

NORTH QUEENSFERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON 8 April 2004

Present: A Neville - Chairman
 J Dyce - Vice Chairman
 P Dennison - Vice Chairman
 N Kerr - Treasurer
 R Thomson - Minute Secretary
 C Ewen - Councillor
 I Mitchell - Councillor
 J Taylor - Councillor
 A Monteith - Councillor
 L Collis - Councillor

In Attendance: J Philp – Fife Councillor
 PC Maylin

1) **Apologies**

I Mitchell, J Hawkings

2) **Minutes of previous meeting**

Tigh-na-Mara – The main concern was the parking of vehicles on the footpath of Ferryhills Road, not the change of use.

Police – “Message in a bottle” containers available from the Community Centre

Accepted with the above amendments as true record. Proposed by J Dyce, seconded by A Monteith

3) **Matters arising**

a) Northcliff woods walk – This will be held on 12th May at 7.15pm

b) Railbridge- Ongoing

c) DSW Liaison – Cllr Philp to pursue this matter with Fife Council

d) Quarry Blasting – Environmental Services have been asked to attend a future meeting, date to be confirmed.

e) Bus Service – At a recent Chamber of Commerce, Stagecoach indicated that they will be including the Queensferry Lodge on the Taxibus route. They may be able to extend the service into the village. Cllr Philp continues to pursue this possibility. Trans Fife Community Transport can provide transport to the village, details are available in the Community Centre.

4) **Police Matters**

Four minor crimes since that last report. The traffic wardens are monitoring parking on Ferryhills Road. Ongoing anti-vandalism campaign around schools. Youth drinking is being targeted. There have been some thefts from boats in the vicinity.

Community Council requested that parking at and near the Ferrybridge Hotel be investigated. A lack of response to calls to the Police was raised. Letter to be sent to the Police draw attention to the problem. **ACTION J Hawkings**

5) **Fife Councillor's Business**

- a) Forth Road Bridge 40th Celebrations – South Queensferry Community Council do not appear to be interested in a joint event. It is believed that FETA have made available money for activities in and around the village. Suggestions to A Neville at next meeting.
- b) Advice for Older People – An event will be held on 11th May at the Community Centre to provide advice for older people and carers. Leaflets will be distributed.

6) **Vice Chairmans' Business**

- a) Community Centre – Misuse of the computer facilities is being dealt with, individuals have been banned. The Community Centre Committee are intending to change to a company limited by guarantee.
- b) The Centre will be used for the elections on the 10th of June
- c) Wells Project – This is progressing rapidly. Funding applications are complete, some funds have already been secured.
 - i) The Community Council Environmental sub-group has been formalised. A Neville proposed P Dennison as Convenor, seconded by L Collis. L Collis was proposed as Vice-Convenor by A Neville, seconded by N Kerr. R Thomson, seconded by A Neville proposed J Hawkings as Secretary. N Kerr was proposed as Treasurer by P Dennison, seconded by A Neville.
- d) Network Rail – Network Rail have agreed that the footpath access to the piers does not belong to them.
 - i) **Network Rail have made claim by Notice of Title to ownership of land in the village. Any persons who fell that this may affect their title to land should investigate this and make counter claims as soon as possible.** Article to be prepared for Ferry News, copy of claim to be posted in Community Centre. **ACTION J Hawkings**
- e) Black Cat Inn – This may be the subject of a Radio 4 programme.
- f) Proposed extension to Tower House – (*Note - as A Neville has an interest in this proposal, he did not take part in this discussion*) Due to the size of this proposed extension and the prominent location, the Community Council decided to ask for an extension to the consultation period to allow further consultation and also expressed a desire to see the staircase roof to be reinstated. **ACTION J Hawkings**

7) **Chairman's Business**

- a) Rights of Way – Piggery Steps right of way have been obstructed by fences. T Constable of Planning has investigated and has agreed that this is an unlawful obstruction. The Community Council has supported the maintaining of this right of way and has been advised that the obstructions on the route can be removed. They will ask a contractor to remove the obstruction. The village walk on 12 May will now start at 7.00pm at the lower end to the right of way (Helen Place).
- b) Harbour Development – A draft prospectus was circulated and discussed. Comments to be sent to I Mitchell and P Dennison for forwarding to Fife Council for the beginning of May. S Nicol, Strategic Manager of Fife Council to be invited to the next meeting. **ACTION J Hawkings**

8) **Locality Manager**

Not present

9) **Correspondence**

A full list is available from the Secretary on request.

10) **Treasurer's Report**

The accounts have been submitted

11) **AOCB**

a) Ferrytoll Park and Ride – work to extend this will commence at the end of August.

b) Carlingnose Reserve – work will be carried out on 17th April

c) Beach Clean-up – 17th/18th April

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday 13th May,
7.30pm at the Community Centre.**

All Residents Welcome

**S Nicol, Strategic Manager for Fife Council will be attending
to discuss the Council's proposals for developing the
Harbour/Marina area.**