

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on Tuesday 1st July 2025.

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. Community Councillors Present

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

In Attendance

Nil

Ex-Officio

Bailie Derek Scott

Apologies

Tara Javed, Christine Rea, Cllr Craig Duncan

Members of the Public Present

Three members of the public were in attendance.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting (3rd June 2025)

The draft minute (previously distributed) was agreed as a true minute, proposed by K. Matheson seconded by Isobel McLean and agreed by the members present.

3. Matters Arising

Broughty Ferry Castle & its Future;

Update from Planning Secretary; A steering group of six members has been established, a constitution has been drafted which requires six trustees. Anyone interested in becoming a 'Trustee,' contact John Watson. Events have been organised to raise funds, such as at Broughty Ferry Gala day with further events on 19th July and 2nd August. Broughty Traders and Rotary have given donations to provide publicity material. Posters will be displayed in Ferry shop windows.

A draft letter regarding Broughty Ferry Castle – Future; addressed to Local Elected Members was sent to members prior to the July meeting; content was highlighted by the Planning Secretary who gave an update, stating the continuation of the castle lease beyond 2026 by DCC was fundamental to the establishment of the charity "Friends of Broughty Castle".

BFCC agreed unanimously to sending the letter in its name.

A save the castle stall had been located at castle green on Gala Day, with a further one available on 19th July to raise the profile and awareness of the possibilities.

Following the AGM where it was noted we had not received an Account for the Web site. Chris Johnson has contacted Lesley Duncan regarding an invoice for the account.

Chris has been in contact with Anna Robb regarding the Facebook page, which has now been resolved.

David Easson intimated account had not yet been transferred to Tara Javed. BOS are now charging a monthly fee of £4.25 on the account. Virgin Money offer a free account depending upon number of transactions. It was agreed we change to Virgin Money. Transfer of the account to Tara will be completed when she returns from holiday.

4. Chairs Report

Community Fridge –

The stall at Castle Green Gala day was well supported, raising £177. There has been a delay in opening due to the requirement of internal work. It is hoped an outside tap can be installed, depending upon listing status.

Opening times for the Community Fridge Tuesday & Thursday 11.00am – 2.00pm.

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

None

6. Police Report

Violence reduction patrols have been carried out over the past month by Officers.

This has involved officers carrying out high visibility foot patrols in the Broughty Ferry area during evenings and weekends to assist in preventing anti-social behaviour.

As part of the departmental policing plan there will be additional high visibility patrols carried out over the summer period to assist with the heavy footfall the summer holidays bring to Broughty Ferry.

With the Dundee schools closing at 12 noon on Friday 27th June there will be officers carrying out high visibility patrols from lunchtime in the Broughty Ferry area.

LCPT are aware of the upcoming Gala Week in Broughty Ferry. Patrols will be carried out where possible and there will be officers readily available should they be required to assist with any anti-social behaviour or other public safety concerns.

7. Secretary's Report (Previously Distributed)

Correspondence

10/06 DCAG forthcoming meeting (Items & Terms of Reference) Draft contact list.

Norma McGovern attended the meeting, which was interesting, but no real community council information to report put forward.

11/06 Info from Planning Secy. Regarding The Esplanade / Brownfield site as reported at an earlier meeting.

13/06 From Planning Secy. Preliminary view reference planning application; 25/00273/FULL – Erection of boat house, RTYC.

21/06 DCAG ; meeting notes (amended) from 12/06.

21/06 From Bailie Scott; info regarding new care home – Dalhousie Road, commencement of works (as stated in his report).

23/06 Christine Rea; Production of short film to promote the forthcoming Dundee community council elections, Chair Doreen attended and will feature in this short

production.

23/06 Info regarding visitors coach parked in Brook Street highlighted.

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.

Secretary has displayed notices in the library and Queen Street car park notice board.

8. Planning Report 2nd – 27th June 2025 (Previously Distributed)

Of the 6 planning and 5 tree applications validated and examined during this period, one required attention. Other planning matters for members information are included in this report.

25/00273/FULL – Erection of boat house; Royal Tay Yacht Club, footpath from Douglas Terrace along foreshore Broughty Ferry DD5 1LX

While this application falls within this Community Council's boundary it is not included in the West Ferry (2011) Conservation Area.

The supporting documents attached to this application are comprehensive, especially the 26 page Supporting Statement. This Community Council is content to rely upon the result of the Case Officer's findings regarding its conformity or otherwise to NPF4, the current Local Development Plan (LDP) and all other control measures. It is encouraged by the substantial degree of support for the project recorded in Appendix H of the Supporting Statement.

The Project's need, aims and requirements are set out very clearly in the statement and demonstrate the added value the project will provide to water sports locally and indeed nationally. From a community point of view two aims stand out. One, the project will play a major role in the development of a centre of excellence for water sports in the community and, two, it will provide a hub for further collaboration with other groups, including members of Tay Estuary Water Sports Hub, schools, universities, local sea cadets, youth organisations and the governing bodies for sailing and rowing.

The Royal Tay Yacht Club is a huge community asset and this project, led by its charitable organization Tay Sail Training, will further cement its importance and future wellbeing.

The preliminary view of this Community Council is that it supports the application.

BFCC members agreed to support the above application.

24/00247/FULL – Planning permission appeal; Jessie's Kitchen, Broomfield Nurseries, 3 Albert Road, Broughty Ferry, Dun dee DD5 1AY

The Community Council objected to this application which was subsequently refused by the Planning Committee. An appeal was lodged to the Scottish Government, a reporter appointed who carried out a site inspection on the appeal site on Wednesday 18th June at 12.45pm. BFCC was given the opportunity to attend and the Planning Secretary and Member Norma McGovern, represented the Community Council at the inspection. A number of objectors also attended. All were advised by the Recorder, Sinead Lynch, that she expected to be in a position to make her decision known by the end of August 2025.

25/00196/FULL – Broughty Ferry Castle Area – Siting of portable sauna tent.

This application was lodged by Leisure and Culture Dundee and validated on 27th May 2025. The Planning Secretary spoke at the meeting with the purpose of illustrating the control of activities within the area that can be exerted by Historic Environment Scotland from whom the site is leased by DCC.

A letter of consent from Historic Environment Scotland to DCC was forward to the planning secretary for information.

9. Licensing Report.

Licence variation for the Fort Hotel, Fort Street, Broughty Ferry.

Licensing secretary Lorna highlighted the application stating there were no apparent issues as far as BFCC are concerned.

10. Public Relations Report

Facebook now sorted out as previously reported.

11. Beach Management Report (Previously Distributed)

Verbal report, meeting Thursday past, disappointment nothing in place regarding toilet Issues especially opening times prior to Gala Day. There are still issues regarding the Pavilion/cafe toilets at the castle green.

It was intimated there is no signage regarding location of toilets. There were numerous complaints highlighted during Gala Day.

Baillie Scott asked to investigate.

12 Matters Raised by Community Councillors (Previously Intimated)

Chair Doreen, reminded community councillors that reports for BFCC meetings are required to be sent in advance of the meeting to the secretary.

Consultation regarding downgrade or closure of Balmossie Fire & Rescue / Ambulance Station.

Secretary provided information regarding the consultation and SFRS plans to reduce cover / close the station. BFCC are totally against any alteration to the existing manning.

It should be remembered that when the Burgh of Broughty Ferry was absorbed into Dundee it was agreed by both parties that fire cover in Broughty Ferry would remain.

At the time, Monifieth also had a (retained) station, which was closed, along with the Broughty Ferry station in Brown Street when Balmossie opened.

Chair Doreen to complete the consultation survey on behalf of BFCC

All members were individually requested to complete and submit the consultation form.

A Public consultation meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th August at 2pm and at 6pm in Barnhill St.Margarets Church hall.

Broughty Ferry rail station “benches,” as per note distributed to members.

Short discussion regarding these ‘Breathing Space’ benches which encourage people in distress to take a step back, they offer a phone number to call for help and support.

Members agreed it was a worthwhile venture; Neil Cooney will review and investigate.

SGN were complimented on the essential gas mains work in Broughty Ferry, with all of the

workforce from the project team to the workforce carrying out the work very courteous and helpful at all times.

Broughty Ferry Traders are seeking BFCC's support to reduce the number and size of loading bays in central Broughty Ferry, although the whole of loading/parking requires a review. Planning Secretary to report to September meeting.

13. Contributions from Elected Members

Baillie Derek Scott's Report;

Hedge; At the last meeting I was asked if I could assist with getting the hedge at the bus stop next to the library cut back. I raised the matter with the appropriate council department. It's good to see that there has been a positive response.

Beach improvements; I was pleased to facilitate the progress of a proposal from Broughty Ferry Traders Association and Plastic Free Broughty Ferry to provide a beach toys library at the bathing beach area and a beach cleaning station housed in the Windmill Car Park toilet block.

Balmossie; Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is now consulting on its service delivery review, which will run to 16th September. The community council might wish to respond as an organisation and also individually.

SFRS will be holding two public meetings at Barnhill St Margaret's Church on Tuesday 12th August 2-4pm and 6-8pm. As these events are expected to be popular, those wishing to attend are asked to book a place in advance.

Toilet update; At the last meeting I reported that the Castle Green and Windmill Car Park toilets are to be upgraded and I was asked to follow up on a couple of other issues. In respect of the closing time, I have had a number of exchanges about it with the environment department, and although there is a desire to extend the opening hours, they have no funds available in the revenue budget to do this.

However, as suggested by the community council I asked if the possibility of a business comfort scheme, similar to the one operated by Perth and Kinross Council could be explored. I also mentioned it to the Traders Association and there is to be a discussion between both parties about how this might be taken forward.

Steps at Claypotts Pond; The upgrade has now been completed. I had been chasing this improvement for a long time so I am pleased to see the matter progress to a positive outcome.

Cambustay Hotel Site; Planning consent was approved some time ago for a new care home. The owners have been very helpful in responding to requests I have made to keep the site as tidy as possible and they have recently advised me that they are hoping to commence works on the site during August / September. The contractor will be communicating directly with neighbours to advise of proposals / timescales etc. and once the project is underway there will be a communications plan in place which will keep the various stakeholders informed.

Flooding; The heavy rain a couple of weeks ago highlighted localised flooding hotspots. I requested the gully sucker attend at a few locations.

Cllr Craig Duncan's Report;

Gala Week; Glad to see that as I have arranged in previous years that the main pavements in central Broughty Ferry were jet washed in advance of Gala Week and will be again after the Christmas Lights switch on both hugely significant and popular events in our community for which thanks are always due to the Gala Week Committee and the Broughty Ferry Traders Association, more frequent cleaning would certainly be welcome and I pursue this but these key dates are an essential minimum.

Gala Sunday; Delighted to visit a very well attended Gala Sunday event(s) on Castle Green on 29 July, a really marvellous and varied range of stalls and I took the opportunity to chat with many individuals and organisations such as Friends of Broughty Ferry Castle who like me are determined to see the castle museum preserved and the entire offering enhanced and also the Fire Brigades Union Scotland who share my desire to see the SFRS presence at Balmossie retained and in no way downgraded let alone removed.

Play Park between Marlee Road and Torridon Road; I have raised residents' concerns about damage to the soft play surface at this location and received assurances that repairs will be effected this week.
I also continue to press for a more general upgrade of this somewhat tired facility.

Old Curling Pond; Pleased to report that recent works to improved steps, plus handrails at the northern end of the old Curling Pond at the junction of Balgillo Road and Claypotts Road have been completed barring some minor snagging issues such as the need to reseed bare grass areas which I have reported to the council and rusty old railings and crumbling concrete and loose stonework at the perimeter have also been replaced and made good.

Dawson Park Fencing; I recently reported fallen fencing at the eastern perimeter of the former bowling green in Dawson Park and am assured that the council will take action to prevent unauthorised access pending funding for a proper replacement fencing.

Forthill Road School Signs; Residents have complained that flashing speed limit signs outside Forthill Primary school have not been operating recently. I raised this obvious pupil safety concern with the council and am assured that replacements will be installed during the current school holidays.

Anti-Social Behaviour; Following complaints from members of the public I have again raised with appropriate authorities instances of speeding, honking of horns late night and black clad minors racing around on e bikes.

Esplanade Dune Path; I have highlighted the lack of bins on this relatively new path along the Esplanade.

Bus Stops Inaccurate Information; Based upon complaints and personal experience I have again raised concerns about misleading information on the "Real Time" displays at multiple bus shelters, advertising buses which simply do not appear but on occasion failing to advertise buses which do appear.... Highly unhelpful to potential passengers.

Balmossie Fire Station; Unfortunately, the management of SFRS have decided to put two options out to a period of 12 week consultation (now underway), briefly, one option

downgrade current resources and the other would terminate SFRS provision there completely.

I have strenuously and publicly (Local press, BBC Radio Scotland etc) yet again proactively reiterated my absolute opposition to either option, stressing that preserving or perhaps enhancing current provision is all that I will settle for.

14. AOCB

Remembering Covid; question raised regarding the possibility of a Covid bench for Broughty Ferry. This would probably require local funding.

Produce from the community garden was supplied to members by George and Molly, they were designated for the Ferry Fridge, which unfortunately is not open yet.

Date of next meeting;

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7.00pm in Broughty Ferry Library.