

# Broughty Ferry Community Council

## **Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on Tuesday 4th November 2025.**

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

### **1. Community Council Election, Appointment of Office Bearers.**

Christine Rea took the chair with the following members being proposed and seconded.

Chair – Doreen Phillips, Vice-chair – Neil Cooney, Secretary – James Doig, Treasurer – Tara Javed, Planning secretary – John Watson, P.R. – Chris Johnson.

### **2. Community Councillors Present**

Doreen Phillips (Chair), James Doig (Secretary), John Watson (Planning), Norma McGovern, Isobel McLean, Chris Johnson, Charlie Delaney, Molly Laidlaw, George Laidlaw, John Spink.

#### **In Attendance**

Christine Rea

#### **Ex-Officio**

Bailie Derek Scott

#### **Apologies**

Neil Cooney, Tara Javed, Fiona Potton, Lorna Murray, Cllr Craig Duncan.

#### **Members of the Public Present**

7 members of the public were in attendance.

### **3. Minute of Previous Meeting (7th October 2025)**

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

### **4. Matters Arising**

Adoption of Constitution, Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedure as circulated (some members were unable to open the attachments). These were adopted unanimously by members present.

Consultation regarding downgrade or closure of Balmossie Fire & Rescue / Ambulance Station. Chair responded on behalf of BFCC. Consultation events have taken place and we await a decision.

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 has been in touch with Tony McLaren & Lisa Dock who are keen to provide support. Cost including installation is £1500 with Breathing Space possibly assisting with a small proportion of the total cost, and BFCC required to provide the majority of the cost, possibly through Community Regeneration Fund or trust application. This was discussed and agreed that BFCC apply for funding from the Regeneration Fund. Christine to forward the required application form. It was agreed that the siting of the bench would be in the Queen Street community garden area.

At the July meeting it was noted Virgin Money offer a free account depending upon number of transactions. It was agreed we change to Virgin Money.

Tara Javed had met with David to take over as Treasurer and is in the process of changing the account to Virgin Money with most of transactions being completed online. Neil Cooney will be the second named person on the account. It is noted that if cheques are used, they require any two from three signatures.

**Sustainable Transport Corridor;** There is a proposal to create sustainable transport corridors on Arbroath Road and Lochee Road. BFCC agreed we invite a project team member to address a future meeting (November/December). More information about the project can be found at the hub site: <https://dundee-sustainable-transport-corridors-swecouk.hub.arcgis.com>

The sustainable transport corridor 'Arbroath Road' is the length from Claypotts junction to Scott Fyffe roundabout.

Bailie Scott provided information and project team member name to give a talk at the November or December meeting. Secretary had written invite to them. Their reply stated they could not attend in person, but could dial in online. They were informed we did not have that facility, and were invited sometime in the new year. We await a response.

A portacabin located in the Torridon Road car park (adjacent to the shops) has been there for some time, it is not known who owns it what it contains and there are no markings on it. Bailie Scott to check with the appropriate DCC department.

it was highlighted a number of vehicles parking on Claypotts Road on double yellow lines over the railway bridge was an issue due to line of sight. Bailie Scott to check and advise.

Pedestrian safety highlighted in Brook Street (outside Superdrug) where a collapsed chimney has been barricaded off for some considerable time.

## **5. Chairs Report**

Community Fridge – Opened on Saturday past, with a mixture of the public in attendance. There has been a slight problem with collection of food from shops.

Local farms are providing vegetables and fruit for which we are grateful. Supermarkets and shops provide food for distribution through a specific (fair share) scheme.

## **6. Matters raised by Members of the Public (Previously Intimated)**

None.

## **7. Police Report (Previously Distributed)**

LCPT have continued to attend outside schools in the area which have the School Exclusion Zones enforced during busy morning drop off and after school pick-up. Any persons collecting children from school requires a permit to enter the school exclusion zone. If they do not have a permit to enter the area at the specified times, conditional offer penalties were issued.

LCPT have again carried out patrols in relation to Operation Challenge which relates to off road motorcycles and other similar vehicles being driven in an anti-social manner. It has been highlighted that these types of motorcycles have been in the Broughty Ferry area. Patrols will be carried out with a view to identify and seize said motorcycles and charge persons responsible with relevant offences.

LCPT have been focusing on retail crime over the past month with additional officers carrying out patrols in the area which will assist in preventing anti-social behaviour which is usually, part of conduct regarding shoplifting.

LCPT have continued carrying out high visibility foot patrols in the Broughty Ferry area during daytime, evenings, and weekends to assist in preventing anti-social behaviour.

Coffee with a cop was carried out in Broughty Ferry Library on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Local residents attended and had the opportunity to speak with Broughty Ferry community officers to seek advice, ask questions and raise any concerns relating to the Broughty Ferry area. We hope to hold another Coffee with a cop after the busy festive period and will post on social media nearer the time what date this will be held.

## **8. Secretary's Report (Previously Distributed)**

### **Correspondence**

- 08/10 From Bailie Scott; Pedestrian barrier in Brook Street (at Superdrug). Situation assessed and insufficient width to create foot passage, signs erected stating footpath closed and pedestrians to cross road at designated points.
- 09/10 From Christine; Consultation leaflet regarding visitor levy for Dundee.
- 09/10 Dundee Sustainable Transport Corridors (Arbroath Road), info from Bailie Scott.
- 10/10 Planning Secy; Proposed coach/bus bay in Brook Street objection letter for approval.
- 14/10 Bailie Scott; Ref portacabin located in Torridon Road car park, further investigation required.
- 16/10 DCAG; Presentation by Nicky McCrimmon (Neighbourhood Services), 23/10/2025.
- 18/10 Bailie Scott; Parking on Claypotts Road giving reduced sightlines. DCC to review and consider possible alternative steps.
- 20/10 Planning Secy; Community Council Elections and BFCC Standing Orders.
- 20/10 George Laidlaw; Ref. Old RBS building press article.
- 20/10 Bailie Scott; Request for ashtray bin in Queen Street community garden area, will be considered in the review but should not be an issue.
- 21/10 From Christine; Scottish Community Councils Scotland, Autumn newsletter.
  
- 30/10 Arbroath Road – Sustainable Transport Corridor, reply from invite, SWECO representative unable to attend. Further email sent.
- 03/11 LCPP meeting scheduled for 6/11/25 is postponed.
- 03/11 DCAG; Only 3 community reps. Attended last meeting. Next meeting, Thursday 18/12/2025
- 04/11 Info from Neil Cooney regarding 'Breathing Space' bench, forwarded to members.
- 04/11 From Christine; Dundee Place Reports (Broughty Ferry) for info.

**9. Planning Report 1st – 31st October 2025 (Previously Distributed)**

Of the 7 planning and 3 tree applications validated and examined during the above period, none required attention.

For members information

**25/00088/FULL – 288 Brook Street, Broughty Ferry, Dundee - Change of Use:-**

This application was refused, and the applicant appealed the decision. BFCC made further Representations to the Local Review Body (LRB) as reported and agreed. The appeal was considered and the LRB upheld the decision to refuse the application.

Members will note that the LRB's decision is final, except that the applicant can appeal the decision to the Court of Session in Edinburgh but only regarding a point of Law, which, in this case, must be considered a remote possibility.

**25/00397/FULL – Royal Arch, Brook Street, Broughty Ferry. – Window works.**

BFCC provided its observations in regard to this application, which was approved on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

**Traffic Order – Bus/Coach parking bay – Brook Street, Broughty Ferry.**

BFCC objected to this Order and the Planning Secretary provided members with further information. This is still under consideration but is hoped a common sense approach is applied. It was noted that a private coach in the Ferry had difficulty traversing through the various streets, eventually disembarking passengers in King Street, east of St. Vincent Street. Broughty Ferry Traders are presently carrying out a traffic study.

Planning Secretary, John highlighted the closure and sale of churches in Broughty Ferry; (St. Lukes & Queen Street – presently under offer, St James – presently being marketed for sale and contains the RNLI shop, St. Stephens & West – still in operation at present until retirement of the minister).

**10. Licensing Report.**

Nothing to report

**11. Public Relations Report**

Nil to report.

**12. Treasurers Report (Previously Distributed)**

Treasurer, Tara had submitted her apologies but informed the secretary a new bank Account with Virgin Money had been opened and in the process of crediting the account. The present balance (BOS) is £2101.84 which includes the deduction of the October monthly bank charges.

The Treasurer will present a report and update us at the December meeting.

Payment due to John Watson (for presentation picture) agreed and will be paid as soon as new (Virgin Money) bank account is set up.

**13. Matters Raised by Community Councillors (Previously Intimated)**

Fiona Potton had submitted her apologies, but had supplied the following report; Awaiting the September Beach Management minutes, also update on refurbishment of Windmill Park toilets and slight damage around the seating area requires repair. Wild flower meadow fencing checked following problem with a dog being trapped.

Beach clean up carried out. Following completion of major works, some snagging to be done.

Water quality results over the past period have been excellent.

Raising awareness and importance of RNLI beach lifeguards.

Interaction of groups (Castle, The Hub water sports and Broughty Ferry Traders).

Jet-ski – new information being sought regarding next season.

Complaints regarding anti-social behaviour has reduced.

#### **14. Contributions from Elected Members**

##### **Bailie Derek Scott's Report;**

**Broughty Castle;** I have been in touch with both the leader of the council and the chief executive and can advise that the future of the castle will be determined at the council's budget meeting in February. Bailie Scott expanded further on this at the meeting, stating that following discussions he was hopeful the castle would not be permanently closed. The Broughty Ferry group (Friends of Broughty Castle) will put discussions on hold until the February budget meeting.

**Pilot Pier;** I have been seeking some action to be taken to improve the appearance of the pilot pier. The broken chains were replaced earlier this year, and the Community Payback Team had been scheduled to paint the chains and bollards. I am awaiting a date for this to be carried out.

**Dundee Road/Home Street;** The community council has previously raised concerns about vehicles exiting from Home Street into Dundee Road. At that time, council road safety officers advised that vehicles parked on the north side of Dundee Road cause vehicles to slow down to give way to oncoming traffic. This in turn causes vehicles to be slower on the approach to Westfield Road/Claypotts Road junction where there is an historic record of accidents. There is no record of accidents at the Home Street/Dundee Road junction. Following completion of the SGN works at this location I asked for an update and was advised that the road design is serving its purpose.

Dundee Road is not wide enough to accommodate any changes and any additional waiting restrictions are likely to cause more problems than they solve.

**Balmossie Railway Bridge;** Angus council painted over the graffiti on the ramps of the bridge earlier this year. It still has surface and parapet repairs to undertake and is looking to progress with these in the near future.

**Fort Street (Brook Street to King Street);** Closed on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November for carriageway lining and joint improvement works.

##### **Updates on actions from the October meeting.**

Closed footway at nail bar on Brook Street: Following a site visit it was determined there is not enough width to create a pedestrian passage. A footway closed sign and a pedestrian directional sign have been positioned at the dropped crossing points at either end of the closure to advise pedestrians the footway ahead is closed and to cross at the designated points.

Bin with ashtray to be sited in Queen Street Community Garden, this will be included in the review of bins in Brook Street that I requested.

Portacabin, Torridon Road car park; investigations were to be carried out to determine who the portacabin might belong to. There is no outcome yet to this enquiry.

Car parking on double yellow lines Claypotts Road; these are all blue badge holders and previously parked on the pavement. With the new legislation they can no longer do that and are parked fully on the carriageway. Road safety officers were to consider steps that might be taken in respect of reduced sightlines.

**Cllr Craig Duncan's Report;**

**Castle Green Issues;** I have raised a number of issues relating to this site such as the need to reinstate the disabled swing, deal with damage and graffiti to benches and picnic tables and also at the request of parents has the council clean off bird droppings from the Pirate Ship item, as these posed public health concerns.

**Esplanade Pavilion;** I have again raised concerns about graffiti and stale urine at the Pavilion opposite Barnhill Rock Garden which is extremely off putting for people and have received assurances that this will be cleared up and that both the police and community wardens will try to patrol there more often as these events are recurring.

**Barnhill Rock Garden;** Further to the recent reinstatement of the ornamental bridge, I am delighted to say that the water features are on the brink of restoration after the installation of greatly modernised and upgraded electrical equipment, timers and pumps and I look forward to enjoying looking and listening to the running water as many people will. These improvements along with the general well-kept and attractive nature of the Rock Garden is a wonderful example of a mutually supportive partnership between the council and The Friends of Barnhill Rock Gardens who were the driving force behind these latest improvements and all credit to them.

**Broughty Ferry Castle;** I remain concerned about the future of Broughty Ferry Castle Museum given that its opening hours have been downgraded to seasonal only but am hopeful that the efforts of well-meaning people such as the Friends of Broughty Ferry Castle may yet produce a favourable future which I remain committed to. Unfortunately, the Saltire is still not flying above the castle as usual as the flag pole has become rotted but I am assured it will be restored.

**Beach Crescent Damage;** I recently reported damage to tiles at the top of the new amphitheatre style steps near the red "Ferry Box" and although it is unclear how the tiles came to be missing I am assured they will be replaced.

**Esplanade Play Equipment;** I recently reported damage to some of the play equipment at this site and am assured it will be made good.

**Ferry Fridge;** Very glad to see that the Broughty Ferry Fridge is now open in the former Cab Shelter at 117 Gray Street, great credit to all involved and am sure it will be a welcome addition to our community.

## **15. AOCB**

**BFCC Induction & Training;** It has been some years since the last training meeting (held in The Woodlands Hotel) and members agreed a session should be held in early 2026. Secretary to ask Christine to arrange.

It was highlighted that the Broughty Ferry Xmas lights switch on 20th November 2025, will bring many people to the area and it is hoped a larger than normal police presence will be available to prevent anti-social behaviour and shoplifting.

Chair Doreen stated that private cars delivering food to the Ferry Fridge had been informed they were in breach of parking regulations, stopping outside the Ferry Fridge on double yellow lines. Regulations to be checked.

BFCC members thanked Bailie Scott for his regular attendance and reports to the monthly meetings and expressed their disappointment at the non-attendance of other elected ward councillors.

**Date of next meeting;**

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

Chair.....

Date.....