

NORTH QUEENSFERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON 13 February 2003

Present: A Neville - Chairman
 J Dyce - Vice Chairman
 P Dennison - Vice Chairman
 J Hawkings - Secretary
 R Thomson - Minute Secretary
 C Ewan - Councillor
 J Taylor - Councillor
 I Mitchell - Councillor

In Attendance: 4 Residents, PC Maylin
 S Harper, W Johnston – Scottish Enterprise

1) **Apologies**

N Kerr, A Monteith, J Cook (Fife Councillor)

2) **Minutes of previous meeting (12 December 2002)**

Accepted – Proposed by A Neville, seconded by J Hawkings

3) **Scottish Enterprise (Fife)**

At the request of the Community Council, representative had attended to discuss a number of issues that were outstanding from the village improvement works that had been commissioned by Scottish Enterprise.

- a) Handrail on the Brae – Repairs to this have been outstanding for a considerable time. The CC were informed that the responsibility for this lies with Fife Council, not SEF.
- b) Village signs – Erroneous details will be corrected shortly, this was due to a problem at the supplier. The manufacturer and Fife Council are investigating corrosion on the signs.
- c) Turning Circle – SEF stated it had been designed in agreement with Fife Council. Fife Council now has the responsibility for this. SEF offered to provide cost estimates. The Community Council did not accept this and again requested that the obstructions, which restrict the access to the pier by professional and leisure users, be removed by SEF. There had been no consultation with the community, or users, prior to the alterations. At a previous meeting where these concerns were raised, the Consultants to SEF had made assurances that the turning circles had been checked and met the requirements for the turning of boat trailers. They now claim that they were not trying to meet these requirements due to safety considerations. This also is not acceptable to the Community Council. Letter to be sent to the Chief Executive of SEF. Investigate if planning authorisation was required. To be discussed at next meeting.
- d) Information leaflets – these cannot be funded by SEF. The Tourist Board may be able to assist.
- e) Lion's Head at Jubilee Well – SEF specialists are unable to recommend re-fitting for technical reasons. The Lion's Head is to be returned.
- f) Piggery Steps – SEF are unable to assist in providing a handrail.
- g) Waterloo Well – The repair has failed, a copy of the specialist's report will be forwarded to the Community Council.

- 4) **Matters arising**
a) Rights of Way – list of know Rights of Way to be circulated with next minute
ACTION R THOMSON
b) Port Laing beach maintenance – Letter sent to Environmental Services
c) Planning issues – letter sent, complaint being investigated
- 5) **Fife Councillor's Business**
Not present
- 6) **Police Matters**
A low number of call to the village. Four thefts and one minor assault reported, all appear isolated incidents. Patrols at the Station have been increased. Speeding will be targeted, particular attention will be paid to early mornings and evenings. Personal attack alarms are available from Dalgety Bay Police Station at £5 each. Special Constables – still recruiting.
- 7) **Vice Chairmans' Business**
a) A number of computers have been installed in the old library for public access, a small charge will be made.
b) A book exchange is being established, contributions are welcome.
- 8) **Chairman's Business**
a) The University of Aberdeen wish to carry out soil sampling to establish the presence of environmental contamination around the village.
b) Planning Applications
i) Tigh-na-mara – this has been discussed with Planning Service
ii) Ferrybridge Hotel – application for illuminated sign discussed
iii) Battery Road – Applicant attended meeting to answer any questions about the application, Community Council had no objections and welcomed the willingness of the applicant to discuss any queries.
- 9) **Treasurer's Report**
£866.05 in the bank. An issue of the Ferry News will be sponsored. A donation of £150 was agreed to be made to the Community Centre.
- 10) **Locality Manager**
Not present
Correspondence
A full list is available from the Secretary on request.
- 11) **AOCB**
The recent Harbour users Working Group, organised by Fife Council was attended by a representative from the Boat Club

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday 13th March, 7.30pm at the
Community Centre
All Residents Welcome**

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & PUBLIC LAND – NORTH QUEENSFERRY

As at 1/1/98

Existing Rights of Way

1. Coastal Path round peninsula (stopping at War Memorial)
2. Access to foreshore through development at Crowpie Bay
3. Piggery Steps
4. Access to Ferryhills from Ferryhills Road
5. Road round St James' Bay (serving Forthside Terrace, White Shipbreakers & James Taylor, timber/boatyard)
6. Track from Coastal Path to sewage works
7. Path from Community Centre to St Margaret's Quarry (ancient right)
8. Path along wall at top of Brock Street to well at east of Ferry Loch (ancient right)
9. Sylvester's Close
10. Kings' Way (only partial access)

Recently lost Rights of Way

1. Kings' Way (partial)
2. Access down from, and up, and round Battery Hill (eroded) and round Battery Quarry
3. Ferry Loch to Old Road
4. Access over barracks from gate (opposite 15 Ferryhills Road) to beach

Public Land and Accesses that might give the impression of being "private"

1. Foreshore at St James' Bay
2. Access to Signal Station
3. Land in front of Yoll Cottage, Helen Place
4. Land in front of Dalquahamie, Helen Place
5. Land in front of Priory Cottage, The Brae
6. Access through gate on North Queensferry – Inverkeithing Road past Ferrybarns
7. Crowpie Beach foreshore
8. Access along Battery Road to slipways (East and West Piers)