commence on Monday 12th May for 5 working days.

The Esplanade; The Esplanade is due to be resurfaced, funded by the Scottish Government, as part of the Broughty Ferry to Monifieth Active Travel Project. The extents are from the junction with Brook Street to the approach of Bridge Street and will be a full resurfacing. A temporary traffic order is expected to be in force for fourteen weeks from 12th May. The works will be carried out in 4 separate phases and access will be maintained from either Bridge Street or Brook Street at all times.

Coach Parking; I previously mentioned that the Broughty Ferry Traders Association were working with the council in respect of provision for coach parking in central Broughty Ferry to enable tours to be accommodated and stimulate local economic activity. It is proposed to reduce the size of the taxi rank in Brook Street and create a space for coach parking just to the east of the former Royal Bank of Scotland building.

Cllr Craig Duncan's Report;

Balmossie Fire Station; At the time of writing there is a possibility of a downgrade or even removal of the SFRS presence at Balmossie. I have made it abundantly and publicly clear (in the media and by writing to SFRS management) that I am (as on previous occasions) steadfastly opposed to any changes to SFRS provision at Balmossie which in any way downgrades the SFRS provision there. No proposals have as yet been communicated to me despite my asking only last week for an update upon my original enquiry, at which time I was advised that nothing is yet decided and I will not be letting this concerning matter rest.

Orchar Park Former Bowling Pavilion; Ever since the current administration of Dundee City Council took the decision to discontinue the provision of public bowling at Orchar Park I have repeatedly campaigned for the pavilion to be preserved, secured, and positively repurposed and I am therefore delighted that at long last a positive future for this prime Broughty Ferry community asset does appear to be secured following the recent signing of a 25 year lease with Broughty Athletic Football Club.

Broughty Ferry Library Electoral Register Provision; A resident contacted me to complain that after many years the Electoral Register available for public inspection had been withdrawn from Broughty Ferry Library, which I hardly consider conducive to the exercise of democracy. Accordingly, I raised this issue with Leisure and Culture Dundee and indeed the City Council and am pleased to advise that subsequent to staff training the register has been reinstated for public use.

Broughty Ferry Pre-Season Beach Waterfront Meeting; Last week I participated in an online meeting with various council officers, a representative of Forth Ports and the Deputy Lord Provost to discuss the various issues which the nature of a seaside resort like Broughty Ferry experiences every year, namely and quite predictably a huge surge in visitors from here and elsewhere, the huge majority of which are good natured and respectful but some engage in littering and other anti-social activities.

Briefly, the council are going to provide bigger bins and make sure they are serviced more frequently, as well as more frequent patrols from Community Safety Wardens and better cooperation with the police to name a few measures but I have made it plain that I want the council to make a particular point of issuing and enforcing penalty notices for littering and I shall be making a very particular point of seeing how that is taken forward.

Queen Street “Slow” Markings Refreshed; Very pleased indeed that further to multiple requests over recent years these and other safety markings have at last been refreshed and rendered for purpose, as opposed to the near invisible state of previous markings..... highly concerning in an area with a primary and secondary school.

15. AOCB

Christine Rea intimated BFCC should highlight to Broughty Ferry residents via notices, that Community Council Elections are due to take place in October 2025, where existing BFCC members and residents of Broughty Ferry, can offer themselves as candidates.

Date of next meeting;

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at 7.00pm in Broughty Ferry Library.