

**North Queenferry Community Council**  
**Minutes**  
**11 December 2008**

**Present:** Iain Mitchell Chairman David Greig Vice Chairman  
Brian Armstrong Secretary Jan Short Councillor  
Colin Bell Councillor

**Apologies for Absence:** Christina McKenzie Treasurer, Pat Dennison Councillor,  
Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier Councillor, Keith Legg Fife  
Councillor, Douglas Chapman Fife Councillor

**In attendance:** Sgt Stevie Clark, PC Paul Dykes and 1 resident

**Police report**

Presented by PC Dykes – 11 calls since previous report, including one crime relating to theft of alcohol from a garage in East Bay.

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Approved, subject to amendments.

**Matters arising**

Coal dust deposits on bridge should become a thing of the past as EWS are now routing their wagons via Alloa, Stirling, Kincardine line.

Reply received from Balfour Beatty stating that previous instances of the electronic train alarm siren sounding after dark was due to operator error, which has now been addressed.

**The Brae**

JS had contacted John McQueen of FC, who initially sounded as though he would be very willing to provide assistance to weed the Jubilee Well area. However, he has since stated that he could only offer to tackle with weed killer as the land apparently belongs to Lord Elgin. JS to discuss a potential way ahead with JL.

**Floral Enhancement**

Form submitted for next year's grant but Fife Council has raised a query with statement of accounts – passed to CMcK.

**Coat of Arms**

Copy of Coat of Arms to be displayed in Community Centre. It was suggested that, if a flag was to be procured, it should perhaps be flown on special days only, e.g. Gala Day. .  
Confirmed that the Dockyard no longer make flags. IM to investigate costings.

**Forth Bridge Memorial**

A meeting had revealed that Network Rail were keen to assist, but not with money. To be followed up at further meeting in January.

**Chairman's Report**

IM, DG and BA to attend presentation by Transport Scotland on Forth Replacement Crossing on 8 January. Dates of Public Information Exhibition will be publicised in local

press and by leaflet to residents. **DG** and **CB** to complete Environmental Impact Statement questionnaire and return to Transport Scotland.

### **Treasurer's Report**

BA presented on behalf of the Treasurer. Balance of £3,608 includes £3,288 committed to projects, leaving an uncommitted balance of £320.

### **Secretary's Report (including correspondence)**

BA presented a list of routine correspondence received, copies of which are available from him. Action taken on all.

### **Planning Applications**

One application for replacement of 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows and replacement of ground floor windows by French Doors at East Northcliff Cottage. No grounds for objection.

### **Fife Councillors' Reports**

None Present. Councillor Chapman has advised that pressure of other commitments would probably preclude him attending future meetings on a regular basis. He had, however, kindly offered to meet with Community Councillors prior to meetings to provide whatever assistance he could.

### **Website**

Held over to next meeting.

### **Any other competent business**

CB has contacted Andrew Sneddon, Fife Council - Transportation, to hasten action on unfinished repairs to wall on road under Forth Road Bridge, repair of fencing in the same area and resurfacing of The Brae.

In order to address the problems caused by the absence of a Minute Secretary and to provide the required degree of consistency, BA offered to accept the post with a honorarium as previously agreed by the CC. Accepted in principle, subject to any funding issues being satisfactorily resolved.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.