

NORTH QUEENSFERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON 12 JUNE 2003

Present: A Neville - Chairman
 P Dennison - Vice Chairman
 J Hawkings - Secretary
 N Kerr - Treasurer
 R Thomson - Minute Secretary
 A Monteith - Councillor
 I Mitchell - Councillor
 J Taylor - Councillor

 7 Residents

In Attendance: J Philp – Fife Councillor
 G Docherty – Locality Manager
 Fife Constabulary

1) **Apologies**

J Dyce

2) **Minutes of previous meeting**

Accepted as true record. Proposed by N Kerr, seconded by A Monteith

3) **Matters arising**

- a) Turning Circle – no further information from Fife Council nor Scottish Enterprise Fife. Letter to be sent requesting response. **ACTION J Hawkings.** Funding may be available, Cllr Philp to investigate.
- b) Scottish Water (Helen Lane) – no details of requested meeting
- c) UPVC windows in Conservation Area – new Planner now responsible for the village, complaint has been passed to them for action.

4) **Police Matters**

26 calls to the village since last month. There have been some thefts and attempted break-ins from houses and the Community Centre in the village. Parking on Main Street is being monitored after complaints. Parking issues on Ferryhills have been dealt with. Speed checks will continue, also dealing with untaxed vehicles. Special Constables are still being recruited.

5) **Network Rail presentation**

Ian Haigh (Network Rail) and Malcolm Hyatt (Balfour Beatty) gave a presentation on the ongoing works on the Forth Bridge. The current programme of encapsulation, blasting and painting is expected to last until November with approx. 60 employees. Normal hours of work are 07.30 – 19.30hrs weekdays with overnight working on Saturday through 'til 16.00hrs Sunday. During July the bridge will be closed totally at weekends to allow work adjacent to the track. This work will last all weekend.

Issues raised by Residents

Access

Regarding access to viewing areas, Network Rail offered to discuss possible locations and funding. Network Rail undertook to clarify issues of title (ownership) of the land their site occupied and the restricted access areas, also to liaise with others regarding access to the piers.

Noise

Letters regarding noise complaints have not been responded to. Balfour Beatty are working to enclose noise sources. Blasting on Sundays may be able to be reduced. Letters sent by Balfour Beatty regarding works have not been received by Residents, the distribution will be reviewed.

Parking

Banksmen have not been present at the exit from the Marina some evenings. Speeds of vehicles require controlled. Contact numbers for complaints and queries should be displayed.

6) **Fife Councillor's Business**

Councillor Jim Philp introduced himself to those present. Copies of previous minutes will be sent to him to provide background to recent issues. **ACTION R Thomson**

7) **Locality Manager**

- a) Railings on Main Street at West Sands – These were installed by Fife Council to counter a perceived safety hazard. Planning permission was not required. The Community Council requested that; as these railings now restricted the footpath width, and as such presented a safety hazard; they should be removed.
- b) Piggery Steps – An earlier request for a railing at these steps has not been actioned. **ACTION G Docherty**
- c) Waste bins – A request was made for waste bins to be sited at the start of the Coastal Path (near the top of the Piggery Steps) and at Port Laing. These could be located where access for emptying was possible. **ACTION G Docherty**
- d) Village Wells – A request was made to the Locality Manager to assist in applying for funding to restore these historic wells. The Lion's Head has now been returned to P Dennison. The artist who carried out the recent work on the Coastal Path has indicated that he could carry out repairs to the wells and devise suitable fixing devices for the Jubilee and Waterloo wells. Quotes for this work will be requested. **ACTION A Neville**. Locality Manager will Liaise with Community Council and Planning to apply for funding. **ACTION G Docherty**.

8) **Chairman's Business**

- a) Post boxes – Letter to be sent to Royal Mail requesting the provision of suitable boxes to post large (A4) documents. **ACTION J Hawkings**
- b) Coastal Path signs – it was noted that the new signs do not indicate the route to the Railway Station. This is apparently to counter vandalism of the signs.

- c) Deep Sea World – Fife Council has still not called Liaison Group meetings. Contact to be made with Heads of Local Services and Law & Administration requesting that the meetings be arranged. **ACTION G Docherty**. It has been observed that a double deck bus has been operating on behalf of DSW, contrary to planning restrictions. A letter to be sent to Planning, copied to DSW and Head of Local Services. **ACTION J Hawkings**

9) **Correspondence**

A full list is available from the Secretary on request.

- a) Retrospective planning permission for banners at DSW noted. Plans to be requested **ACTION J Hawkings**
- b) Development at Northcliff House – no details have been received by Community Council despite requests. Adjoining residents have not received statutory notifications.

10) **Treasurer's Report**

Balance of £933.30 in the bank. £400 has been set aside for environmental improvements and £500 for floral enhancements. Council Grant cheque not yet received.

11) **AOCB**

- a) Planning – Community Council will request that Planning attend a meeting and make a presentation on “Development within a Conservation Area”, in particular the legal status of the Conservation Area. **ACTION J Hawkings**.
- b) Development at Jaytu, Main Street – Community Council noted and supports a resident’s concern about the proposed development.
- c) Cruiks Quarry – a strong blast was noted by many residents on Wednesday 11th. Letter to be sent to Tarmac. **ACTION J Hawkings**.
- d) Community Centre – parking bays have not yet been marked. This was criticised at a recent safety inspection of the centre.
- e) Beach clean-up – Next date 15th June
- f) Boat Club – The club is currently operating on a short-term lease. A membership drive is underway to attempt to secure its future.

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday 10th July, 7.30pm at the
Community Centre.**

All Residents Welcome