

**North Queensferry Community Council
Minutes
9 November 2006**

Present:	Peter Dean	Chairman
	Iain Mitchell	Vice Chairman
	Christina McKenzie	Treasurer
	Anne Monteith	Councillor
	Dave Dempsey	Councillor
	Jenny Robertson	Councillor
In Attendance:	4 Residents	
Apologies:	Freda Bastianelli	Karen Trotter
	Catherine Ewen	Cllr Jim Philp
	David Greig	

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<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</u> Approved by Christina McKenzie Seconded by Iain Mitchell</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u> None.</p> <p><u>Police Matters:</u> 19 calls, of which 5 were logged as crimes – 3 have been detected. Youth disorder at school, smashed window at Community Centre, 1 theft from unsecured vehicle. Resident J Dyce reported 2 broken windows in last month at Community Centre. Wire mesh on windows being considered. Chair, P Dean reported complaints at Port Laing beach re car access and Battery Road car park problem again at night.</p> <p><u>Chairman's Report:</u> Fife Council will now install modified "Keep Clear" road markings for access to Mr Taylor's workshop. The Community Council awaits the response of Theresa Constable regarding the right of way known as the King's Way. North Queensferry is not included in the list of places where it is an offence to consume alcohol in public. With respect to parking on Ferryhills Road – PD has written to the police regarding the dangers of parking at the crest of the hill, where sight lines maybe obstructed. AM/IM to contact Heritage Trust re planting on Brae in Spring 2007 Karen Trotter willing to be replaced as Secretary due to workload. Not resigning from CC but looking for someone to take over. Issues to be resolved by next CC meeting.</p> <p><u>Vice Chairman's Report:</u> Submissions to Boundary Commission – reason for non delivery was due to the wrong email address having been provided Forth Bridge Memorial Arts Project Trust meeting soon to consider whether professional fund raisers wanted. Visitor Centre – recent meeting at station. Architect to do some sketch</p>	AM/IM

<p>plans. Funding for feasibility study/business plan available from Railway Preservation Trust</p> <p>Jubilee FM (Community Radio station for N and S Queensferry) – moves afoot to apply for licence. NQCC unanimously expressed its support for the license application.</p> <p>Coat of Arms - Lord Lyon working on draft design, will probably incorporate Queen Margaret's galley and may contain allusion to Forth Bridge.</p> <p><u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Current balance of £2890 of which £2657 is set aside. £650 for environment, £800 Coat of Arms, £243 floral enhancement, £964 FETA grant leaving a balance of £233.</p> <p><u>Secretary's Report</u> None</p> <p><u>Planning</u> None</p> <p><u>Youth Activities</u> Claire Donaldson (Community Education Fife Council) gave a presentation on youth work in village. The Youth Club was stopped for a time because of problems but is going well again and ideally she would like to see more days available for activities, but this proves difficult with both access to the Community Centre and lack of Youth Workers. Claire would like to promote achievement awards and some new ideas will be introduced after Christmas, including a Midnight League taking place on a Friday night which will be offered to NQ youths. To be held in Rosyth and transported by bus to play league football linked to a cup league. Players from DFC would attend. Running from Feb to Aug. Claire reported that youth work vacancies are available, both paid and voluntary and she can be contacted at Fife Council in Inverkeithing. It was agreed an article would appear in the Ferry News to update villagers on Youth Work. A website is also available www.fifedirect.org.uk</p> <p><u>AOCB</u> Resident Brian Armstrong reported he is to research names on the War Monument and is looking for interest from villagers.</p> <p>A last minute visit was made by Forth Rail Bridge representatives (this was not noted in the agenda). Present were:</p> <p>Ian Heigh Project Manager (Network Rail) Ken Brown Project Manager (Balfour Beatty) Kevin Myles: Health and Safety Advisor The next phase of bridge renovation is due to start and will directly affect residents as it involves barriers being erected and an exclusion zone being applied at the southern end of Battery Road near to the car park. Work is due to start on the north side cantilever which will take approx 18 months. Scaffolding will be erected between Nov and Aug and an exclusion zone will be set around this for safety reasons. Barriers will be in place between 7.30am and 4.30pm (winter time) and 7.30am and 5.30pm (summer time) every day (excl Saturdays). Barriers will also be in place around car park in</p>	<p>Action</p>
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<p>Battery Road. Two struts are to be renovated – Strut 1 and Strut 4 of the north cantilever. Blasting will commence in April. It was agreed special notices would be posted on the noticeboards, as minutes would be too late to notify whole village.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14/12/06 COMMUNITY CENTRE – 7.30pm ALL WELCOME</p>	<p>Action</p>
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