

North Queensferry Community Council
Draft Minutes
14 April 2005

Present:	James Dyce	Chairman
	Peter Dean	Vice Chairman
	Karen Trotter	Secretary
	Jenny Robertson	Minutes Secretary
	Christina McKenzie	Treasurer
	Freda Bastianelli	Councillor
	Lin Collis	Councillor
	Catherine Ewen	Councillor
	Anne Monteith	Councillor
In Attendance:	14 Residents	
Apologies:	Iain Mitchell	Vice Chairman
	Clr Jim Philp	

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<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</u> Amendment to Rights of Way – should read resident Gary Bald does feel definitive maps around the village is the best way forward. Approved by Lin Collis Seconded by Peter Dean</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u> Beach at West Sands – Karen Trotter received email from Teresa Constable of Fife Council who claims FC don't own the beach, and that it is owned by the Crown Estate – this contradicts FC's prospectus. After the recent beach clean up, Karen Trotter has received an email from resident Mark Grayson to say he is very impressed. Anne Monteith reported another beach clean up is due to take place weekend of 16 April.</p> <p><u>Police Matters:</u> No police present, however, a report was handed in. Since last CC meeting, four offences have been reported. Three of vandalism and one car crime: Wilma's shop had front window smashed by a brick. A Dunfermline youth has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Premises in the Brae area had three windows smashed. Investigations are continuing. Albert Hotel suffered from vandalism. A 20 year old Inverkeithing man has been charged. A car break-in at East Bay. Numerous contents stolen. Investigations continuing. Problems with parking near to the turning circle at bottom of Main Street are being addressed and Traffic Wardens have been informed. PC Maylin (NQ Community Constable) has moved to the training dept at HQ. His replacement has not yet been decided. Resident, Gary Bald reported an on-going problem with anti social behaviour from children, in particular to stone throwing. Mr Bald spoken to PC Smith, and police did visit. Situation is being closely monitored.</p>	

<u>Chairman's Report:</u>	Action
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information received from Dunfermline and Coast Association of Community Councils with regard to establishing a third rate of appeal to planning, which means CC's would have a say in planning. Helen Eadie (MSP) supports this proposal. 2. Email from South Queensferry Business Association (Charles Fletcher) inviting CC members to take up membership of SQBA and to attend a memorial to the rail bridge workers who died whilst constructing the bridge. NQCC propose some form of memorial in North Queensferry. 	
<p><u>Vice Chairman's Report:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nuclear submarines: NQCC is opposed to the storage and dismantling of nuclear submarines at Rosyth because of the health hazards. It calls on politicians of all parties and at all levels (the issue is a non-devolved one) to resist the use of Rosyth for these and related purposes because it poses a danger for the people of this heavily populated area and surrounding parts of the Forth Estuary and is incompatible with the growing workforce and tourist trade centred on Rosyth. The motion was carried unanimously. 2. Forth Railway Bridge NQCC voted on the same motion and it was carried unanimously. Peter Dean has established the rail bridge has not been nominated as a World Heritage Site. UNESCO have confirmed they have no knowledge of this either. Edinburgh Council agrees to support the campaign to accord the bridge WHS status. It was moved by Cllr John Longstaff as George Grubb (South Queensferry) was on holiday. The motion was carried unanimously. 	
<p><u>Treasurer's Report:</u></p> <p>Christina McKenzie reported a balance of £2932.05 of which £2751 is restricted - £400 for environment, £246 for floral arrangements and £2105 for FETA grant, leaving a balance of £181.05. It was proposed £150 would go to the Ferry News to help cover the cost of the special 50th edition. The £800 discussed at previous CC meeting is no longer required for dinghies. Simon Tate (Boat Club Chair) volunteered to check legalities with school about sending local children to Port Edgar or Lochore for sail training. Approved by P Dean Seconded by L Collis</p>	
<p><u>Secretary's Report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forth Bridge Memorial Committee: inaugural meeting held on 12 March in South Queensferry. Karen Trotter and Cllr Philp agreed to be committee members. There has been one meeting since at which it was decided to ask for nominations of sites at either side of the water for the location of the memorial which will bear names of those who lost their lives during construction of the rail bridge. The next meeting is 7 May. Suggestions were- Mounthooly, the circular area behind the Albert Hotel, viewing area at the base of the rail bridge, middle of the brae. Suggestions to CC members by 6 May. 2. Fall-out from coal trucks: Cllr Philp has had further complaints from residents about coal falling into gardens. EWS admit they are no 	

<p>further forward with addressing the problem. Karen Trotter to follow up with Helen Eadie and EWS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Pigeon problem under rail bridge: Network Rail confirmed will be dealt with, and will inform CC what action will be taken. Karen Trotter to ask transportation services to clean pavement and road under bridge which is slippery when wet. 4. Transport Services have offered to meet to discuss the request from NQPPG for the erection of a sign at the Albert Hotel regarding no access for lorries and heavy vehicles down to the pier. The Chair of the NQPPG which is a new sub-committee of NQCC stated that no such representation or request was made by the sub-committee and no one knew who had made this request through Cllr Philp. Karen Trotter to advise Cllr Philp that NQCC had been misrepresented. 	<p>Action KT</p> <p>KT</p> <p>KT</p>
<p>Letters briefly discussed were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complaint about the way the Bald family and other families in NQ have been intimidated over rights of way passing through or in the vicinity of their homes. 2. Fife Council, Chief Executives Office confirmed that the Draft Prospectus for the development of West Bay has been shelved. Agreement that NQCC should proceed in partnership with SOB and the Boat Club. The project will now be seen as a local initiative within the ‘ownership’ of NQCC and its partners. 3. Fife Open Doors Day: to be held on first three Sundays in September - Dunfermline and West Fife on 18 Sept. Karen Trotter suggested light tower at turning circle by the town pier. Nominations welcomed. 4. Forth Waterspace Brief and Forth Waterside Strategy – Consultation: Peter Dean and Anne Monteith attended meeting regarding this. 5. Fife Federation of Tenants & Residents Association: charges for bulky uplifts. An appeal for details of hardships suffered as a result of the introduction of charging for uplifts. 6. 20 Year Structure Plan: Karen Trotter introduced this by saying that the main function of the CC is to actively seek the views of the local community on matters presented to them by local government and then to express these views on behalf of the community to the local government. Insufficient resources were made available to NQCC and other CC’s in Fife to facilitate this process. Peter Dean made reference to the threat posed by development to villages. Karen Trotter complained that 35,000 new houses in Fife may cause serious declines in the quality of living because of the lack of infrastructure and the degradation of the natural environment. 7. ROW, signage at Piggery Steps and Charles Black Lane, Core Path Networks. Land Reform Act – no time to discuss these issues. Karen Trotter asked to write a report on ROW/core paths etc. to introduce discussion as agenda item. 	<p>KT</p>
<p><u>Wells Project</u></p> <p>The Lion’s head and the drinking cup have gone to manufacturers in England for replicas to be made. Contractor has been asked by Joan Geddes of Fife Council to look into the possibility of solar lighting at Willies Well. Two new keys are being cut for the gate for Willies Well. Original will be returned to Steve Reid, one will be in the care of the contractor and the third will be kept by the environmental sub committee. Seat removed from beside</p>	<p>KT</p>

<p>Albert Hotel to be refurbished and will replace seat at West Bay which in turn will be refurbished. New seat ordered from Parks & Amenities. Contractor is Harvest Homemaker.</p> <p><u>NOPPG</u> First meeting was held in February to decide name and office bearers. It was proposed that CC should decide on name and Terms of Reference. To be carried forward to next CC meeting.</p> <p><u>Planning</u> CC members to meet and discuss.</p> <p><u>AOCB</u> Resident John Taylor enquired whether any members of the CC involved with media report regarding rising sea levels in North Queensferry. Confirmed no members involved. Resident Simon Tate called for a meeting regarding a community business with regard to Save Our Bay. The company Bridgehead Enterprises which was active in the village was briefly discussed with regard to using this vehicle. Laura Malcolm has previously been approached with regard to calling an AGM, but to date this meeting has not been called.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT MEETING - AGM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12/5/05 COMMUNITY CENTRE – 7.30pm ALL WELCOME</p>	<p>Action</p>
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