

North Queensferry Community Council
Draft Minutes
14 May 2005

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

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<p><u>Police Report:</u> PC Greig in attendance. He warned that boats are being damaged and that residents be aware. Confirmed Sgt Kelby is new Sergeant in Dalgety Bay. Cllr Philp advised that police now hold surgeries in Inverkeithing which are open to all.</p> <p><u>AGM: (Iain Mitchell in the Chair)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies for absence: Karen Trotter. • No formal previous meeting minutes. • Main business – submission of audited statements. Accounts agreed by Gertrude McAlpine. • Christina McKenzie reported bank balance at year end of £31.64 <p>Approved by L Collis Seconded by P Dean</p> <p><u>MONTHLY MEETING: (Iain Mitchell in the Chair)</u></p> <p><u>Previous Minutes:</u> Cllr Philp referred to nuclear subs in April minutes and reported everything was on hold until a report from Westminster to find an agreed means of disposing of radioactive waste by end of 2006. Fife Council have said no to Babcock Thorn dismantling subs insisting they be removed intact. Approved by F Bastianelli Seconded by A Monteith</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u> Boat Club have contacted Headmaster of NQ primary school regarding a visit to Lochore Meadows in September.</p> <p><u>New Member of Community Council:</u> Iain Mitchell announced that for personal reasons, J Dyce had tendered his resignation as Chair of NQCC. Tribute was paid to J Dyce for his considerable experience and expertise over the years and members of the council wished him good health. As required, the list of people standing as candidates to NQCC at the last</p>	

election was used. Deirdre Bald was therefore asked but declined. David Greig as next on the list was then asked and agreed to join the council. He was welcomed as a new member of the council.

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Election of Chairman: (Cllr Philp in the Chair)

Cllr Philp asked for nominations.

- Jenny Robertson proposed Peter Dean
- Christina McKenzie seconded
- Anne Monteith proposed Iain Mitchell
- Catherine Ewen seconded

There were no other nominations. A show of hands was 5 votes for Peter Dean and 3 votes for Iain Mitchell; therefore Peter Dean was duly nominated as Chairman of NQCC and took the Chair. Iain Mitchell congratulated Peter Dean.

Chairman's Report:

The new Chairman recognised how much hard work Jimmy Dyce had put into the community and thanked him most sincerely.

The rail bridge saga continues. EWS are about to introduce a new method of containing the coal whilst crossing the bridge – gel is to be applied before the trains start their journey.

Peter Dean reported that he has two aspirations – a first class Community Council and first class communications involving more residents. Peter Dean tendered his resignation as Secretary of Save Our Bay with effect from 31 May, but will be continuing the work on forming a village company for which Iain Mitchell has also offered his time and help.

Treasurer's Report:

Christina McKenzie reported a balance of £2936.77 of which £2901 is set aside - £400 for environment, £150 to 50th edition of Ferry News, £246 for floral arrangements and £2105 for FETA grant, leaving a balance of £35.77

Approved by Iain Mitchell

Seconded by Freda Bastianelli

Secretary's Report

Freda Bastianelli read a summary of correspondence in Karen Trotter's absence.

- Ship to Ship Oil Transfer Firth of Forth: transfer of 8 million tonnes p.a of Russian Crude Oil and other hydrocarbons four miles off Methil. Cllr Philp confirmed Fife Council was not in a position to authorise or to prevent the proposed shipments, but that it was up to Forth Ports and the British Government (in the shape of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency) to decide if the proposal goes ahead. Fife Council is firmly opposed. Cllr Philp is not aware of any councils agreeing to it. A seminar on this issue is scheduled for 10 June at East Fife Football Club. The national press is interested and will be attending. The risks if the project gets the go ahead are huge, with an estimated loss in trade and tourism of ten years if a spillage occurs in the Forth. F Bastianelli proposed a motion to back Fife Council, which was seconded by Iain Mitchell. The motion was: NQCC supports Fife Council in seeking to persuade the Maritime and Coastguard Agency of the inadvisability of this venture and requests that it refused permission for this proposal. It was agreed NQCC would write to the press. Karen Trotter to write to Fife Council.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new environmental sub-committee of NQCC (provisionally known as NQPPG): concerns raised by local resident about constitution of NQPPG, in particular the fact that members of the public were invited to nominate themselves as co-opted members from the floor without discussion. • Letter from Boys Brigade asking if CC would be able to help them with a grant this year. An initial contribution of £50 was agreed. • Letter of resignation from CC Chairman Jimmy Dyce <p>Copies of all correspondence available from Secretary.</p> <p><u>Cllr Philp:</u> Regarding the proposed memorial to workmen who lost their lives during the construction of the railway bridge, a final date for submission of suggestions for memorial sites has been set at 10 June. Site to be accessible to all and only public land can be used. Several speakers stressed the need for a memorial to be sited at North Queensferry: either the main memorial or a satellite of the main memorial. It was suggested that the rail companies should contribute to funding. Iain Mitchell suggested a design competition in order to identify a first class concept. He and Lin Collis agreed to attend next meeting of Forth Bridge Memorial Committee in South Queensferry on 11th June.</p> <p><u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battery House at Carlingnose: SNH and Historic Scotland happy with plans. CC raised two points, appearance of the roof and visibility from coastal path. <p><u>Flowers for the Ferry:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floral enhancement grant from FC of £500 which is applied for annually. This is the start of our fourth year. • Spring bulbs: good investment – suggestions welcomed for areas for more bulbs. • Flowering tubs: previous years there have been eight tubs, but this year there are an extra three at the community centre. More tubs available if we have volunteers for carers. • Small spaces in village cared for by villagers with the agreement of the council. Council would be glad if more areas cared for – ideas and suggestions welcome. • Best kept village: judges look at general appearance and cleanliness. Initial visits in June and July with last visit to the best ones in August to finalise the winners and runners-up. <p><u>Wells Project</u> Three seats completed. Meeting re landscaping on the Brae with Harvest Homemaker.</p> <p><u>New Environmental Sub-Committee</u> Lin Collis proposed disbanding. Only need for sub committees if it is clear what it should be doing. Iain Mitchell agreed a clear agenda was needed and the CC should revisit previous aims. Peter Dean proposed CC to define, Christina McKenzie seconded. Terms of Reference to be discussed at next meeting. It was agreed the issue of Ferryhills Loch could meantime be addressed by the sub-committee. Other issues carried over to next meeting.</p>	<p>Action</p>
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- Stone throwing still ongoing. Local boys, police aware. To be discussed by police at school. Cars being showered with stones in Old Kirk Road.
- Neighbourhood Watch: Mrs Gargett and Peter Dean to meet.
- Resident Carol Dean requested telephone number again for EWS. Cllr Philp to supply.

**NEXT MEETING 9/6/05
COMMUNITY CENTRE
ALL WELCOME**

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