

North Queensferry Community Council
Draft Minutes
13 January 2005

Present:	James Dyce	Chairman
	Peter Dean	Vice Chairman
	Karen Trotter	Secretary
	Jenny Robertson	Minutes Secretary
	Christina McKenzie	Treasurer
In Attendance:	Lin Collis	Councillor
	Jim Philp	Councillor
	PC Smith	Fife Constabulary
	Darren Hemsley	SNH
	Pat Dennison	Chair, Wells Project
Apologies:	18 Residents	(approx)
	Iain Mitchell	Councillor
	Freda Bastianelli	Councillor
	Cath Ewen	Councillor

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<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</u> Amendment to Rights of Way – initial report stated Stuart Crosbie of Fife Council had indicated support for the ROW document - amended to Stuart Crosbie has not yet seen the document. Also, reference to Black Cat Lane, should read Charles Black Lane. Approved by Peter Dean, seconded by Christina McKenzie</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u> None.</p> <p><u>Police Matters:</u> PC Smith reported 28 calls to the police, which in turn produced 10 crime files. Over Christmas and New Year, snares had been set in Queen Margaret’s Marsh and a number of bodies of wildlife were found which included deer and birds. Two charges of drinking in public were reported, a break-in at the Albert Hotel, and a report from Pat Dennison that her goats have been savaged by a dog for the third time in a year. It was reported by a resident that the railway station is being abused – Karen Trotter to write to Transport Police.</p> <p><u>Chairman’s Report:</u> Jimmy Dyce announced Renny Thomson is now residing in Dalgety Bay and therefore no longer qualifies to sit on the Community Council. Ann Monteith was welcomed on to the committee. Closer links with South Queensferry Community Council were discussed with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the tsunami appeal b) the potential of a World Heritage Site <p><u>Treasurer’s Report:</u> Christina McKenzie reported a balance of £3334.94 of which £3005 is restricted - £400 for environment, £500 for floral arrangements and £2105</p>	<p>KT</p>

He also confirmed that any potential developers have to prove that development won't affect a SSSI site. Jimmy Dyce requested a summary of SNH discussion.

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Wells Project

Pat Dennison (Chairman of the wells sub-committee) reported on the progress of the project to repair and upgrade the village's three historic wells. She reported that the wells project is progressing, mainly in form filling, design and preparations for the tendering process. A logo has been agreed with Fife Council, which will be placed on bronze plaques with the name of the well beside each well. Interpretive panels are also proposed – wording for this is very welcome. The tendering process is complete. Only three firms were interested, although one potential contractor fell ill, and in the event one of the remaining two tenders was too late. The remaining tender has not yet been formally accepted. The work will commence as soon as the weather permits. Pat was thanked for the valuable work she and her committee are performing.

Discussion revealed that this sub-committee has a membership of nine of which two are members of the Community Council (Lin Collis and Ann Monteith), thus it does not conform with paragraph 9.6 of Fife's Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils. This requires that members of a community council must be in a majority on all of its sub-committees. In this case the Chairman of NQCC has received informal advice from Fife Council that this sub-committee can be treated as a special case, outside the requirements of paragraph 9.6

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Cllr Philp reported:

- a) he'd been approached by Peter Howden regarding the War Memorial site, with a suggestion that a group be formed to take on some minor issues (i.e planting etc) although it was acknowledged that George Legge (our lollipop man) does a lot of work keeping the site neat and tidy.
- b) he'd been in contact with Cllr Grubb of South Queensferry who reported SQ were working on a plaque to commemorate the workers on the rail bridge and querying whether NQCC would be interested in becoming involved. It was confirmed NQCC is interested.
- c) that the recent TV programme about the rail bridge had instigated a visit by an MP, however, another visit by Network Rail and officials is planned.
- d) that a part-time harbourmaster was about to be appointed, but Simon Tait (Boat Club Chairman) reported the boat club were looking at other options.

All other business on the agenda to be carried forward to next meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10/2/05
COMMUNITY CENTRE – 7.30pm
ALL WELCOME**