

NORTH QUEENSFERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF INUAGURAL MEETING HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2004

Present: Cllr J Philp, I Mitchell, J Dyce, L Collis, C Ewen, J Robertson,
K Trotter, P Dean, C McKenzie, F Bastianelli

In Attendance: PC Greig, 14 Residents

1) Apologies

G Docherty (Locality Manager)

2) Introductions and Agenda (Chaired by Cllr Philp)

Cllr Philp welcomed all present to the meeting, indicating that this was first time that the NQCC elections had received sufficient nominations as require a vote. Cllr Philp conducted a roll call and congratulations were offered to the successful Councillors.

The agenda for the meeting would be limited to election of Office Bearers and other posts, Police matters and AOCB (to be limited to items that could not be carried over to the November meeting).

3) Election of Office Bearers etc

a) **Chair**

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Votes
J Dyce	L Collis	R Thomson	5
P Dean	K Trotter	C McKenzie	5

Cllr Philp used his casting vote in favour of J Dyce.

J Dyce was duly elected.

b) **Vice Chair**

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Votes
P Dean	K Trotter	J Robertson	6
J Dyce	I Mitchell	R Thomson	2

P Dean was duly elected

c) **Secretary**

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Votes
K Trotter	C McKenzie	F Bastianelli	5
C Ewan	I Mitchell	L Collis	4

K Trotter was duly elected

d) **Treasurer**

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Votes
C McKenzie	J Robertson	L Collis	N/a

C McKenzie was duly elected

e) **Vice Chair**

Traditionally the Community Council has had two Vice Chairs. It was decided to continue with this.

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Votes
I Mitchell	J Dyce	C Ewan	5
F Bastianelli	K Trotter	P dean	4

I Mitchell was duly elected

f) **Minute Secretary**

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Votes
J Robertson	C Ewan	L Collis	N/a

J Robertson was duly elected

4) **AOCB (chaired by J Dyce)**

J Dyce thanked Cllr Philp for chairing the elections of Office Bearers.

a) **Minutes of previous meeting** to be circulated and discussed at the November Meeting **ACTION R Thomson & J Robertson**

b) **Police Matters:** PC Maylin was unable to attend PC Greig substituted.

Matters raised:

i) Speeding on Main St and Main Rd – police are aware and will monitor. Cllr Philp had also received complaints from residents.

ii) Noise at Pierhead – Residents complained about noise and disruption at night

iii) Traffic Calming and speed limits – discussions on traffic calming measures and reduced speed limits on roads within the village, including the “Safer Routes to Schools” initiative which will introduce advisory and statutory 20mph zones. The village gateway could also include advisory signs **Cllr Philp to follow up**. Letter to be sent to Stagecoach requesting that their drivers give more consideration to pedestrians **ACTION K Trotter**

iv) Parking on Pavements – Ongoing problem. Traffic safety and parking to be addressed as a specific Agenda item at next meeting **ACTION J Robertson**

v) Police Report – the report of 32 reports of vandalism in the village may be a misprint.

b) **Rights of Way:** P Dean asked if the CC have a written Procedure or Policy on this matter. A draft was circulated to be discussion at the next meeting. The Community Council has a list of Rights of Way, to be distributed to the councillors with the minutes. **ACTION R Thomson**

i) I Mitchell informed the council that the recent issues at Charles Black Lane had been amicably resolved. A resident responded that Fife Council had still not removed signs. **Cllr Philp to follow up**

- ii) Piggery Steps – a further meeting had been held between Fife Council Legal Services, Planning, Cllr Philp, representatives of the Community Council, the Scottish Rights of Way Society and representatives of the Bald family to resolve the issue of the signing of the Right of Way, as had been previously agreed. As no wording had to date been acceptable to Mr Bald, it was proposed, after much discussion, and unanimously agreed that a notice be placed facing the street on the small brick building to the right of the Right of Way. As this, as well as the land over which the right of way passes, is not the property of Mr Bald, the Rights of Way Society will attempt to establish ownership before erecting the notice.
- c) **Ferrytoll Park & Ride overflow** - reports for drivers exiting the car park using the entrance, causing risk of accidents
- d) **Traffic access to the village** – P Dennison tabled a copy of the letter that she had written to Fife Council, as previously requested, regarding the problems of accessing the village when there are traffic delays on the bridge.
- e) **Community Council Agendas** – suggestion made by F Bastianelli that the agenda for meetings be distributed to all households in the village. Discussion followed that this was an onerous task and that previous attempts to do a village-wide distribution had not always reached every household.
- f) **Election leaflet and Declarations of Interest** – a point was raised from the floor that the election leaflet for the “Save Our Bay” candidates may have been misleading or false with regard to the statement that none of them had business interests in the village. The “Save our Bay” councillors denied this. Evidence was then produced that K Trotter was named as a Director of a company based in the village after which she offered to resign from the council. This offer was then withdrawn. I Mitchell commented on his potential conflict of interest as he has dealings with a property developer that may respond to the Fife Council prospectus to develop the marina/bay area, as had been previously noted. A discussion followed relating to disclosure of interests of councillors or their immediate family. R Thomson requested that all Community Councillors paid particular attention to paragraph 9.8 and the Code of Conduct contained within the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Fife, and if they felt that they could not meet these requirements, should consider their position as councillors. The Chair, who also requested that the members of the Community Council work together for the good of the village, supported this request.

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday 11th
November, 7.30pm in the Community
Centre
All Residents Welcome**

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & PUBLIC LAND – NORTH QUEENSFERRY

As at 1/1/98

Existing Rights of Way

1. Coastal Path round peninsula (stopping at War Memorial)
2. Access to foreshore through development at Crowpie Bay
3. Piggery Steps
4. Access to Ferryhills from Ferryhills Road
5. Road round St James' Bay (serving Forthside Terrace, White Shipbreakers & James Taylor, timber/boatyard)
6. Track from Coastal Path to sewage works
7. Path from Community Centre to St Margaret's Quarry (ancient right)
8. Path along wall at top of Brock Street to well at east of Ferry Loch (ancient right)
9. Sylvester's Close
10. Kings' Way (only partial access)

Recently lost Rights of Way

1. Kings' Way (partial)
2. Access down from, and up, and round Battery Hill (eroded) and round Battery Quarry
3. Ferry Loch to Old Road
4. Access over barracks from gate (opposite 15 Ferryhills Road) to beach

Public Land and Accesses that might give the impression of being "private"

1. Foreshore at St James' Bay
2. Access to Signal Station
3. Land in front of Yoll Cottage, Helen Place
4. Land in front of Dalquahamie, Helen Place
5. Land in front of Priory Cottage, The Brae
6. Access through gate on North Queensferry – Inverkeithing Road past Ferrybarns
7. Crowpie Beach foreshore
8. Access along Battery Road to slipways (East and West Piers)