

North Queensferry Community Council
Minutes
8 March 2007

Present: Peter Dean Chairman
Iain Mitchell Vice Chairman
Brian Armstrong Councillor
Jenny Robertson Councillor
Freda Bastianelli Councillor
Anne Monteith Councillor
Catherine Ewen Councillor
Cllr Jim Philp

Apologies: Christina McKenzie, David Greig, David Dempsey
Present: 3 Residents

	<i>Action</i>
<p>Police Report: PC Ross Duncan attended the meeting and reported 19 calls from North Queensferry, most of a minor nature. PD reported a graffiti problem at the Community Centre and a resident reported wheelie bins are being stolen. PC Ross noted these problems and reported that wheelie bin theft is on the increase. PD also wanted it recorded he had met with residents living close to Battery Road car park regarding the on-going noise problem there. This is a long-standing issue. It was agreed the car park will continue to be monitored. A resident reported the police are patrolling the village singly – it was agreed this should be raised at next meeting.</p> <p>Previous Minutes: Minutes adopted.</p> <p>Matters Arising: BA contacted Environment Dept regarding dog fouling and spoke to John Sneddon (Dog Warden) about the ongoing problem of dog fouling in village. A flyer is available and it was agreed this should go into the Ferry News.</p> <p>Election of Co-Opted Member of the CC: Absent.</p> <p>Councillor's Report: Cllr Philp reported road markings were due to be altered at Pierhead Buildings w/b 5 March. The existing request regarding car parking restrictions on Ferryhills Road – not much can presently be done, but if the role of Chancellor Gordon Brown changes, then situation will change.</p> <p>Chairman's Report: Peter Dean reported Anne Monteith offered to take on planning applications. Ferrybridge Hotel has re-applied for extension to licensing hours. Albert</p>	<p>BA</p>

Hotel failed recent police test which may affect licence. PD writing to Licensing Board to give hotel backing as it's a valuable village amenity. Black bins are to be emptied fortnightly (date to be confirmed). Residents are reminded about new recycling amenities beside Deep Sea World. PD reported CC mail is being delivered to both the Community Centre and Karen Trotter. PD has received a letter from FC Plans & Policy regarding a 12 week public consultation exercise on renewable energy, running between 26 Feb and 21 May. Copies of the Supplementary Planning Guidance documents are available online at www.fifedirect.org.uk/renewableenergy

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Vice-Chairman's Report:

Lord Lyon still working on Coat of Arms.

Railway Station: grant available for feasibility study. Suggestion that Gordon Docherty be approached to help with small grant. IM to contact. A meeting took place with Fife Development Services to establish what help is available for station. Deep Sea World car park is a possibility for car parking for railway station project.

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Forth Bridge Memorial Trust: resident James Lawson reported that Network Rail are keen to mark the anniversary by dedicating and paying for a memorial. Network Rail to produce style and wording. Two memorials proposed, sited at both ends of bridge – preferred sites at stations, but if communities would prefer alternative sites, this would be looked at. Two (identical) books of remembrance in places with public access are also suggested. The date earmarked is 6 June 2008 which is the 125th anniversary of laying of foundation stone. There is also a private memorial being constructed in South Queensferry. The stone is presently at Telford College being worked on. This memorial would be erected around centre of SQ. It was proposed the Ferry News be used to establish preferences of sites.

Secretary's Report:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance of £2648.79 of which £2612 has been set aside: £650 Environment, £800 Coat of Arms, £198 Floral Enhancement, £964 FETA grant leaving £36.79

Planning Applications:

Outline planning permission requested for one house to be built outside village envelope (14 Ferryhills Road).

Pierhead House applied to install new windows and decking – CC to see elevations.

AOB:

East Bay: sewage on beach reported again. Proposed SEPA should be brought in, resident happy to show SEPA the problem.

Council workers have taken down and replaced new fencing by Deep Sea World.

Brock Street parking: letters from emergency services confirmed that access is adequate.

Anne Monteith thanked all who helped with beach clean.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 12 April 2007

