

North Queensferry Community Council Minutes

13 March 2008

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| Present: | Iain Mitchell Brian Armstrong David Greig Jan Short James Lawson Pat Dennison Cllr. Keith Legg | Chairman Secretary Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Fife Council |
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In attendance: 4 Residents

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| <p>Chairman's Opening Remarks: Peter Dean has resigned from the Community Council. A unanimous vote of thanks was given in appreciation of all that he has contributed to the community over the years.</p> <p>Doubts have been expressed on the regularity of the procedure used to co-opt two additional Councillors at the previous meeting. The Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Fife provides for two different types of co-option. For one, no special procedure is laid down whilst, for the other, an example of a suggested procedure is provided but it is not mandated. A set of proposed Standing Orders to cover both types of co-option has therefore been devised for consideration. Although the co-options made at the previous meeting are considered effective in law, motions for their ratification and confirmation will be considered at this meeting.</p> <p>Apologies for Absence: Christina McKenzie Treasurer Jenny Robertson Councillor Cllr. Douglas Chapman Fife Council</p> <p>Minutes of Previous Minutes: Approved.</p> <p>Matters Arising: A meeting with Inspector Caldwell is still being pursued.</p> <p>JL has contacted Fife Council requesting demolition of the redundant public toilets at the approach to the Marina.</p> <p>DG suggested the primary cause of the difficulties arising from the latest co-options was that they had not been discussed in advance and that future proposals for co-option be held over to the following meeting. This would enable Councillors and villagers to be better informed.</p> <p>BA advised that the Fife Council Criminal Justice Service may be able to assist with beach cleans and repair/provision/ of notice boards and planters.</p> <p>Adaption of Standing Orders for Co-options: The draft presented was adopted, following an amendment to mandate that all future proposals for co-option be held over to the following meeting. Copies can be obtained from the Secretary.</p> | <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>IM</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>BA</p> <p></p> |

Consideration of Motions for Ratification and Confirmation of Co-options:

In a ballot of councillors present, in accordance with the newly approved Standing Orders, the co-options of James Lawson and Pat Dennison were ratified and confirmed.

Police Report:

Since the previous meeting, there have been 27 calls to the area including nuisance calls, road traffic incidents, alarms, abandoned vehicles, etc. Five crimes reported and one detected.

Chairman's Report:

The Railway Station project feasibility study has been received and will be considered at the next meeting. Meeting with Balfour Beatty arranged to discuss production of a business plan.

IM had been invited by the local press to comment on application by operators of Cruicks quarry to extend consent beyond current planned end date of 2010.

Planning permission granted for the Bridge Memorial at Battery Road car park.

Treasurer's Report:

Not presented.

Fife Clls'. Report:

KL reported that Tony Martin (FETA) would be content to attend a meeting or we can attend one of FETA's presentations.

The Boundary Commission has proposed amendments to the Scottish Parliamentary boundaries which places Rosyth (and North Queensferry) in the *Cowdenbeath Constituency*. Whilst the need to equalise the populations within each constituency was understood, an objection would be lodged regarding the name. *Forth Bridgehead and Cowdenbeath* or *South Fife and Cowdenbeath* were preferred options, noting that of the 5 wards in the proposed constituency, Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay was the largest and Rosyth the second largest in population terms.

Planning Applications:

None notified since last meeting. PD will assume responsibility for planning matters and attend the planning workshop to be held at Kirkcaldy on 29 March.

Correspondence:

Letter received on behalf of resident in Main Street complaining about teenagers playing football against her newly painted white wall. DG will call on the resident concerned. Copy of the Role of Community Councils in the new Liquor Licensing System received and is available from the Secretary. BA ran through a list of other correspondence received and proposed actions.

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DG proposed the co-option of Colin Bell to the CC. To be considered at the next meeting. It was agreed to attempt to have meeting minutes agreed by email and posted on notice boards earlier.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 10 April at 1930.

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