

**North Queensferry Community Council**  
**Minutes**  
**of meeting held on Thursday 9th February at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Peter Dean Chairman  
Iain Mitchell Vice Chairman  
Karen Trotter Secretary  
Christina McKenzie Treasurer  
Freda Bastianelli Councillor  
Catherine Ewen "  
Ann Monteith "  
Jenny Robertson "  
Apologies: David Dempsey and David Greig  
In attendance Three residents

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</u></b> adoption proposed by IM and seconded by JR</p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising:</u></b> none</p> <p><b><u>Reports:</u></b></p> <p><b>(a) Police -</b>  PC Smith reported 30 calls from NQ residents since our last meeting. Three crimes were recorded, two involving cars (theft and damage) and one involving fire-raising near the Community Centre. CC members reported instances of anti-social behaviour by young people, speeding in Main Street and misbehaviour at the Community Centre, again by young people. PC Smith advised residents to report such behaviour immediately either to parents or to the police or to both. He added that in doing this residents should not be deterred by fear of having to give formal evidence in court as this is very rarely needed in minor cases.</p> <p><b>(b) Chairman -</b>  <i>Sign on Brae:</i> Fife Council has agreed to place a sign at the top of the Brae warning that it is unsuitable for long vehicles to descend. <i>Railway station:</i> Mike Dooley resident of Whinneyknowe and a colleague would like to use the Railway Station as a photographic studio and exhibition space for their work. They will express their interest in writing. Jim Cornell, Director of the Railway Heritage Trust, is to visit North Queensferry on Monday 13 March at 14.30 pm to discuss the future of the railway station. <i>New restaurant:</i> The license has been issued for the restaurant in Main St. <i>Benches below Shore House:</i> these have been taken up and set aside. The Council asked the chairman to contact the owner of Shore House to find out what is happening. <i>Railway Bridge:</i> Gary Bald has given me another piece of the railway bridge, which landed in his yard. Network Rail to be informed.</p> <p><b>(c) Vice Chairman</b>  <i>Railway Station:</i> Ken Oliver (architect) has agreed to update the plan for a railway visitors' centre. Ian Heigh of Network Rail has raised the issue of ownership of the railway station building. <i>Coat of Arms for the village:</i> our application has been submitted. <i>Forth Bridge Memorial Committee:</i> the scoping document for the design of the memorial will now be sent to the Scottish Arts Council.</p>	<p><b>PD</b></p> <p><b>PD</b></p>

**(d) Treasurer's Report**

Our total balance is now £2,667.08. The sums reserved to particular uses are: environment £400 and FETA grant £2105 leaving a free balance of £162. It was agreed that KT should ask Fife Council to pay for our new village notice boards. Failing this, the £400 for the environment should be transferred to this use. It was noted that the village youth club has been recently re-established and that the community council holds a small amount of money for youth activities. PD referred to a village pamphlet prepared in the eighties which could be offered for sale, if amended. It was agreed that he should explore the possibility, if some small financial benefit to the community council might accrue.

**KT**

**PD**

**(e) Secretary's Report**

KT submitted a complete list of mail received since the last meeting. The following attracted comment: (1) Safety Day organised by Dalgety Bay Police intended for the aged and most vulnerable members of our communities. The event is on Thursday March 23rd with a planning meeting on Thursday 16 February. PD agreed to attend. (2) a seminar on Land for all organised by Mark Ruskell (all day, 25 February at the Victoria Hall, Dunblane).

**PD**

**Village Gardening**

The planned grant application has run into difficulties. A sub-committee was formed (JR, AM and PD). The first meeting of the sub-committee is on 3 March at 2 Main St. JR agreed to attend a meeting on the best kept village on 2 March.

**JR**

**Planning Applications**

There were none. But the prominence of the new steel structure at the top of Carlingnose overlooking the coastal nature reserve was noted. KT agreed to investigate whether the structure conforms with planning approval.

**KT**

**Any Other Business**

It was agreed that the existing notice boards should be repaired. The use of the car park at the far end of Battery Road for anti-social behaviour at night was noted. It was agreed that we should ask Fife Council whether the car park could be closed during night hours. The recent closure of the overflow car park at Ferry Toll for Deep Sea World, was noted. It was agreed that we should contact Deep Sea World to enquire about their parking plans for the Summer.

**PD**

**KT**

**PD**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006  
COMMUNITY CENTRE – 7.30pm  
ALL WELCOME**

