

North Queensferry Community Council
Draft Minutes
9 December 2004

Present:	James Dyce	Chairman
	Peter Dean	Vice Chairman
	Iain Mitchell	Vice Chairman
	Karen Trotter	Secretary
	Jenny Robertson	Minutes Secretary
	Christina McKenzie	Treasurer
	Freda Bastianelli	Councillor
	Lin Collis	Councillor
In Attendance:	PC Maylin`	Fife Constabulary
	12 Residents	(approx)
Absent:	Renny Thomson	Councillor
Apologies:	Cllr Philp (ex officio)	

	Action
<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</u> Approved by Iain Mitchell Seconded by Lin Collis</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u> Iain Mitchell in the process of fixing a meeting with Railtrack</p> <p><u>Police Matters:</u> PC Maylin reported 24 calls to the police, two of which were crimes – one housebreaking incident and one theft. He called for residents to be vigilant and urged that they call police if they see or hear anything suspicious. The issue of speeding on the road to Deep Sea World was discussed, and PC Maylin reported that the traffic wardens have now been authorised to use the radar gun.</p> <p><u>Chairman’s Business:</u> Jimmy Dyce reported on a draft proposal drawn up regarding the formation of a sub-committee to oversee the proposed coastline developments, to be called the North Queensferry Peninsula Preservation Group. This issue is to be included in next months CC agenda (see attachment). The proposed sub-committee will not be replacing SOB.</p> <p><u>Secretary’s Business:</u> Karen Trotter reported there is still a lack of correspondence from previous CC. Jeremy Hawkings (previous Secretary) advised that he had handed all correspondence to Adrian Neville (previous Chairman) but Adrian Neville denies this and will discuss with Jeremy Hawkings. The present CC will be pursuing this.</p> <p>Brock Street has won the Best Kept Hanging Basket and Container award in the 2004 Best Kept Village competition.</p> <p>To be included in the January agenda is the feedback on the CC complaints procedure and good practice agreement.</p>	IM

<p>A brief discussion took place regarding a petition against proposed council charges for special uplifts. Edinburgh has successfully petitioned against this. Proposed by Jimmy Dyce that this be included on next months agenda.</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Following the recent TV programme “Whistleblower” regarding safety on the Forth Rail Bridge, Ian Heigh (Network Rail, Community Relations, Scotland) has reported that he does not agree there is a safety issue, that the programme was sensationalist and false and that Network Rail work within the safety guidelines. Resident, Gary Bald produced an item that had fallen from the bridge. Iain Mitchell proposed that this should be sent to Network Rail. Karen Trotter asking again that Network Rail send a representative. Karen Trotter to forward concerns to Cllr Philp.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>EWS have corresponded via Cllr Philp regarding the coal blow-off issues and are keen to hold a meeting in the village late January or early February. EWS have reported they are hoping to make the coal trains longer and therefore less full. Karen Trotter to reply to Cllr Philp.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>Stuart Crosbie (Planning & Environment, Fife Council) has sent a letter regarding the signage of Piggery Steps. In the letter he states Mr & Mrs Bald are unhappy with the new signage, and enquiring as to whether the CC wish to see sign marking the steps, as FC are reluctant to put up sign.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>A letter has been received from 12 year old resident, Munro Bastianelli regarding the danger from high speed vehicles at the crossing at the foot of the road bridge steps. This point was raised last year. A suggestion was made to extend the existing footpath to a safer crossing point further along the road, and that the village speed sign be moved further out of the village. Resident, Nicol Kerr suggested someone come along from transportation committee.</p>	
<p>A Community Council Working Group is to be formed which runs for a four year term from Kirkcaldy. Jimmy Dyce volunteered, and thinks NQCC should get involved with more CC’s.</p>	
<p>Iain Mitchell has been in contact with Fife Council re Coat of Arms – buck now stops with Locality Manager. Iain Mitchell proposed, Lin Collis seconded. Karen Trotter to invite Locality Manager to meetings.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p><u>Treasurer’s Report:</u></p>	
<p>No signatories set up yet. Balance of £3341.84 of which £3005 is set aside for environment, floral arrangements, FETA grant.</p>	
<p><u>Red Boxes in Bay:</u></p>	
<p>Lin Collis confirmed previous CC secretary, Jeremy Hawkings wrote to Heriot Watt University who confirmed they would definitely remove the red boxes this summer. Karen Trotter to contact Heriot Watt again requesting removal.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p><u>Traffic Safety and Parking in Village:</u></p>	
<p>Peter Dean proposed a letter to go to Cllr Philp expressing concerns and confirming NQCC are seriously concerned about safety in village. Brock Street – a transportation visit was proposed regarding the blind</p>	<p>KT</p>

