

North Queensferry Community Council
Draft Minutes
9 June 2005

Present:	Peter Dean	Chairman
	Iain Mitchell	Vice Chairman
	Jenny Robertson	Minutes Secretary
	Christina McKenzie	Treasurer
	Freda Bastianelli	Councillor
	Lin Collis	Councillor
	Catherine Ewen	Councillor
	Anne Monteith	Councillor
	David Greig	Councillor
In Attendance:	11 Residents	
Apologies:	Karen Trotter	Secretary
Absent:	Cllr Philp	

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<p><u>Police Report:</u> Inspector McFarlane leaving Dalgety Bay – Colin Caldwell replacing. Car break-ins reported in village, although in most cases the cars had been left unlocked and money and CD’s stolen. Under-age drinking – police continuing to combat this. Lin Collis reported problem at marina with teenagers drinking at toilets. Pat Dennison reported pitchfork and stones had been thrown at her goats. Gary Bald reported drinking on coastal path – police are aware and monitoring. Gary also reported speeding, especially from Deep Sea World and resident(s) from East Bay. Freda Bastianelli inquired if the road bridge would be closing for the G8 summit – police unaware. Peter Dean would appreciate police support on Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</u> Lin Collis – correspondence – would like to see a list of items going out <i>and</i> coming in. Agreed this would be added to next agenda/minutes. Lin Collis – Wells Project – estimates for plants and fourth bench not mentioned in last minutes. Lin Collis – Minutes should be signed at CC meeting. Minutes should not go out as “draft” Iain Mitchell feels public lose touch if the draft minutes are not distributed first. Agreed both draft and final minutes to be shown on notice boards. Final minutes to be shown on Web. Approved by Iain Mitchell. Seconded by David Greig</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u> Resident, Pat Dennison reported a meeting with Christina McKenzie and Freda Bastianelli on 1st May re the Wells Project. A letter is to be sent to Karen Trotter asking that the Wells Project file be handed back to Pat Dennison to check on missing correspondence.</p> <p><u>Chairman’s Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problem with coal blow-off continues to inconvenience residents who live under the railway bridge. We await the effect of the gel 	

<p>which is to be applied to the loaded wagons. We hope that it will solve the problem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 50th issue of Ferry News has been distributed. This important event was marked by a flyer acknowledging the exemplary work of David and Mary Dempsey. We thank the Dempseys for their untiring and much appreciated work on the village newsletter • The new multi-storey car park at Ferry Toll has been opened by Minister Nichol Stephen. He is keen to establish a larger transport interchange at Ferry Toll. Such an interchange is bound to have an impact on North Queensferry. We need to watch this space. • Fife Council has rejected proposals to abandon tolls on the Road Bridge. It seeks a graduated toll regime with heavy lorries and single occupancy cars paying more. It is disappointing that Fife Council favours higher tolls as West Fife residents have already paid for the bridge. Car-sharing from the Fife side is an option. This would increase traffic around Ferry Toll. We have to ensure that we are not besieged in NQ when bridge traffic is disrupted. • Neighbourhood Watch is being revived. We have 33 new members so far and we are having a revival meeting on Tuesday 21 June at 8.00pm in the CC. • Wells Committee: the first tangible signs of progress are now evident (robust handrails up the Brae and improvements to two of the wells). We acknowledge these village improvements with thanks and pleasure. <p>Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G8: starting July 2 • Closure of Railway Bridge 24 July-1 August • High tide expected: August 22-23. It is predicted to be almost 2 metres above normal at some places in Scotland, but the actual height will depend on wind and other atmospheric conditions. Simon Tate has looked this up in his tide table and agrees that it will be of a magnitude, which might occur twice a year. <p><u>Vice Chairman's Report:</u></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman referred to the approach by a committee in South Queensferry which had been formed to erect a memorial to those who died during the building of the Forth railway bridge. The committee were asking the Community Council to nominate a site for a North Queensferry "satellite" memorial. Mr Mitchell indicated that he feared that the committee might be about to waste an opportunity to gain a significant work of public art for the benefit of the communities. On the basis of his experience with similar projects in Perth, a good piece of art work can result from a properly organised public arts competition (under the auspices of the Scottish Arts Council) in which artists submit ideas which, after public consultation are then judged by a panel. The winner is commissioned to carry out the artwork according to the winning design. He intended to suggest this approach to the Committee at its forthcoming meeting which was to be held the following Saturday. It was agreed that the Vice-Chairman and Lin Collis would attend the meeting on behalf of NQCC. The Vice -Chairman said that he hoped to take advantage of the opportunity of the meeting to discuss with representatives of Network Rail, who were also due to be there, the suggestion that the station building be put to a community use. He also indicated that he hoped to have something to report to the next meeting on the subject of the NQCC Coat of Arms.</p>	<p>Action</p>
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Treasurer's Report:

Christina McKenzie reported a balance of £2941.28 of which £2901 is restricted - £400 for environment, £150 for 50th Ferry News, £246 for floral arrangements and £2105 for FETA grant, leaving a balance of £40.28. Still awaiting grant for current year, and still awaiting Gordon Docherty (FC) to put final cost on benches.

Secretary's Report:

A list of correspondence was read out by Freda Bastianelli in Karen Trotter's absence. Full list available from Secretary.

- Toilet block at marina: Proposed by FC that block may be refurbished to provide welfare facilities for the resident road sweeper. Anxieties were raised this may attract further vandalism. David Greig due to meet Tom Nisbet of FC on another matter and is happy to raise the issue.
- Fife Coast and Countryside Trust – the formation of the Fife Coastal Partnership: Amanda Drummond looking for participation from NQCC. Anne Monteith happy to attend 2nd stage meeting on 16 June.
- North Queensferry Gala Committee looking for donations for raffle: wine/spirits to be donated.
- Dunfermline and Coast Association of CC's – next meeting on 20 June: Peter Dean and Christina McKenzie to attend.
- Letters from residents: letter to Peter Dean requesting clarification of statements made at last NQCC meeting – resident Pat Dennison referred to a letter from past CC members which indicated their hurt at a statement made by Peter Dean in which they implied he had made derogatory marks about all recent Community Councils.
- Minutes of the meeting of 10 March: a member of the public identified an error in the official record of the above meeting. The record shows that Peter Dean called for a vote of confidence in the then Chairman, Jimmy Dyce. By way of correction it should be noted that he did not call for a vote of confidence, but that he did Chair the vote.

West Bay:

Tom Nisbet (FC) wrote to the CC re the toilet block at the marina, asking what the CC plans were for West Bay. David Greig responded as Chair of SOB: Some form of company is planned to take over West Bay – it's proposed a Community Company is best, which would be fully democratic and open to all residents. A public meeting is to be organised. Once the company is operational, SOB will no longer exist. David to be meeting with Historic Scotland, and will be looking to FC for help. There will be discussions with Boat Club, but importantly the people of NQ about what they want to see on the West Bay site. Proposed a facilitator be used to find out what people feel. The Heritage Lottery Fund only support ideas and plans that are achievable, therefore as much public participation as possible is needed.

Teenage Activities

Discussion on CC thematic meetings dedicated to groups in village i.e. lack of facilities in village for teenagers. Christina McKenzie reported the Community Centre tried (unsuccessfully) to set up a youth club. Iain Mitchell thought it worthwhile to set up a one-off meeting – to be organised at the August CC meeting.

Wells Project

Hand rails are completed. Requested that hand rail at Willies Well be painted, as well as the post at the top of the steps where a new sign is to go

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Requested that the old post be taken down at the upper entrance to the coastal path (some discussion if alternatively a new sign might be put on it).

Waterloo Well is to be cleaned up.

Jubilee Well – the wall behind in a number of places is unsafe. Requested this should be repaired before work on the Well and landscaping commences.

Plaques – 2 lion heads and drinking mugs are in process of being manufactured.

Planting will be left until August rather than have new plants needing watered over the summer.

Planning

There are two applications since the last CC meeting. Details of both have been received.

- Conservatory extension Northcliff: comments from councillors imply that they agree that this is in keeping with the house (listed). No further comment necessary.
- Single storey dwelling house, plot 2, Carlingnose Point: Councillors show reservation over this application. The planned house is to be situated in very close proximity to the west gun placement of Carlingnose Battery, a scheduled ancient monument. Concerns were expressed that if there had to be a new building it should be sympathetic to and not dominate this important site.
- 3 Ferry Barns, proposed tower and aerial erection: this application came to the May CC meeting and has since been agreed. The owner kindly loaned the plans for the interest of councillors at this meeting.

NQCC Environment Sub Group

Minutes of the meeting 10 May were circulated. The Chair of the sub group advised that these minutes were prior to the May Community Council meeting at which it was agreed that 'Terms of Reference' were required for the group. In response to this the sub group is investigating environmental issues at the Ferry Loch and will report their findings to the next CC meeting.

AOCB

- Resident noted that telephone number supplied if a problem occurs with coal trains crossing rail bridge is not answered.
- Newly established road near Jamestown (off Ferryhills Road) is being used by Network Rail for access during bridge repairs beside Park & Ride.
- Established large sewage pipe being laid at Tank Road
- Smell at sewage works – noted.
- Dog bin at marina is wrong size – noted.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 11 AUGUST
COMMUNITY CENTRE – 7.30pm**

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