

NORTH QUEENSFERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON 13 May 2004

Present: A Neville - Chairman
 J Dyce - Vice Chairman
 P Dennison - Vice Chairman
 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 Davies – Fife Constabulary
 S Nicol & I McGregor – Fife Council
 approx 30 Residents

1) **Apologies**

N Kerr - Treasurer

2) **Minutes of previous meeting**

Item 7b – Comments to be sent to L Collis

Item 6d – delete “footpath”

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

3) **Police Matters**

There have been two incidents of note in the village since the last meeting. Anti-social behaviour is being targeted particularly at know problem areas. The Primary School has been vandalised, patrols increased.

Animals at East Cruiks have been attacked, believed by a dog. Parking at Ferrybridge Hotel is causing road safety problems.

4) **Matters arising**

No matters raised

5) **Harbour/Marina Development** (S Nicol and I McGregor, both of Fife Council)

S Nicol, Strategic Manager of Fife Council, presented the background to the development outline proposals for the “harbour” area owned by Fife Council.

The Community Council raised the following questions/concerns/demands:

1. Why was the Town Pier included in the development and not just repaired?
2. Lack of security of tenure for the Boat Club
3. Amenity/recreation area to be retained
4. Any development would have to be sympathetic to the shoreline
5. Small businesses to be provided with facilities
6. The bay is an SSSI, this was not emphasised in the report
7. There should be community involvement in any proposals/development

The following responses were given by S Nicol and I McGregor:

The development brief is deliberately “open” to provoke a wide range of development proposal responses. Fife Council appreciates the potential impact of development and environmental issues.

Fife Council owns the Town Pier. They acknowledge that repairs are required and have included it in the development to encourage proposals to include the repair of the pier.

The Council’s intention is to progress the development proposals in stages, involving the community, through the Community Council, in the consultation process. This would result in an open transparent process.

Small business units and start up units are included in the development brief.

Sympathetic development, and amenity/recreation space are an integral part of the brief.

The existence of the Boat Club and its activities is recognised in the brief and acknowledged as an important part of the village.

The residents raised a number of further comments/concerns and reassurances were given that these would be considered with a view to being incorporated into the future drafts of the development brief.

6) Fife Councillor’s Business

- a) Deep Sea World Liaison Meeting – a successful meeting was held addressing many issues.
- b) Forth Road Bridge Celebrations – planning is progressing with South Queensferry Community Council. Details of funding still to be confirmed. The Primary School has agreed if display boards are purchased, they will be made available to the community
- c) Seniors Safety Event – poorly attended, possibly due to the location of the venue. Those who did attend found it very useful.
- d) Brock Street – A Residents’ Association has been formed for the flats.
- e) Piggery Steps – a decree issued in 1985 confirms the existence and route of the right of way over the land.
- f) Scottish Enterprise – no progress. A letter to be sent to the Chief Executive requesting a replacement contact instead of S Harper. **ACTION J Hawkings**

7) Vice Chairmans’ Business

- a) Tower House extension – Historic Scotland has responded supporting the Community Council’s ideas of reinstating the staircase. They intend meeting with the architect and owners.
- b) Wells project – progressing
- c) Quarry Blast – there was a severe blast felt today
- d) Battery Piers – a contact has been provided by Historic Scotland to investigate erosion of these piers.

8) Chairman’s Business

- a) Forth Road Bridge Celebrations – ideas for activities or projects should be sent to I Mitchell and A Monteith.

9) Locality Manager

Not present

10) Correspondence

A full list is available from the Secretary on request.

11) Treasurer's Report

Not present

12) AOCB

- a) Heritage Trust – A Best Kept Garden category will be judged this year as well as the Best Kept Village.
- b) Archive evening – to be held on 15 June, see Ferry News for details.
- c) Coastal Litter Campaign Conference – extracts from the report were read by A Monteith
- d) Ferry Toll Park and Ride – planning application for the extension of the car park has been made.
- e) Railway Station – Mowlem Construction will be using the station buildings as an administration base. This will require upgrading of the building, which may be made available to the community.
- f) Environment Trust – Iain Banks has been appointed as a Trustee.
- g) European Elections – The Community Centre will not be available for the next Community Council meeting on the 10th of June as the Centre will be used as a Polling Station. The Church Hall may be available as an alternative venue.

ACTION I Mitchell

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday 10th June,
7.30pm in the Church Hall**

All Residents Welcome