

**North Queensferry Community Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held on**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

Present: Peter Dean (Chair)  
Christina Mackenzie (Treasurer)  
David Greig  
Anne Monteith  
Dave Dempsey  
Freda Bastianelli  
Cllr Jim Philp  
Cath Ewen

Apologies: Jenny Robertson, Iain Mitchell

In Attendance: 4 residents

**Minutes of January meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted unanimously.

**Matters Arising**

**Questions for Cllr Philp**

FB said she had informed Cllr Philp about the question of Bus Lane markings at Ferrytoll and regarding residents of Battery Road wishing to be involved in discussions regarding the Battery Road Car Park.

**Website**

Dave Symington is no longer operating the NQCC website. DD has taken control of the NQCC domain name on behalf of NQCC.

**Planning System**

Cllr Philp reported that a new system for over seeing planning permission is on trial in the area. Under this system NQCC can delay a planning application pending further investigation. The local Fife Councillor can also delay applications but only if he is asked so to do by residents.

**Secretary of NQCC**

North Queensferry Community Council are still without a secretary to replace Karen Trotter. Anyone willing to act as secretary should contact Peter Dean.

The New Address for Secretary of The NQCC and therefore for all correspondence with the community council is:

The Secretary

North Queensferry Community Council

North Queensferry Community Centre

St Margaret's Playing Field

Brock Street, North Queensferry, KY11 1JD

**Co Option of New Members**

Brian Armstrong was co-opted on the community council and welcomed. He was present for the rest of the meeting. Jan Short was unable to attend but PD reports she has agreed to be co-opted at the next meeting.

**Police Report**

No constable was in attendance. The Police report was delivered by Cllr Philp.

**Women's Safety Evening**

Two women's safety evenings will be held by Police in Dalgety Bay on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March. Women attending will be given free safety advice, vehicle maintenance advice and other advice on personal safety issues. Anyone interested should ring 318 645.

### **Cllr Philp's Report**

#### **Priority Lane at Ferry Toll.**

Cllr Philp has asked about re-instating the priority lane for traffic to North Queensferry at the Ferry Toll Roundabout. Currently FC Transport say the lane is not operating because the new link road to Rosyth was being built. That road is shortly due for completion. Cllr Philp will ask again for the priority lane to be reinstated after the link road officially opens.

#### **Battery Road Car Park**

Complaints of noisy behaviour and problems from youths in Battery Road Car Park at night had led to resident asking whether there might be restrictions on parking at night. Cllr Philp reported that Police had told him that:

- a) Restrictions on Parking were impractical as the law in Scotland requires two officers to enforce parking violations and often only one officer is patrolling in NQ at night.
- b) Only two complaints have been officially logged regarding the matter from NQ residents.

Peter Dean and other councillors expressed surprise at these figures as Battery Road has been an issue at CC meetings for over two years now. PD said he would investigate further with local residents. In the meantime residents experiencing problems are encouraged to call the police on 318 900.

### **Chairman's Report**

PD informed Councillors of a meeting of Dunfermline and Coast Association of CC's on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland**

For Fife Council elections North Queensferry is now bound together with Rosyth for electoral purposes. NQCC had objected to this but the objections did not result in any changes. A report and illustrative maps showing electoral boundary changes for Fife Council elections can be found at [www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk)

#### **Local Matters**

The Fence by the path from St Margaret's Playing Fields leading to the road bridge steps is down. PD has reported the matter. The bent 20mph road sign on Ferryhills Road has been reported.

#### **Dog Mess in Inchcolm Drive**

There have been complaints from residents about dog mess in the Inchcolm Drive area. Councillors reported similar problems in the Marina at West Bay and also on the coastal path and at Helen Lane. The matter will be reported to environmental services. A Fife Council leaflet for dog owners on responsible disposal of dog mess will be distributed to residents.

### **Treasurer's Report**

DG said he had received an enquiry from Andy Stenhouse, (the Chairman of The Boat Club), who was interested in applying for equipment to allow youth sail training to take place. There is still money allocated to be spent on youth activity in the village. DG to tell the boat club that such an application would be welcomed.

### **Planning Applications**

**29 Inchcolm Drive.** A new extension at the back of the house. This was not considered controversial.

**Carlingnose Point.** An application for a new single storey dwelling house beside the gun emplacements on Carlingnose Point. This application raised a number of concerns:

- a) that it might be visible from the coastal path and thus further erode the amenity and secluded nature of the nature reserve.
- b) that there was a need for good access to and presentation of the scheduled monument (Gun emplacements).
- c) that, after the white house nearby has breached the cliff top visibility line, a new dwelling breaking that line would lead to further development on the cliffs at the top of the quarry.
- d) that a new dwelling would dominate the village skyline as seen from the railway line and from Ferryhills road.

### **AOCB**

CE inquired about the Forth Oil Transfer Scheme. It is now subject to inquiry by Westminster. NQCC, FC and all the coastal CC's of Fife and Edinburgh have expressed their objections. It is hoped that legislation from Westminster can stop the scheme. DG asked who was responsible for the new Rail Bridge lighting. Cllr Philp said Railtrack was responsible and the red colour was for Red Nose Day. DG asked whether the lights could be switched off after a certain time of night. Cllr Philp said they were switched off at around 1am.

DG reported a stolen rubbish bin from Ferry Road. He was perplexed as to the motive. CM reported she had had a bin stolen. Other residents suffering from such a theft are asked to contact NQCC to establish if there is a pattern of theft occurring.