

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on Tuesday 7th October 2025.

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

Prior to the start of the meeting, David Easson who had intimated his retirement as a member of BFCC, having completed 35 plus years as member and treasurer, was thanked for his service to the community and presented with a print of Broughty Ferry from the members.

1. Community Council Nominated Members.

Following the Dundee City Council Elections for Broughty Ferry Community Councillors, which closed on 26th September 2025, the following Broughty Ferry, resident's nominations were proposed, seconded, and are elected to serve as a Broughty Ferry Community Councillor for the next four years.

Doreen Phillips, Neil Cooney, James Doig, John Watson, Tara Javed, Charles Delaney, Chris Johnston, Fiona Potton, Isobel McLean, Molly Laidlaw, George Laidlaw, John Spink.

2. Community Councillors Present

Doreen Phillips (Chair), Neil Cooney (Vice-Chair), James Doig (Secretary), Tara Javed (Treasurer), John Watson (Planning), Fiona Potton, Isobel McLean, Chris Johnson, Molly Laidlaw, George Laidlaw, John Spink.

In Attendance

Christine Rea

Ex-Officio

Bailie Derek Scott

Apologies

Charlie Delaney, Cllr Craig Duncan.

Members of the Public Present

Seven members of the public were in attendance.

Note

David Easson and Kenny Matheson, retired as members of BFCC but were in attendance as members of the public.

Norma McGovern had not submitted a nomination form, and was co-opted as a member of BFCC, proposed by John Watson seconded by Fiona Potton, and agreed by members.

Lorna Murray (although completed a nomination form) is not on the electoral role and therefore not eligible to stand as a member of BFCC at the present time.

3. Minute of Previous Meeting (2nd September 2025)

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

4. Matters Arising

Broughty Ferry Castle & its Future;

Update; John Watson had written to elected members, with a council decision expected in October. Bailie Scott intimated it would be a political decision, but the council must commit to its long term future. John Watson intimated a meeting had been held regarding the constitution and noted Brian Cox and Lorraine Kelly had become patrons.

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 who is to liaise with Scotrail, we await further info.

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.

Castle Green, crazy golf a disgrace and in need of refurbishment. Also copied to elected councillors. Noted for the minute. Bailie Scott intimated the council are to review this amenity.

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 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.

Tara suggested we combine accounts to the admin (grant from DCC0 and BFCC own funds (BFCC own funds, beach, and special projects funds). This was proposed by Fiona Potton, seconded by James Doig, and agreed by the members.

We have now received the annual admin grant from DCC, thanks to Christine.

Account is presently standing at £2106.09.

Sustainable Transport Corridor; There is a proposal to create sustainable transport corridors on Arbroath Road and Lochee Road. Dundee Sustainable Transport Corridors Project is at the stage of raising awareness and seeking feedback from stakeholders and the community. They are planning to hold several engagement sessions, and the community council agreed we invite a project team to address a future meeting. 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 requested to provide name of a project team member to give a talk at the November or December meeting.

5. Chairs Report

Community Fridge – Opening Saturday 1st November and will initially open Saturday and Tuesday. Bins are to be provided by DCC.

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

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.

7. Police Report (Previously Distributed)

There has been recent complaints regarding antisocial driving in the Broughty Ferry area near the Esplanade. Patrols will continue to be carried out in this area and Road Traffic Officers have been made aware to also monitor.

The recent roadworks installing additional traffic calming measures along the Esplanade should assist in reducing speed of vehicles along this stretch of road.

LCPT have been focussing 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 shopliftings.

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.

Over the past month Road Policing team have assisted in the area with carrying out winter safety checks whereby vehicles have been stopped on the Arbroath Road to ensure they are roadworthy and offer advice ahead of the winter months.

Over the past month LCPT along with partner agencies have attended schools in the area to carry out Safe Taysiders roadshow offering P7 school children the chance to learn about keeping themselves safe and what to do in an emergency. There was an input carried out by Police regarding the illegal use of e-bikes and e-scooters.

LCPT have attended 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 the 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. These proactive patrols have also identified additional road traffic offences which have led to the seizure of a motor vehicle.

A date is to be arranged for coffee with a cop in the Broughty Ferry area over the next month. This will be an opportunity for members of public to drop in for a chat with local officers to seek advice or ask any questions relating to the Broughty Ferry area. Once arranged a post will be added to social media with date and location this will be held.

8. Secretary's Report (Previously Distributed)

Correspondence

08/09 From DCC – Variation of Waiting Restrictions. Roads out with Broughty Ferry area.

08/09 BFCC Statement of Accounts for DCC grant, sent to city council.

15/09 DCAG workshop to review the Local Development Plan.

- 22/09 DCAG, Nicky McCrimmon to give talk on DCC Neighbour Services at the meeting on 23rd October at 6.00pm.
- 26/09 From DCC – Variation of Waiting Restrictions. Not applicable to Broughty Ferry.
- 02/10 From DCC – Traffic regulations Act; Ref Brook Street coach bay. Due to an oversight, proposals require to be re-advertised.
- 02/10 From DCC; Funding application from Friends of Broughty Ferry Library for replacement chairs, for approval.

9. Planning Report 1st - 30th September 2025 (Previously Distributed)

Of the 9 planning and 7 tree applications validated and examined during the above period, none required attention.

25/00088/FULL – Former RBS Building, 288 Brook Street, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.

Change of Use:- A notice of review was received dated 29th August against the earlier decision to refuse this application. The Local Review Body (LRB) will meet to consider and decide its decision on a date still to be advised.

Meantime it was considered prudent that BFCC took advantage of the opportunity given to make further representation to the LRB, given the concerns expressed by members of the public at the September meeting of BFCC.

The representation, previously circulated to members, was sent to the Committee Services Officer for the attention of the LRB and dated 10th September 2025 as follows:

‘Thank you for your letter dated 29th August 2025 informing of the above review. Broughty Ferry Community Council (BFCC) wishes to make further representation. Regarding the application to review and the letter of support provided by the Chair of Broughty Ferry Traders Association (BFTA), dated Friday 2nd May, attached as a supporting document to the review application made on 15th July 2025, BFCC makes the following observations to assist the LRB in its deliberations.

- . It notes that on page 3 of the application under ‘Statements for reasons for seeking review’ in answer to ‘*Have you raised any matters which were not before the appointed officer at the time the Determination on your application was made?*’ the answer given is ‘no’, yet the BFTA letter attached to the application is dated 2nd May could not have been before the appointed officer as it was dated well after the consultation expiry date. Also, it was not addressed to the Case Officer.
- . It notes that the ultimate paragraph of the BFTA letter states ‘*The BFTA was disappointed*

to learn that the initial application for this project was not successful.’ This sentence raises a serious question, How could the BFTA have learned that the initial application was not successful on the date its letter was written on 2nd May when the decision was not made until the 9th July, two months later?.

This further representation is provided as a result of many members of the community attending BFCC’s ordinary meeting on 2nd September 2025 to voice their concern that the reasons for refusal, including that the proposal would not be a suitable re-use of the building because it would result in an unacceptable impact on residential amenity and, create unacceptable noise and disturbance issues, could be overturned. Although BFCC is familiar with the LRB review process and accepts its decision will be final, nevertheless wishes to convey to the LRB the level of anxiety that exists within the local community should the decision to refuse the application be overturned.’

John updated members, stating the application for changes to the former 'Jessies kitchen' had been approved by the reporter but with a number of conditions applied.

10. Licensing Report.

Nothing to report

11. Public Relations Report

Nil to report, although it was noted a number of visitors had been viewing BFCC Facebook page.

12. Beach Management Report (Previously Distributed)

No report received, but the following points noted; review of jet skiers in the harbour area. Windmill toilets – opening times. Poor access to garden behind the library.

13. Matters Raised by Community Councillors (Previously Intimated)

Although no matters received, 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.

Bus/Coach proposed bay in Brook Street was discussed (see secretary's report), again, members are of opinion it is in the wrong place and may create traffic problems. Planning secretary to put further representations together for BFCC objections, which had been done at the previous proposal.

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

Broughty Ferry Traders are in discussion regarding parking / loading bays in central Broughty Ferry where, perhaps a traffic survey is required.

Community Gardens; Update regarding work carried out by Broughty Ferry in Bloom volunteers. Work has also been carried out in the Shiell Street community garden. DCC requested to supply bin with top receptacle for cigarettes at the Queen Street garden as cigarette butts are strewn all over the area.

There has been some success introducing primary school children to the community gardens.

Bailie Scott intimated DCC are to carry out a survey with regard to a possible tourist levy in Dundee and surrounding area.

14. Contributions from Elected Members

Bailie Derek Scott's Report;

Castle Approach; Scottish and Southern Energy Network had a cable fault in the east footway of Castle Approach recently. There is a four to six week lead in time to have new slabs installed so the council has agreed with SSEN to temporarily reinstate the excavation with asphalt rather than leave the signing, coning, and barriers out for a further six weeks or so. Once the new slabs are delivered SSEN will return to reinstate the location to its previous condition.

Fairfield Road; Following concerns raised about inconsiderate parking in Fairfield Road when sports matches are taking place at Dawson Park the council has issued an email to the associations, clubs, and individuals with recent, regular pitch bookings to remind them of their responsibilities with regard to parking. This highlighted that those attending a booking should adhere to both the council's terms and conditions and national legislation, including the pavement parking ban, by using designated parking areas and, where those are unavailable, by parking legally and with consideration to others.

The Esplanade wildflowers; I have been asked about the appearance and maintenance of the wildflower meadow at The Esplanade and Balmossie Park, noting that the meadow will take several years to fully establish. To provide visual interest during the first year, when few perennial species are expected to flower, poppies were included in the mix. As annual plants, poppies were intended to offer initial colour and will naturally be succeeded by other appropriate species over time.

Each summer, the site is surveyed using a recognised ecological protocol to support ongoing management. The survey assesses various factors, including species diversity, the presence of undesirable plants, and the balance between grasses and flowering plants. These surveys help identify areas where weed control may be necessary and where additional wildflower seeding could be beneficial. Encouragingly, the survey also recorded a significant increase in pollinators such as bees and butterflies.

Composition of species will continue to evolve in response to environmental conditions and the natural life cycles of the plants. Allowing plants to complete their flowering and seed-setting cycles is essential to maintaining a healthy and sustainable meadow. The entire area is scheduled to be cut within the coming weeks.

Benches; As previously reported I continue to liaise with Broughty Ferry Traders regarding improvements to the environment in Brook Street. The latest is a revamp of the wooden benches which are deteriorating, with several spars rotted and broken. Men's Shed are willing to repair them subject to council approval.

Update from Bailie Scott – a meeting agreed that benches in future can be maintained by the 'Men's Shed,' Tayside Contracts are to provide the specification required.

New replacement bins are to be supplied with top ashtrays and Broughty Ferry logo.

Broughty Ferry Road weeds; Lots of constituents have contacted me about the proliferation of weeds on Broughty Ferry Road. I asked for some action to be taken, the weeds that are accessible at the pavement kerb have been strimmed down and treated with weedkiller. There is a build-up of weeds and detritus on the centre islands so a large mechanical sweeper will be used to clear this over the coming weeks.

Wall in Davidson Street; I have previously reported to the community council about the wall in Davidson Street. The latest update I received is that Building Standards continue in their efforts to resolve this matter. The City Engineer is monitoring the condition of the wall. The safety fencing and traffic management signage is to be tidied up.

Safer routes to school; I was contacted by a parent about the entrance to Forthill Primary School in Forthill Place in respect of the school streets scheme and safer routes to school. The location can become quite congested at drop off and pick up times. I have also had concerns raised with me by residents who live there. I am a member of the council's school parking and pupil safety working group and at its most recent meeting I took the opportunity

to raise this issue. An action was taken for the relevant council officials to investigate the matter and report back to the next meeting with their findings and any actions proposed.

Cllr Craig Duncan's Report;

Roads Resurfacing; Good to see that Forthill Drive has recently been resurfaced, indeed it was the only road scheduled for resurfacing in this year's programme for Broughty Ferry but I successfully pressed for Navarre Street to be attended to and having repeatedly called for very populous and much visited Abernethy Road and Strathmore Place to be similarly worked on, I am delighted that these two roads (plus Rosedale Crescent) are at last scheduled for resurfacing works commencing on 20 October.

Graffiti; I am troubled by several recent instances of graffiti at various locations in Broughty Ferry, particularly because several examples are politically motivated (which I am certainly not going to air publicly) rather than the usual banal or obscene scrawls but I am obliged to officers who always swiftly attend to any examples of graffiti I report.

Dawson Park Issues; I have recently requested that badly faded markings in Caenlochan Road car park be refreshed as well as graffiti removed, missing swings, replaced and damage to one of the walls in the sunken garden repaired.

Bus Shelter Lights; As the saying goes "the nights are fair drawing in" and as a regular user of public transport I have reiterated my requests from last year that lighting be restored at several locations in Broughty Ferry, for example Strathern Road now appears to sport not a single light at any of the bus shelters and this is not conducive to promoting a sense of security for would be passengers and therefore not likely to attract people to public transport. I reject previous responses along the lines of "ambient light is sufficient" as that begs the question of why lights were ever considered necessary or helpful in the first place.

Youth Disorder; Early on Sunday evening I witnessed several black clad youths with faces obscured recklessly flying around on bicycles and e bikes apparently throwing eggs at vehicles (all the time being filmed by other youngsters) in the dark.

Several surprised motorists were forced to brake hard and I am concerned that this may be some sort of craze / competition and have therefore reported the matter to senior police officers lest a tragedy occur.

15. AOCB

It was noted that the Lifeguards on duty during the summer period were a professional and well respected body.

It was highlighted that the Broughty in Bloom (volunteers) continue to carry out a fantastic job over the summer months, and indeed all year round.

Date of next meeting;

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