

# Broughty Ferry Community Council

## Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on Tuesday 3rd February 2026.

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

### 1. Community Councillors Present

Doreen Phillips (Chair), Neil Cooney (V-Chair), James Doig (Secretary), John Watson (Planning), Isobel McLean, Charlie Delaney, Norma McGovern, Molly Laidlaw, George Laidlaw, John Spink.

### In Attendance

PC. Scott Hunter.

### Apologies

Tara Javed, Chris Johnson, Fiona Potton, Christine Rea, Baillie Derek Scott, Cllr Craig Duncan.

### Members of the Public Present

Three members of the public were in attendance.

### 2. Minute of Previous Meeting (2nd December 2025)

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

### 3. Matters Arising

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 in early 2026.

Broughty Ferry 'Breathing Space' benches which encourage people in distress to take a step back, they offer a phone number to call for help and support.

It was agreed that the siting of the bench would be in the Queen Street community garden area.

Neil Cooney has completed a Regeneration Fund application form and has been in touch with the suppliers and D&A College with regard to requirements, advice and cost.

Update from Neil, Breathing Space team wish to visit BFCC, give advice and plan a launch of the bench at a future meeting.

Broughty Castle; Following last year's charity application, this has now been approved.

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. Investigations ongoing.

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 requested Christine to arrange.

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, this will be sometime into the new year.

DCC Budget; With regard to the budget consultation, there had been a lengthy discussion regarding removal/reduction of Community Regeneration fund, Community Officer, and Local Community Planning Partnership in both Broughty Ferry and West End, rationalisation of public toilet provision, No. 10 bus subsidy (evenings & Sunday), Beach Lifeguard service etc. A reduction should be across the board, not just Broughty Ferry and West End.

BFCC strongly objected to this proposals. The closing date for consultation had been 16/12/25.

#### **4. Chairs Report**

Doreen intimated she had objected to the above DCC budget cuts on behalf of BFCC. The Ferry Fridge is doing well, last Saturday a large amount of people visited. The previous week they had received 100Kg of food from Aldi, a supply of soup from The Selki, along with other personal donations.

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

Morning traffic at Arbroath/Balgillo Road East roundabout, particularly around school start times is very heavy. Cars are queued round the roundabout to try and access Balgillo Road East. The queue of cars in Balgillo Road East stretches the whole length of the road as cars wait to turn right into Balgillo Road.

This problem has been highlighted previously, with Dundee city council stating they will not alter the junction at Balgillo Road/Balgillo Road East as they do not want a 'rat run' via that route. Vehicles heading into Dundee should use the arterial Arbroath Road/Claypotts junction.

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

PC Scott Hunter in attendance highlighted points from his report.

High visibility foot patrols and mobile patrols were carried out over December and January, in the Broughty Ferry area.

Recent trends in local shopliftings were identified, and assistance was received by the Retail Crime Team. This resulted in the identification and apprehension of offenders and a reduction in reported shopliftings.

A series of sneaking thefts from unlocked motor vehicles have been identified in the area and enquiries into these are ongoing. Dedicated high visibility patrols in the area to assist with the identification of the offenders are ongoing.

LCPT have attended outside schools in the area which have the School Exclusion Zones enforced during busy 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.

LCPT have carried out awareness events relating to Herbert Protocol. This is a UK-wide scheme that focuses on people living with dementia who may be at risk of going missing. Forms will be available for carer/family/friends to complete to assist should a person living with dementia be reported to Police as a missing person. Dates for these events will be advertised on Police social media.

PC Hunter noted members concerns of frequent speeding in King Street (20mph zone), the container and a caravan advertising 'Tay Caravans' sited in Torridon Road car park

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

### **Correspondence**

- 03/12 John Watson; Traffic order (Coach bay) BFCC agreed to remove objection to the order at the December meeting.
- 03/12 John Watson; Clarification regarding planning application 24/00182/FULL, in breach of permission and being considered by enforcement officers.
- 04/12 Ross Mackenzie DCC; LCPP previous minutes and agenda for meeting 18/12/2025.
- 04/12 Wider Powers for Community Councils in Scotland & petition.
- 05/12 Info/thoughts from WECC regarding DCC budget consultation.
- 09/12 CRF application for youth application awards.
- 05/01 DCAG, Due to lack of support, the joint Community Council forum has been disbanded.
- 06/01 Info from Christine regarding a community meeting (A greener future at the Ferry), Broughty Ferry library 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- 14/01 CRF application for 'Breathing Space' bench, application closing date is 31st January 2025, forwarded to Neil for processing & copied to members.
- 15/01 LCPP minute of 10/12/2025, next meeting 05/03/2026, location TBC.
- 16/01 Info regarding planning contravention at 26 Westfield Road.
- 26/01 Update from Neil Cooney regarding Breathing Space bench.
- 27/01 Info from Christine regarding the application for a Breathing Space bench.

## 8. **Planning Report 3rd – 28th November 2025 (Previously Distributed)**

Of the 16 planning and 8 tree applications validated and examined during the above period, 2 planning applications required attention, and advice was received that a Planning Contravention Notice had been served on the owner of 26 Westfield Road.

Letter sent to Craig Swankie, Planning Officer.

### **25/00698/FULL – 121 Fisher Street, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 2BR**

#### **Change of use from public footpath to external seating area.**

This site is within the Broughty Conservation Area (2014)

Subject to confirmation that it is the area of public footpath to the north of the New Canopy Outline as shown on drawing 3305L(20)01 only that is the subject of this application,

**Broughty Ferry Community Council's *preliminary* view is that it supports the application. Agreed by all members present.**

Letter sent to Siobhan Johnson, Planning Officer.

### **25/00699/FULL – Dawson Park, Strathern Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee**

#### **Change of use of bowling pavilion to community café and external alterations.**

The application site is within this Community Council's boundary but **not** included in the West Ferry (2011) Conservation Area.

The application is comprehensive and provides good reason why the change of use is

suitable since it will conserve the building and provide the users of Dawson Park with a much needed refreshment service.

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**9. Licensing Report**

Nothing to report

**10. Public Relations Report**

Nil to report.

**11. Treasurers Report (Previously distributed)**

The Treasurer provided an up-to-date statement.

Admin funds: Balance at 06-04-25 £1327.13

Admin Grant - £652.54 £1979.67

Expenditure: £175.00

Bank A/C Fee: £29.75 £204.75

**£1774.92**

BFCC unrestricted Funds at 06-04-25 £226.92

**£226.92**

Total Balance (all funds)

**£2001.84**

Virgin Bank A/C, Operational from November 2025

**12. Beach Management Report (Previously Distributed)**

Nil

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

Report on Community meeting (A greener future at the Ferry) 29/01/2025.

DCC & DVVA hosted the meeting. It was facilitated by Lali Tudela (Communities Team Manager DVVA), Shambi Mayur (Communities Team DVVA), Christine Rea and Sally McConville (DCC) with around 20 others in attendance.

Participants split into four groups with the aim to identify resources, activities and how to move forward and to provide a vision for Broughty Ferry.

Capacity building and blue sky thinking with the following feedback and issues.

Litter; Toilets; Communication; Celebrate many good things happening in BF;

Promoting local produce; School Eco Group engagement; BFTA engagement;

Concern over loss of LCPP; Addition of LCPP information folder in BF Library.

**14. Contributions from Elected Members**

**Baillie Derek Scott's Report.**

The service manager has advised me of some environmental clean-up works currently being delivered in the Ferry ward. It includes general tidy ups, litter picking, pruning,

and associated maintenance works aimed at improving the condition and presentation of the open spaces and housing environments.

Reres Park received some attention in January which included cleaning some paths to make them more accessible for park users. During February Barnhill Cemetery and the Barnhill housing area will be attended to.

I was asked if the benches at Rugby Terrace/Esplanade/old putting green could be lowered. Over the years the fixings have become undermined by soil movement. I arranged for an officer from the council's environment department to inspect them. As a result, a request has been made for concrete repairs to be carried out.

I can advise that the bespoke litter bins with ashtrays that I requested have now been positioned. Including one at the seated area in Queen Street Community Garden. The Traders Association is arranging for the vinyl wrap to be applied to them.

Men's Shed has now been given permission to repair the wooden slats on the benches on Brook Street.

I have written to Angus Council in respect of Balmossie railway footbridge as there is some outstanding work to be done to the parapets and surface.

Over the last couple of months, the two main issues raised with me by residents have been water pooling at several locations during the heavy rain and gritting/provision of grit bins during the icy weather. Potholes / deterioration of roads also remains a significant issue for residents.

**15. AOCB**

At a previous meeting, cars parking on Claypotts Road over the railway line were a hazard. DCC have stated the road width is adequate to allow parking. The problem is the line of sight of vehicles approaching from Brook Street/Dundee Road junction. Request Baillie Scott to investigate.

A large caravan has been parked in the Torridon Road car park for some months and is advertising 'Tay Caravans', is this legal?. Highlighted to PC Hunter, and request Baillie Scott to investigate.

Chair Doreen highlighted a paperback book ' The Survivor – RRS Discovery', her history in brief 1900 to 2012 including major restoration and conservation works 2007 – 2009, written by Captain John J Watson OBE.

**Date of next meeting.**

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7.00pm in Broughty Ferry Library.

Chair.....

Date.....