

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of Community Council held on 1st March 2000

Present: P Dennison .Chairman
M Gaskin .Vice Chairman
N Kerr .Secretary
B Yuille .Minute Secretary
D Gaskin .Treasurer
J Taylor .Councillor
C Ewan .Councillor
A Neville .Councillor

In Attendance: Councillor J Cook, Inspector Dodds, Ann Barr .Locality
Manager
9 Residents

Apologies J Dyce, A Monteith

Minutes

Minutes for 2 February 2000 approved.

Matters Arising

1) Parking at Ferrybridge Hotel and turning into Port Laing beach are not the responsibility of the Roads Department who xviii refer to Keith Mason.

2) Planning application at Carlingnose Battery .letters have been received by Chris Pattison of Fife Council Planning Service .Councillor Cook and NQCC Councillors re the above. Following discussion Mr Stevenson the owner is to be requested to consent to a meeting with all interested parties to include Scottish Wildlife Trust .Historic Scotland representatives of NQCC and Councillor Cook. There will be notification of date

Action .A Nelville

3) Railtrack .Secretary trying to contact appropriate person to discuss parking and grit and noise problems prior to new contract to follow rigblast.

Action .Secretary

Fife Councillors Business

- i) East of Scotland Water .No settlement re storage space at Marina.
- ii) Parking in Brock Street .this has to go for planning permission.

Chair asked where was site for parking under discussion. Councillor Cook said Chair should know where site was and that Chair was deliberately misunderstanding and then stated NQCC appeared to be taking powers beyond its remit. Councillor Cook then left stating he had been considering his attendance for some time and would consider not returning .stated he would be in touch.

Two members of Council asked where the site was which had been discussed. No one seemed to know.

Police Matters

- i) Crime Figures .February .2 vandalism, 2 thefts, no detection.
- ii) Parking issues .P.C. Archibald is monitoring situation
- iii) Sn eeding .Main Road targeted .no recorded speed violations.
- iv) Parking at foot of Main Street .residents at Pier Head received letter from Fife Council stating NQCC had requested double yellow lines. NQCC has discussed this but NOT requested double yellow lines. Residents do feel there is a special problem spot. Residents involved .Inspector Dodds .Ken Gourlay and NQCC will be contacted re this.
Action .Inspector Dodds and Chairman.
- v) A resident asked about damage to parked cars. Inspector Dodds stated the matter is being investigated but resident should contact him personally.
- vi) Vandalism .Damage to wall at foot of Brae and to plaque .if vandalism seen, should be reported to police at this time. Letters to be sent to MSP and Helen Eadie re shortage of police presence.
Action .Secretary
- vii) Recruitment Special Constables .poor response.
- viii) Perceived pockets in the village being targets for youths loitering may be alleviated by appointment of youth worker to work with this problem.

Chairman's Business

a) **Fife Enterprise** .Plans are going ahead. Little change to Charles Black, Lane & Kingsway .to be made safe and signposted .if enough money will be paved.

b) **Public Toilets** .Fife Enterprise in conjunction with all other relevant dept have agreed to re-locate or remove. Chairman has visited all 22 properties potentially affected by proposed new site and has either spoken or left a note to say that plans will be displayed in notice boards and any persons may contact chairman or any member of council. If there are complaints resident should be requested to put these in writing so that their case can be accurately assessed.

Vice Chairman's Business

Village Improvements .Scott Harper is to provide a Schedule of Works.

Correspondence .Secretary .(available on request)

- a) Local Plan Enquiry August 2000 .no further representation
- b) Consultative Draft Plan Re Strategy .Meeting for Fife **Action .Chairman**
Questionnaire .Action Chairman
- c) Forum for discussion with other Community Councillors **Action .Secretary**

Treasurers Report .(available on request)

Millennium Projects

Tree Planting .Meeting cancelled due to illness
Another planned 9th March 2000

AOCB

- a) Obstruction on Old Kirk Road .fence across Road. Railtrack to be asked to remove.
Action .Secretary
- b) Fife Enterprise .Several residents felt plans had been pushed through without consultation despite assurances they would be contacted. NQCC agreed as they had not been consulted either before drawing up of plans.
- c) Access to viewing point at Carlingnose .Conditions had been established and money had changed hands but SWET have not arranged access. Resident at Carlingnose felt that all residents should have right of access even if controlled b fencing. NQCC backed this view
Action .Resident to write to SWLT
- d) Consultation .Suggestion that there be a consultation form for residents.
Suggestions: Inclusion in Ferry News or displayed in Albert Hotel.
- e) Dog Fouling .complaint from resident
- f) St James Beach is known as Draft Beach

li) Draft Locality Plan .Possible lease of station. Contact with Railtrack was positive. Cost of refurbishment could be high. Various proposals to be discussed by NQCC and meeting may be called.

i) Sewage system at lower end of village very deficient. Secretary to be given information on all specific areas if contacting East of Scotland water.

j) Weeds on path behind flats at foot of brae. Owner of said path feels contractors failed to lay cobbles correctly and will therefore not take responsibility for removal of weeds.

k) Traffic calming throughout village but particularly on approach roads. Many discussions and letters have been written to Fife Council and Helen Eadie with no results as has been stated in several previous minutes.

l) Re-routing of bus .resident still awaiting reply to complaints.

m)Threatened possible closure **DSW** .is this a problem?

n) Street lighting .resident felt not enough consultation re changes.

Next Meeting 5th April 2000

g)Main Street starts in middle of road at end of brae.