

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 13 December 2007

Present:	Iain Mitchell	Chairman
	Peter Dean	Vice Chairman
	Brian Armstrong	Secretary
	Christina McKenzie	Treasurer
	Jan Short	Councillor
	David Greig	Councillor
	Jenny Robertson	Councillor

In attendance: PC Redpath
4 Residents

	<i>Action</i>
<p>Police Report: PC Redpath reported 15 calls from North Queensferry residents, 2 of which are crimes and both are as yet undetected. A previous query regarding the yellow stickers outside the PM house depict that CCTV is in operation.</p> <p>Previous Minutes: Some misspelling of names and titles – to be amended. Minutes approved by Christina McKenzie, seconded by Jenny Robertson.</p> <p>Matters Arising: None.</p> <p>Chairman’s Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arranged for approved minutes to be posted on noticeboards. Peter Dean and Brian Armstrong hold keys. It was agreed that the agenda should also be posted on the noticeboards. Brian Armstrong reported that glass is broken again in noticeboard by the station.• Rail station close to finalisation of feasibility report – small changes only to be made. Committee have met and reported there is large support from the rail committees. Parking issue being looked at.• Memorial update: now moving to planning application stage. Funding still to be raised.• Coat of Arms: Railway bridge to be depicted, with Queen Margaret in her boat at bottom. <p>Vice-Chairman’s Report: No report.</p> <p>Treasurer’s Report: Total funds are £3895 out of which £3510 is set aside for particular purposes, the balance available for spending being £385. The sums set aside are £964 (youth), £800 (coat of arms), £616 floral enhancement) and £1130 (environment including £700 for new notice boards).</p> <p>Secretary’s Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leaflets on <i>Building Fife’s Creative Future Together</i> available for anyone interested.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Dev Services to confirm that if Fife Council receive any outline plans from adjacent councils, CC will be given copies and asked to comment. • Fife Council have confirmed they are happy in future to copy agendas etc for the CC. • Iain Mitchell requested a contact list of CC members 	<p>BA</p> <p>BA</p>
<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Armstrong now receives weekly email from Fife Council re planning applications for NQ. • Yurt: David Greig awaiting planning. Concern over colour, DG confirmed yurt would be dyed brown to look like wood. DG was asked to leave meeting at this point. IM opened discussion to CC members. BA distributed copies of plan to CC members and confirmed 5 neighbours had been consulted – one objected. Others from outside village also objected. Village objector claims trees have been cut down and feels project is ill-considered. IM asked objector if he'd had discussion with planning officials – objector confirmed he had. IM observed that the CC should be concerned about any development in the village, which is inconsistent with conservation area status. The objector confirmed that this part of the village is within the conservation area. IM proposed that a letter should be sent to Fife Council to strongly consider the conservation area issue. BA to draft letter, to be finalised by Chairman. DG re-joined meeting at this point. The letter to Fife Council, though not an outright objection, would draw attention forcefully to the conservation area issue. 	<p>BA/IM</p>
<p>AOB:</p> <p>Coat of Arms design resolved.</p> <p>IM confirmed the reason for delivering the agenda around village again was to stimulate interest in joining CC.</p> <p>DG reported the Carlingnose Nature Reserve sign obscured by bushes at Port Laing beach on coastal path. DG to contact Stuart Bonner the coastal path Ranger.</p> <p>Resident James Lawson produced pictures of new memorial to commemorate the lives lost building the Rail Bridge. Met with approval.</p> <p>Meeting held with nearest neighbours to the proposed site and both are happy with proposal.</p> <p>CMcK confirmed the Community Centre is holding a ceilidh on 26 January.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next CC Meeting will be held on Thursday 10 January 2008 All Welcome</p>	<p>DG</p>