

NORTH QUEENSFERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON 12 March 2004

Present: A Neville - Chairman
 J Dyce - Vice Chairman
 P Dennison - Vice Chairman
 J Hawkings - Secretary
 N Kerr - Treasurer
 R Thomson - Minute Secretary
 W Mair - Councillor
 J Taylor - Councillor
 L Collis - Councillor
 A Monteith - Councillor

In Attendance: J Philp – Fife Councillor
 PC Maylin - Fife Constabulary
 G Docherty – Locality Manager
 3 Residents

1) **Apologies**

I Mitchell, C Ewan

2) **Minutes of previous meeting**

Accepted as true record. Proposed by J Dyce, seconded by A Neville

3) **Matters arising**

- a) Northcliff development – Planning permission granted subject to conditions. The woodland management plan was discussed, further discussions to be held with S Bonnar.
- b) Rail bridge works – Meeting held with Development Services, Legal Services (both Fife Council), Network Rail and the Community Council to discuss planning application for further portacabins. This accommodation is required for the next 3-5 years of the contract, a presence on the site would be required for the future. A verbal agreement was reached that in the long-term, the site compound would be relocated to a less prominent position. A legal agreement will be drawn up with agreed time scales to vacate the current site compound and reinstate public access. A further meeting will be held.
- c) Deep Sea World – A Liaison meeting will be arranged soon
- d) Quarry blasting – P Mawhood of Environmental Services will be asked to attend the next meeting. **ACTION R Thomson**
- e) Charles Black Lane – Investigations into the ownership of the lane are ongoing
- f) Bus service – The service to the village was discussed. Letter to be sent to Stagecoach asking if the Taxibus service could be extended to include the village.
- g) Boxes in East Bay - Ongoing

4) **Police Matters** – PC Maylin

The difference in the costs of personal alarms (*raised previously*) is due to different suppliers. The concerns about youths drinking in the grounds of Northcliff are being investigated. Attempted break-in in Inchcolm Drive and break-in at Ferryhills being investigated. Residents asked to be aware of bogus workmen.

5) **Scottish Water**

Susan Rowe, Business and Community Liaison Manager with Scottish Water started by discussing the recent water supply problems that occurred when the main supply at Oakley ruptured affecting a large area of West Fife. Following the incident and as a result of threats made to SW employees delivering emergency water supplies, SW are reviewing their response to large-scale problems such as this.

Waste water treatment – Scottish Water do not foresee waste from the village being pumped to the Dunfermline Treatment Works (Ferrytoll). Financial restrictions were cited as the main reason that undertakings previously made will not be fulfilled.

The community Council requested again that the Chief Executive of SW attend to discuss this. The village continues to suffer from the problems caused by the treatment works at Helen Lane and the sewage outfall pipe.

6) **Locality Manager**

- a) Local housing plan submitted – There are 41 Council homes in the village. The houses at West Bay have been designated for older persons.
- b) Piggery Steps – T Constable has been contacted to request that this right of way be made more visible.

7) **Fife Councillor's Business**

- a) Forth Road Bridge 40th Anniversary – The School and Gala Committee are involved in projects. Funding has been identified for a celebration event.
- b) Safer Routes to Schools – Route under the Raod Bridge may be included in this project.
- c) Dog Fouling Act – This will be enforced from mid-March.
- d) Phone box on Main Road – This was programmed for removal, but following discussions, this decision has been reversed.
- e) Village Gateways – This has now been included on the road improvement plan.

8) **Vice Chairmans' Business**

- a) Community Centre – Hire charges will be increasing. Other funding opportunities are being investigated. Computer use is increasing.
- b) Wells project – Meting to be arranged soon to progress the lottery funding application.
- c) Change of use at Tigh-na-Mara, Ferryhills Road – Concerns raised that the house is now being used for commercial purposes contrary to recent planning assurances. Planning to be asked to investigate. **Action JH**

9) **Chairman's Business**

Marina Development – Discussions held with Fife Council. Council are charging users of the pier, but do not seem to be maintaining the pier. Historic Scotland and Planning agree that work is required to the piers.

10) **Correspondence**

A full list is available from the Secretary on request.

11) **Treasurer's Report**

Balance of £1013.17 in the bank. £400 has been earmarked for environmental improvements and £365 for floral enhancements. A contribution to Ferry News will be made and purchase of refreshments for proposed village gathering to be considered.

12) **AOCB**

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday 8th
April, 7.30pm at the Community
Centre.**

All Residents Welcome