

**North Queensferry Community Council
Draft Minutes
14 February 2008**

Present:	Iain Mitchell	Chairman
	Peter Dean	Vice Chairman
	Brian Armstrong	Secretary
	Christina McKenzie	Treasurer
	Jan Short	Councillor
	Jenny Robertson	Councillor
	Cllr. Keith Legg	Fife Council
	Cllr. Douglas Chapman	Fife Council

Apologies: **David Greig**

In attendance: 4 Residents

Action

Police Report:

Since the previous meeting, there have been 18 calls to the area including nuisance calls, road traffic incidents, alarms, abandoned vehicles, etc. Two crimes reported and detected both road traffic matters.

Previous Minutes:

Approved subject to minor corrections.

Matters Arising:

Stagecoach buses are no longer parking in Carlingnose but still turn there and park outside the church. Stagecoach to be invited to next meeting.

IM

Councillor Martin (FETA) to be invited to the March meeting to discuss new road bridge.

KL

Chairman's Report:

Chairman sought the assistance of Fife Councillors to obtain funding previously promised by Fife Council to pay for the Railway Station project feasibility study. Immediate requirement is £2,500 for interim payment to architect. Production of a business plan is the next step and Balfour Beatty had offered to work on this.

DC/KL

Once the coat of arms was received Fife Council to be approached to produce a JPEG for use on official correspondence and new Welcome to North Queensferry signs, incorporating the coat of arms.

Planning application has been lodged for the erection of the Bridge Memorial at Battery Road car park. Cost for both memorials (North & South Queensferry) expected to be £50K and several organisations have been approached for funding.

Vice Chairman's Report:

Inspector Caldwell wished to be advised of any views on the effect of increased police presence in the village. Cllr Dempsey invited to email to his standard address list.

IM would attempt to arrange a meeting with Inspector Caldwell to try to find a solution to the ongoing problems of antisocial behaviour at Battery Road car park.

IM

Treasurer's Report:

Total funds are £2849 of which £2710 is earmarked. Agreed to set aside the £139

remaining towards Christmas lights. In response to a request from JR for funds to be spent on the Jubilee Well area, James Lawson advised that there is an upgrade plan for the area which will be costed (and hopefully funded) by FC.

Secretary's Report:

Letter received from Fife Council Criminal Justice Service offering free labour for community projects. BA to ascertain whether projects such as beach cleans, plant pots and graffiti removal could be undertaken. All members to bring any other suggestions they may have to the next meeting. **BA**

Planning workshop to be held at Kirkcaldy 29 March. BA will probably attend. **BA**

Community Council Seminar to be held at Fife House on 10 May. Agreed we should send one or two reps. **IM**

IM had received a copy of a letter written by a resident to Scotrail, complaining that some trains scheduled to stop at NQ did not do so. Scotrail had replied with a complicated and unconvincing explanation.

Fife Clls' Report:

Police advised that, with reference to Section 44 (Stop & Search) Powers, the whole of the UK was at an increased threat level. Fife Council had set a budget for the next 3 years which should provide greater financial stability. Council tax frozen (not necessarily water & sewage).

Planning Applications:

IM had received copy of proposed amendments to Fife Structure Plan. NQ hardly mentioned but previous plan for 900 additional homes in Paper Mill area of Inverkeithing now reduced to 400.

Application for erection of yurt at Lower Cottage, Ferry Road was refused.

Plans circulated for F orth Bridge Memorial and alterations and attic conversion to Helen Cottage - not considered to be contentious.

Deep Sea World applied to site portacabin in car park but plans not yet available.

AOB

IM invited James Lawson and Pat Dennison to join the CC as a Co-opted Members. No direct negatives, therefore declared to have been co-opted.

Cllr Legg outlined FC proposals to deal with delays to traffic attempting to negotiate Ferry Toll roundabout during rush hour, including provision of bus lane in Hope Street, and reducing the speed limit on the A90 southbound lane to Ferry Toll. Also proposed to reduce speed limit from Ferry Toll into village. General consensus not in favour. PD suggested hold ups could be reduced by provision of traffic lights at the foot of the southbound slip road off the A90 to deter 'rat runners' from exiting there and then rejoining it up the next slip approach

In response to a suggestion by BA that we should again seek to achieve the demolition of the redundant public toilets at the approach to the Marina, JL offered to contact the relevant department at FC. **JL**