

Broughty Ferry Community Council

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

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. **Community Councillors Present**

Doreen Phillips (Chair), James Doig (Secretary), John Watson (Planning), Tara Javed (Treasurer), Charlie Delaney, Norma McGovern, Fiona Potton, Molly Laidlaw.

In Attendance

Bailie Derek Scott, Christine Rea.

Apologies

Neil Cooney, Chris Johnson, George Laidlaw, Isabel McLean, John Spink, Cllr Craig Duncan.

Members of the Public Present

Six members of the public were in attendance.

2. **Minute of Previous Meeting (3rd February 2026)**

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.

3. **Matters Arising**

Consultation regarding downgrade or closure of Balmossie Fire & Rescue / Ambulance Station. Chair responded on behalf of BFCC. No decision will be made until after the 2026 Scottish Parliament elections.

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 (see secretary's report for update).

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. Also, a large caravan has been parked in the same car park for some months and is advertising 'Tay Caravans', is this legal?. Highlighted to PC Hunter, Baillie Scott took photographs and sent to DCC roads manager.

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.

Christine to arrange possible date and numbers with the possibility of joint training with other community councils.

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.

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.

4. Chairs Report

There are a few issues highlighted with the Ferry Fridge (mould, electrical problems etc), maintenance has been paid from fridge funds. Meeting to be arranged to discuss issues. Concern that there has not been a huge amount of food supplied in recent weeks. Rent assessment is due shortly, Baillie Scott requested to check with DCC Chief Executive. It was indicated that food supplied and distributed had saved 2.1 tons to landfill.

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

Nil

5. Police Report (Previously Distributed)

Nil

7. Secretary's Report (Previously Distributed)

Correspondence

17/02 Planning approval information with regard to old bowls pavilion in Dawson Park which was supported by BFCC.

26/02 Query from Christine ref. statement of accounts required for Breathing Space Bench CRF application. Treasurer Tara forwarded required statement to secretary, who forwarded to Christine.

02/03 DCC Road Traffic Regulations (Dens Park & Tannadice Park Area) during football match days.

02/03 LCPP minute (18/12/2025 – Grove Academy). Next meeting – 05/03/2026, SAMH, Dawson Park.

03/03 CRF application for Breathing Space Bench from BFCC being processed for approval.

8. Planning Report 2nd – 28th February 2025 (Previously Distributed)

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

25/00698/FULL This application relates to the use of pavement space to the south of the Ship Inn in Fisher Street. Members will remember BFCC requested clarification that the width of the pavement subject of the application was only the seating area.

The Case Officer has confirmed that 'the area of the footpath subject of the application is only the seating area as noted in the attached drawing'.

This provides comfort to BFCC.

The drawing referred to will be made available to members if requested.

Update regarding Broughty Castle, following charity status, an inaugural meeting was held on 24th February, with committee and officers elected according to the constitution. Now awaiting Dundee City Council's decision on Broughty Castle, due on 5th March 2026. Next meeting of committee is 10th March 2026.

9. Licensing Report

Nothing to report

10. Public Relations Report

Nil to report.

11. LCPP Report (Previously Distributed)

Overview – Update, what matters to you and plans agreed on the new format. A review of progress from previous meeting (Discussion with DVVA regarding possibility of taking on lead role in co-ordination of community groups / social enterprise activities. Discussion with Schools Cluster, Plastic free Broughty Ferry introduction to DCC sustainability & climate change team.

Most positive hope for the community in 2026.

Better coordination of community efforts.

More awareness of the Ferry Fridge through outreach worker.

Continue to grow and connect more groups and individual.

More public toilets.

Involvement of young people.

Identify the needs and important issues in the community and pull together to meet them.

The agreement/consensus of some key priorities for the community with people/groups identified to take on actions.

For the community meeting in 2026 to go well and have more people involved.

Families in the area feel supported and connected to their community.

More independent businesses starting and growing in the area.

More conversation on Community:

Environment, Attractions and facilities and Community.

Key areas discussed:-

Improve information on what is on in the community.

Broaden engagement to attract others.

Intergenerational activities, building on those that are already part of Gala Day celebrations.

Greater engagement of young people and what they want.

Community Audit/Survey, what's happening understanding the needs, matching up what already exists.

Develop a Community Panel with Champions (like Charleston).

Immediate Actions:-

A short life working group to develop further intergenerational events including young people engagement and feedback progress plan.

Bring another interested community member to next LCPP café Conversation.

First workshop with DVVA 29th January, Broughty Ferry Church with a focus on the Environment and how joint working can be supported.

13. Matters Raised by Community Councillors (Previously Intimated)

Nil

14. Contributions from Elected Members

Baillie Derek Scott's Report.

Number 10 bus: I previously mentioned that I had asked about the possibility of the number 1 bus including central Broughty Ferry on its route. This was discussed with the bus operator's planning team (Xplore Dundee) but they said that they did not wish to return to central Broughty Ferry. The principal reason being that this would take more time to complete the Service 10 route end to end and the drivers need sufficient layover time at West Queen Street, so that they always leave the next journey on schedule.

Balmossie railway footbridge: I have been in ongoing contact with Angus Council regarding the condition of the South Balmossie Street railway footbridge. Its structures team has now completed an assessment and confirmed that while some inward-facing parapet panels are showing corrosion, they remain safe and functional at present. The intention is to replace the affected panels, paint them, and address the worn anti-slip surfacing as part of the works package. Any requirements set by Network Rail will determine the final programme and timing of the works. At this stage, the council anticipates that the repairs will take place later this year, but the exact schedule is dependent on Network Rail's approval.

Bank of Scotland: I was disappointed to learn that Bank of Scotland intend to close the Broughty Ferry branch on 15th June. I have written to them to express my concern about the decision and to ask whether there is any possibility of it being reviewed. Hopefully some action can be taken that will allow the full range of banking services to remain in our town.

Balmossie Fire Station: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has advised that a decision on the future of Balmossie Fire and Ambulance Station will not now be known until the end of June. The original intention had been to present recommendations on its Service Delivery Review to the SFRS Board for final decision by December, but this timeline was extended to allow the public consultation responses to be analysed in detail. However, with the Scottish Parliament election due on 7th May, SFRS said they would be unable to complete the work before the pre-election purdah period.

Potholes: Potholes continue to be the number one issue raised with me. They are everywhere. I continue to highlight these to the roads maintenance partnership. I have also been chasing up lining works that require to be done in the spring.

King Street: Council roads engineers have been asked to explore options for improving the crossing arrangements at the Gray Street and St. Vincent Street junctions. These are busy with both traffic and pedestrians.

Crime: Residents contacted me about a recent spate of crimes in the Barnhill area. I raised the matter with the police who reassured me that community policing teams were aware and providing a high visible presence in the area with support from other units to prevent and deter criminality. The community safety wardens were also tasked with patrolling the area.

Seven Arches/Dighty Path: Residents contacted me about a build-up of litter here. The council environmental department arranged for a clean-up.

Council Budget: The council meets on Thursday to set kits budget. I will report back at the next meeting about any of the proposed cuts impacting on Broughty Ferry that are taken forward by the administration.

Cllr. Craig Duncan's Report.

Broughty Ferry Library Loose Handrail: It has been drawn to my attention that the handrails approaching the main entrance are rusty in places and a section is loose and I have therefore highlighted this and some other matters pertaining to the Library to the Head of Leisure and Culture Dundee.

Bus Service: Residents have again been in touch regarding the lack of bus services at Balgillo Heights/Ferryfields, one of whom has commendably conducted a residents survey indicating a level of support for a bus service which I wholly support and I have put the resident in touch with appropriate council officers in the hopes of bus operators being persuaded to at least trial service and I will continue to press this case.

Potholes and Poor Pavements: I cannot be certain, but I do feel that the sheer number of potholes and poor pavement surfaces at multiple locations (some perennial, some new) is worse than ever and I have highlighted many, many examples based upon personal observation and a slew of complaints from residents. Davidson Street, Trail Street, Brook Street, Abercromby Street, Balgillo Road, Guthrie Terrace, Dunnottar Place, Claypotts Road and many, many more locations have been reported by myself, with several actioned but many still to be addressed and I am determined to bear down on this.

Crimes and Police Meeting: There has recently been something of a spate of crimes in Broughty Ferry including attempted break-ins, car thefts and vandalism (happily the police have recently announced some individuals have been apprehended), these, together with instances of anti-social behaviour, speeding and shoplifting are some of the issues I will be raising when I meet (at my request) the new Inspector with responsibilities for our locality this week.

City Governance Committee 2nd March 2026 – My Motions: I brought two motions to committee which I am pleased secured unanimous support, Firstly, Balmossie Fire Station....asking the Chief Executive of the council to write to the Head of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to (in summary deplore the twice postponed announcement of the results of last year's public consultation which may result in the downgrade or closure of Balmossie Fire Station (personally I favour the status quo and reject either proposal), seeking clarity.

Secondly, Bank of Scotland Broughty Ferry (in summary) condemning the unilateral announcement by the bank to withdraw from Broughty Ferry with zero consultation and instructing the Chief Executive of the council to write to the head of the Lloyds banking group, expressing opposition to this deeply unwelcome decision which will seriously disadvantage many residents particularly those who cannot easily manage online etc and asking for a reconsideration.

Separately I have requested a meeting with senior bank officers and have condemned the behaviour of the bank publicly and vigorously from the outset, including via the press and other media such as STV.

It is not remotely good enough for yet another bank to leave after decades with no consultation and little consideration for how many loyal customers are supposed to manage their financial affairs. Favourable outcomes on behalf of the community cannot be guaranteed but it is surely right to ask.

Gillies Park – Flooding: Complaints persist about what appears to have become perennial flooding after the entrance to the play park with Gillies Park and I have again asked officers to investigate and progress methods of preventing or at least alleviating this.

15. AOCB

The previous Kirkwood Homes sales office at Balgillo Heights are now being used for meetings by Kirkwood Homes, which requires an application for change of use. There are also advertising hoardings adjacent to the Arbroath Road/Linlathan Road roundabout. Planning secretary to contact DCC Planning Department regarding the above.

Date of next meeting.

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 7.00pm in Broughty Ferry Library.

Chair.....

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