

**North Queensferry Community Council**  
**Minutes of meeting**  
**held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Peter Dean Chairman  
Iain Mitchell Vice Chairman  
Ann Monteith Councillor  
Dave Dempsey Councillor  
Jenny Robertson Councillor  
David Greig Councillor  
Freda Bastianelli Councillor (minutes)

Apologies: Christina McKenzie, Karen Trotter, Catherine Ewen

In Attendance: 3 Residents

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</u></b>  Change required to the second page - "J. Henderson" to read "D. Henderson"  Otherwise approved, proposed AM, seconded FB</p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising:</u></b>  None</p> <p><b><u>Reports:</u></b>  <b>(a) Police -</b>  PC Colin Davidson from Dalgety Bay reported that there were 14 calls received from NQF residents over the last month. A theft was reported from Corona Cottage, 3 other offences (2 drug and 1 alcohol related) were also reported and there was an attempted break-in at Fourteen Falls on Hogmany.  Panic alarms for women were handed out at the Park &amp; Ride during December and Timer switches for older residents were distributed – both items are still available from Dalgety Bay Police Station. Community Cops on bikes will shortly be patrolling the Coastal Path and other areas where access by car is difficult. Brian Smith and Kenneth Greig are the Community Cops for the village.</p> <p><b>(b) Councillor –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- QinetiQ are responsible for the under water blasts in the Forth between Beamer Rock and the Dockyard. These are at times announced in advance usually in the early afternoon.</li> <li>- The roundabout at the bottom playpark was returned on 13 December, following restoration.</li> <li>- A book was distributed round the village with useful telephone numbers in Fife, from the Council.</li> <li>- Traffic Calming Measures should be completed and installed by the end of March. The amount of 20 mph signs to be splashed around the village are said to have been reduced and measures around the school will go ahead. Further measures may be undertaken if the School Travel Plan requires them.</li> <li>- Councillor Philp received a 'phone call from a Resident who found a needle at Port Laing Beach.</li> <li>- The Council have no control over the NADICS electronic VMS road signs. This follows complaints over the lack of warning to residents about the night-time contraflow southbound on the A90</li> </ul>	<p><b>JR</b></p> <p><b>JP</b></p>

<p>before Inverkeithing, forcing them to detour across the Bridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No contact found yet to advise a replacement for the waste bin on the Brae which continues to be vandalised.</li> </ul> <p><b>(c) Chairman -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The police report bogus callers in adjoining areas and warn residents of North Queensferry of the dangers. There are still car thefts happening in Carlingnose.</li> <li>- Mike Low has objected many times to anti-social behaviour at the car park on Battery Road. Police actions have been frequent but have had little impact.</li> <li>- Chris Duguid from the Church telephoned to say that the fence behind the church is repeatedly damaged since it is being used as a shortcut to the station.</li> <li>- Wilma's newspaper box which is left out each night for deliveries in the morning, has been vandalised.</li> <li>- Police parking on the blind summit outside Mr Brown's house is causing concern.</li> </ul> <p><b>(d) Vice Chairman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing to report on the Forth Bridges Memorial Committee other than the next meeting will be held on Sat 21 Jan at 10.30 in the Community Centre.</li> <li>- The attempt to locate a copy of the minutes of the first NQCC meeting although unsuccessful, will not hinder progress on the Coat of Arms. The petition to the Lord Lyon has been signed by Iain Mitchell and was signed at the meeting by Peter Dean.</li> <li>- The Art Trust is now up and running. There will be a fund-raising event at either the Ferrybridge or the Albert at which Sandy McCall Smith will speak and Iain Banks will give the vote of thanks.</li> <li>- Discussion took place on the options for the Railway Station. IM moved a motion (seconded by FB) to update the figures on the 1993 plans to convert the station into a Railway Visitors Centre.</li> </ul> <p><b>(e) Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The following were presented by the Chairman on behalf of the Treasurer: Our total balance is now £2,684.80. This is composed of set asides and a free balance: £400 Environment; £2,105 FETA Grant; £180.02 Free Balance.</p> <p><b>(f) Secretary and Correspondence</b></p> <p>David Greig read out two letters received over the last month: A discussion paper on Community Council Complaints Procedures. The document will be circulated for our comments which must be submitted by 10 February and a reply from Murray Hannay on village Traffic Calming Measures.</p> <p><b>(g) Discussion on Radioactive Waste Management</b></p> <p>After discussion and, since a previous paper prepared by the Chairman on nuclear waste at Rosyth was passed by the Council, it was agreed that we would not submit comments to the Government's Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM).</p> <p><b>(h) Planning Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Roof extension &amp; wind turbine at "Davaar" – the plans were presented. The Chairman will prepare a letter for circulation to the Community Councillors which captures our comments, before submission to Planning.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PD</b></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deep Sea World – application for “change of use” - temporary exhibition display area in the car park.</li> <li>- A letter was read out from Mr David McCall objecting to the license application for the restaurant formerly known as Channels and also Smugglers, in Main Street. It was agreed to write to the Licensing Board to ascertain the exact details of the license before submitting our comments.</li> <li>- Waste Water Treatment – Planning are still awaiting our comments. The Secretary will forward a copy of the draft to Community Councillors this week-end.</li> </ul> <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jimmy Dyce showed the Community Council a copy of plans for the all-weather pitch at the Community Centre estimated to cost about £120,000.</li> <li>- Jimmy also expressed his disappointment to the Community Council about the behaviour of some young people at the Community Centre. The Computer room has been vandalised and the centre are now installing CCTV cameras to identify the culprits.</li> <li>- Jenny Robertson reminded the Councillors that a sub-committee still has to be formed for the Village Gardening Project. This will be carried forward to next month’s meeting.</li> <li>- Ann Monteith reminded us about Mr Done’s Bird Walk taking place on Sat 14 Jan at 10.00 a.m. from the memorial.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2006</b>  <b>COMMUNITY CENTRE – 7.30pm</b>  <b>ALL WELCOME</b></p>	<p><b>PD</b></p> <p><b>KT</b></p>
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