

**NORTH QUEENSFERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 July 2004**

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

In Attendance:        J Philp – Fife Councillor  
                              PC Maylin, PC Davies – Fife Constabulary  
                              20 Residents

**1) Apologies**

I Mitchell, P Dennison, G Docherty (Locality Manager)

**2) Minutes of previous meeting**

From P Dennison – Save Our Bay were to be invited to have a representative on the Community Council.

Amendment to minutes of May Meeting – Iain Banks is Trustee of Arts Trust, not Environmental Trust.

Accepted as true record with the above amendments. Proposed by A Monteith, seconded by N Kerr.

**3) Police Matters**

One theft reported. Successful action on dealing with youths drinking in the village. Speed campaign and vandalism initiatives underway. Sgt. Jim McLuskie is the new Community Sergeant at Dalgety Bay. Reminder issued on security of gardens and homes during hot spells.

Points raised – No action taken regarding the damage to the wall the Brae as the accident was not reported. Parking concerns in the village to be followed up. Excessive speed by contractors workforce. The presence of the Police Community vehicle outside the Save Our Bay meeting was discussed. PC Maylin is the Wildlife Liaison Office for this area.

**4) Matters arising**

- a) Transportation issues – meeting has been requested with Transportation Service to discuss a variety of issues. **Action A Neville**
- b) Rabbits at Carlingnose – Fife Ranger advised that fencing off the plants was the best action.
- c) Railtrack property claim – Map now displayed in the Community Centre.
- d) Coat of Arms - ongoing

## 5) Fife Councillor's Business

- a) Safer Routes to Schools – G Drysdale with Transportation is the nominated contact. Funding has been secured for improved parking markings and restrictions outside the school. These will apply during school hours to reduce the number of cars parked at the school.
- b) Ferryhills Road parking – Site visit planned to discuss options of restrictions on parking or road improvements.
- c) Residents Association – Invite to be sent to the Brock St association for a representative to attend Community Council. **ACTION J Hawkings & Cllr Philp**
- d) Toilets at Marina – These are in poor condition after the fire. **ACTION Cllr Philp**
- e) Forth Road Bridge Celebrations – list of items to be funded discussed.

## 6) Vice Chairmans' Business

- a) There is a vacancy for a caretaker at the Community Centre

## 7) Chairman's Business

- a) FETA Grant – Applications received and discussed
- b) North Queensferry Conservation plan – Copies were circulated for comment. Thanks were given to P Dennison for her contributions to the plan.
- c) Wells Project – Grant allocated, dependant on registration with the Environment Trust. Enquiries to be made with L Mentiplay **ACTION J Hawkings**
- d) Cheese & Wine for village organisations – date to be arranged for September. **ACTION AN, NK, JD, RT, LC (Sub-group)**
- e) FRB Anniversary – A meeting was held with South Queensferry CC. Events organised for 4<sup>th</sup> September on water, road and air. Places on the Maid of the Forth will be allocated to persons connected with the crossing or activities in the village.
- f) World Heritage Site – No decision reached yet.
- g) Energy awareness- Helen Eadie MSP is hosting an event at Lochgelly
- h) Charles Black Lane – A meeting was held with the residents, Fife Council and Community Council to discuss this right of way. A draft agreement has been prepared by Fife Council Planning to be agreed by all parties. CC agreed the proposed draft was acceptable.
- i) Piggery Steps – The CC has replaced the gate. The owners of Dalquhammie Cotage have not put a sign on the gate to request responsible use of the right of way as discussed and agreed with Planning.

## 8) Locality Manager

Not present (see apologies)

## 9) Correspondence

A full list is available from the Secretary on request.

- a) Best Kept Town – preliminary judging has taken place, N Queensferry was not successful.
- b) Royal Mail – Service will be limited to only one delivery
- c) Marina Development (*chaired by R Thomson to avoid any potential conflict of interest*) – Letters from the Boat Club and the Save our Bay group were read and discussed. A proposal was made that the Community Council would write to Fife Council backing the key common elements of both groups requests that;

- i) The Bay should not be infilled
- ii) The security of the Boat Club is vital to the village
- iii) That public open spaces are included in the development, and,
- iv) That it would be preferred that the development area should be passed to a community development, with ownership remaining in the community as a whole.

This motion was passed unanimously. All the groups agreed that it was essential that they work together to influence the Fife Council Development Proposal and achieve these aims. It was proposed that both groups nominate a person to represent them on the Community Council. Both groups to provide details of their representative at the next meeting.

- d) Planning Applications – viewed and discussed

#### **10) Treasurer's Report**

£1316.10 in the bank. £400 earmarked for the Environmental, £500 for floral enhancements.

#### **11) AOCB**

- a) Village Show 28<sup>th</sup> August – there will be an archive exhibition in addition to the usual stalls/events.
- b) Community Council Elections – These will occur in October. Proposal forms will be distributed by and available from Fife Council in August. J Dyce intimated that he will not be standing for election due to personal reasons.
- c) Kings Highway & Cadgers slip – These are deteriorating and in poor condition. Locality Manager to be asked if funding is available for repairs. Also to be raised at meeting with Transportation.
- d) North Craig Cottage – Reported problem with the right of way. Further details to be passed to J Taylor

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday 9th  
September, 7.30pm in the Community  
Centre**

**All Residents Welcome**