

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 8 November 2007

Present:

Community Council Members	Brian Armstrong, Peter Dean, David Greig, Christina McKenzie Iain Mitchell, Jenny Robertson, Jan Short
Fife Councillor	Cllr Keith Legg
Residents	Five

Apologies: Douglas Chapman

First part of meeting (Cllr Keith Legg in the chair)

Community council members voted the following into office:

Iain Mitchell (chairman)
Peter Dean (vice chair)
Brian Armstrong (secretary)
Christina McKenzie (treasurer)

The secretary will also receive and deal with planning applications.

Second part of meeting (Iain Mitchell in the chair)

Police Report

Constable Davina Redpath reported that over the last month a low level of calls to the police. Fourteen calls included three crimes. Two of these have been detected and one is yielding positive lines of enquiry. Two speed detection events held on Ferryhills Rd revealed almost all offenders to be residents; several of whom expressed approval of the police action.

Report of Chairman

The Chairman thanked the previous chair for his hard work. A feasibility study is in course of preparation for the conversion of the station to a small museum, including exploring the scope for use of the basement area. The project for a village coat of arms nears completion. Lord Lyon now requires a cheque. As CC funds set aside for this purpose are not quite enough, a request will be made to Fife Council for a small supplement. The Chairman noted that three vacancies exist and invited those interested to express interest in joining the community council.

Report of the Vice Chairman

Local resident Gary Bald reports sizeable pieces of iron falling from the Railway Bridge.. CC will write to Network Rail on the danger posed to passing pedestrians. For the erection of a new noticeboard near to Inchcolm Drive, Fife Council requires a plan.

Report of Treasurer

Total funds held total £3909. But due to funds set aside for particular purposes the free balance is £378.

Report of Councillor

Keith Legg reported that the three councillors for our local government area meet regularly to co-ordinate their efforts. He supported the proposal to approach Fife Council for the £100 needed for the coat of arms.

Planning applications

It was agreed that a single storey extension at the back of 5 Carlingnose Way did not merit discussion. The case of the yurt erected at Dean Cottage, Ferry Rd resulted in considerable discussion, one of the objectors being present. The case is to be held over and discussion continued at the December meeting.

Result of survey of opinion (regarding the siting of the memorial to those who lost their lives during the erection of the Railway Bridge)

James Lawson reported that 63 residents had returned the questionnaire which had been distributed to all households. The two most favoured sites were in the car park at Battery Road (Strongly approved and approved:38) and close to the War Memorial Road (Strongly approved and approved:29). The Community council voted unanimously in favour of the Battery Rd site. Mr Lawson wishes to thank the proprietors of Wilma's and the Queen's Gait for their help in carrying out the survey.

Any other business

Jenny Robertson suggested that the Community Council should explore the possibility for next year of christmas decorations in the village

Brian Armstrong noted that new area committees have been established for the police in West Fife. As a result Dalgety Bay now has a Chief Inspector (Kevin Woods).