

**North Queensferry Community Council  
Draft Minutes  
10 March 2005**

Present:	James Dyce	Chairman
	Peter Dean	Vice Chairman
	Karen Trotter	Secretary
	Jenny Robertson	Minutes Secretary
	Christina McKenzie	Treasurer
	Lin Collis	Councillor
	Catherine Ewen	Councillor
	Anne Monteith	Councillor
In Attendance:	PC Smith	Fife Constabulary
	Ian Heigh	Project Mgr, Network Rail
	Malcolm Hyatt	Project Mgr, Balfour Beatty
	Pat Dennison	Chair, Wells Project
	20 Residents	(approx)
Apologies:	Iain Mitchell	Vice Chairman
	Freda Bastianelli	Councillor
	Cllr Jim Philp	

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</u></b> Amendment to AOCB – funding for the wells project should read £40,000 not £4,000 Approved by Christina McKenzie Seconded by Anne Monteith</p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising:</u></b> Mr Ian Heigh and Mr Malcolm Hyatt spoke about the Rail Bridge following a letter from Karen Trotter, Secretary of NQCC. Both Mr Heigh and Mr Hyatt discussed the imminent repairs to the bridge and advised that major works will be carried out on the Fife side of the bridge this year. The bridge is to be closed for 8 days from 24 July to 1 August to carry out works within the tunnels. This work was agreed some two years ago, and repairs will be ongoing over 24 hours during this period. Alternative transport responsibilities lie with the train companies. Ian Heigh answered concerns regarding the recent Whistleblower TV programme by reassuring residents that the bridge is safe and that the programme was sensationalist and should never have been transmitted. Karen Trotter asked if Network Rail were aware of the problems experienced by North Queensferry residents regarding coal falling into gardens from EWS coal trucks travelling over the rail bridge? Mr Heigh confirmed he was monitoring the situation. Concerns were raised regarding the number of bridge worker cars that are parking under the bridge – this should be restricted to six, however, far more workers are taking up spaces. Mr Hyatt agreed to follow this up.</p> <p><b><u>Police Matters:</u></b> PC Smith reported 20 calls to the police of which 5 were crime files – car</p>	

<p>break-ins on Ferryhills Road and vandalism in Brock Street.  Jimmy Dyce called for new members to join the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – only one volunteer came forward - Peter Dean.  To be continued on agenda for next months meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Chairman’s Report:</u></b>  Jimmy Dyce reported on the special CC meeting held on Thursday 3 March regarding the future of West Bay. This was judged to be a very good meeting which was handled well by all. A further meeting took place on Monday 7 March between members of Fife Council and representatives of Save Our Bay, Community Council and Boat Club. Fife Council recognised the concerns of the village. The conclusion of this meeting is that Fife Council prospectus has been shelved and the future of West Bay has been handed back to the CC to deal with.  Peter Dean referred to two papers which were presented on behalf of SOB (copies available). The Fife Council draft prospectus should be used as a guide, and this is an opportunity for the whole village to have its say on what should happen in West Bay.</p> <p>Jimmy Dyce reported he had the unfortunate duty to report a complaint against a CC member. It was alleged by Pat Dennison (Chair, Wells Sub Committee) that CC Secretary Karen Trotter had implied that she (Pat Dennison) was receiving personal payments from Fife Council for work she has done in respect of the Wells Project.  Karen Trotter rejected the complaint as being unfounded. She expressed her disapproval at the way the complaint had been dealt with. Karen Trotter voiced her concerns that she had been deemed guilty by Jimmy Dyce before being consulted by him on this issue, and that the first she knew of any complaint was when she received the letter from him. Karen reported that this attack on her had stifled her in her role as Secretary. At this point, Karen Trotter left the meeting.  Jimmy Dyce stated he was sorry Karen had taken this stance, but that he had reached the decision there was no case to answer and apologised. Jimmy Dyce confirmed he had no complaint regarding Karen Trotter as Secretary. At this point Jimmy Dyce stood down as Chair and handed over to Peter Dean. A vote of confidence was called for by Peter Dean for Jimmy Dyce. Four voted for him, two against, therefore Jimmy Dyce was re-instated as Chair of NQCC and the matter was closed.</p> <p><b><u>Vice Chairman’s Report:</u></b>  Peter Dean said that he wished to place a matter in the public domain. He reported an incident involving Jimmy Dyce (Chairman North Queensferry Community Council), Jim Philp (Local Government Councillor for Inverkeithing East) and himself (Secretary, Save Our Bay, Vice Chairman of North Queensferry Community Council). He alleged that they had both invaded his privacy by sharing his (Peter Dean's) correspondence without his authority, knowledge or consent and had used this information in an attempt to prevent him from consulting with a political party other than their own. He said that Jimmy Dyce had provided a full written apology acknowledging his error and that he had accepted this apology without reservation. In the absence of an apology (or any explanation) from Jim Philp, he intimated that he intended to make an official complaint concerning Jim Philp's alleged actions under article 3.16 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
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<p>Queensferry Peninsula Preservation Group (NQPPG) had taken place on 24 February. A Chair has still to be voted in. Meetings will take place on every last Tuesday of the month.</p> <p>Resident Ann Cunningham would like to see signage regarding large buses/vehicles showing no access beyond the Albert Hotel. Jimmy Dyce advised that as Cllr Philp is on the transportation committee that he should be consulted.</p> <p>A letter to transportation is required regarding the wall that is down just under the road bridge.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14/4/05</b> <b>COMMUNITY CENTRE – 7.30pm</b> <b>ALL WELCOME</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p><b>JR</b></p>
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