

**North Queensferry Community Council
Minutes Of Meeting
held on Thursday 13 October at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Peter Dean Chairman
Iain Mitchell Vice Chairman
Karen Trotter Secretary
Ann Monteith Councillor
Freda Bastianelli Councillor (Minutes)
Councillor Jim Philp

In Attendance: 8 Residents

Apologies: Christina McKenzie Treasurer
Jenny Robertson Councillor
Catherine Ewan Councillor
David Greig Councillor

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<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</u></p> <p>Approved by Iain Mitchell Seconded by Freda Bastianelli</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>(a) Electoral Boundary Commission</p> <p>Iain Mitchell read out a draft letter for submission to the Boundary Commission requesting that North Queensferry remain united with Inverkeithing. The current proposal to change the electoral boundary puts North Queensferry in the same Ward as Rosyth and not with Inverkeithing. Iain's letter, highlights the strong ties that bind North Queensferry with Inverkeithing and was warmly approved by both Councillors and Residents.</p> <p>(b) Toilet Block at Marina</p> <p>Peter Dean reported an undertaking from Fife Council that the Toilet Block will not be sold off immediately and will remain with Fife Council.</p> <p>(c) Filling of Vacancy in the Community Council</p> <p>Karen Trotter reported that three candidates have been identified to be co-opted on to the Community Council. Iain Mitchell suggested that we carry this issue over to the November meeting when the Community Council would have had a chance to make a decision on filling the vacancy.</p> <p>(d) East Bay Waste Water Facility</p> <p>Peter Dean attended a meeting of the Water Customer Consultation Panel. He highlighted to the panel the sewage leakage from our main sewer into</p>	ALL

<p>the Forth, the plans to replace the sewage treatment plant and lead water mains in the old village. It was decided that Karen Trotter would write to Fife Council Environment and SEPA with our concerns.</p> <p>Reports:</p> <p>(a) Police Matters: There were no police present at the meeting.</p> <p>(b) Councillor's Report Councillor Philp reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stuart Nicol from Fife Council and David Greig have been in consultation with regard to securing the land at the Marina under a Community Trust. Various funding available including the Lottery's Living Land Project. - BT telephones are being kept in the village but cashless, i.e. cards only - Historic Scotland are accepting nominations for the Railway Bridge to become a World Heritage Site. - An extra bus direct from North Queensferry to Dunfermline, is due to be reinstated shortly. - Disruption to traffic will commence on 14 Nov until 21 May on the road from Rosyth to Admiralty Junction as a new road gets built. 	<p>KT</p>
<p>Karen Trotter asked Councillor Philp when the roundabout at the bottom Play Park would return. Councillor Philp said he would follow it up.</p> <p>Jimmy Dyce asked if the grass area at Brock Street could be turned into a Car Park. Councillor Philp reported that there is a meeting planned for 20 Oct to discuss this issue.</p> <p>(c) Chairman's Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter Howden from FC will support our gardens scheme and will provide a map of the village with roadside property belonging to FC marked. He showed particular interest in the areas around the flats at Old Kirk Road and under the arch opposite the Albert. - Waste Bin and Sand Bunker on The Brae. Fife Council have been informed that we need a more permanent solution to the vandalism of these two items which occurs almost weekly. <p>(d) Vice Chairman's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forth Bridges Memorial Committee. Iain was very pleased to report that the proposal put forward has been accepted. Looking at a budget of £100,000 and a small sub-committee of 3 members (which includes Iain) has been formed. The sub-committee will be meeting with the Scottish Arts Council next week. Also, a presentation in tribute to the people who died during construction of the Bridge is scheduled for January. - Railway Station. Iain reported that Edlec Model Railway Club had expressed interest in using North Queensferry Railway Station as storage. Scotrail do not wish to proceed with this proposal in the interim. Looking for ideas on what to do at the Railway Station. 	<p>CP</p>

This will be carried forward to our November meeting.

- Grant of Coat of Arms. Need to know the date of the inaugural Community Council meeting in 1976, together with a copy of the minutes, before we can submit our application. The fees for the Coat of Arms are not payable until the Coat of Arms is in place. However, Iain intimated that Fife Council will cover all the costs. A sub-committee has been formed for this.

(e) Treasurer's Report

Christina McKenzie provided the following information:

FETA has approved our plan to set aside £800 of the FETA money for youth activities. Our total balance is now £2923. This is composed of set asides and a free balance:

£400 Environment
£119 Floral Enhancement
£2105 FETA Grant
£299 Free Balance
£2923

(f) Secretary and Correspondence

Karen read out the list of correspondence received over the last month.

Activities for Young People in North Queensferry

Freda Bastianelli and David Greig held a meeting on 7 Oct for young people in the village aged between 12 and 18, to ascertain what they considered to be the lack of amenities in the village and how the CC might be able to help. The meeting was well attended – 17 youngsters in all and the main problems identified was Boredom, nowhere to hang out at night, current facilities inadequate and lack of transport at night to Inverkeithing. Jimmy Dyce informed the Council that a delegation from the Community Centre had visited Astro Turfs in the West Fife Area and that a Committee had been formed to investigate the possibility of building an Astro on the dog walking area in front of the Community Centre. Councillor Philp reported that Fife Council were exploring the possible erection of Youth Shelters at the moment, although planning permission is required for this. He also intimated that Youth Club provision has been appointed to the village and this will need to be followed up.

FB/DG

Traffic Calming

Peter Dean reported that Fife Council had received 38 objections to speed cushions before the cut-off date. This included the objection of the community council and a petition with 23 signatures. The objections were received from all quarters of the village. Peter met with Gordon Drysdale of FC with Councillor Philp who made the following points:

- The Northern approach to the village (Ferryhills Road) will have repeater signs before the planned speed cushions.
- The Western approach (under the Road Bridge) is not suitable for a longer barrier at the bottom of the steps leading down from the

- Road Bridge, but another reminder to drive slowly is possible.
- Fife Council will review the plans for speed cushions around the school in light of the CC objections and suggestions.
- Fife Council notes the community council suggestions that fewer 20 mph signs are needed and a member of FC will visit the village to hear detailed proposals.
- Fife Council wishes the CC to communicate its views once more in light of the above.

Discussion took place on traffic calming in the village and it was agreed that Peter would submit another proposal in light of the above and the views expressed at the meeting.

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Wells Sub-committee

Dr Pat Dennison (Chairman of the wells sub-committee) reported that the only work remaining on the wells was the Plaque missing from Jubilee Well and that the signage for Willies Well had still to be done in Gothic writing. Dr Dennison informed the Council that one condition of receiving the grants for the wells was to have a launch to which the local press would be invited. It was suggested to have a tour of the wells followed by drinks and nibbles in the Albert or Ferrybridge. Dr Dennison thought it would be a good idea to involve the school children and said that she would write to the Headteacher for her opinion. On behalf of the Community Council, Peter Dean thanked Dr Dennison and the Wells Sub-committee for all their hard work during the wells project.

Planning Applications

- Porch at Fourteen Falls (awaiting response from Historic Scotland)
- Single Storey Extension at 43 Brock Street (no action required)

AOCB

- Letter to Joan Geddes, FC, for Bulbs for the Village
- Plans in hand for the Remembrance Day Service
- Cadgers Slip in need of being tidied up
- Residents Association want to be part of the floral enhancement in the village
- When will the Red Lights on the Bridge be removed?
- Site Development Meeting to be held on 21 October to discuss proposals on the gunsite and also positioning of the anchor
- Noticeboards are still being broken. However, it was decided that one was needed close to Ferrybarns/Inchcolm Drive.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10 November 2005
COMMUNITY CENTRE – 7.30pm
ALL WELCOME**

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