

## North Queensferry Community Council

8<sup>th</sup> May 2008

<b>Present:</b>	Iain Mitchell	Chairman
	Christina McKenzie	Treasurer
	James Lawson	Councillor
	Colin Bell	Councillor
	Jan Short	Councillor
	Cllr Douglas Chapman	Fife Council

**In attendance: 2 Residents plus the Police representative**

<b>Apologies for absence:</b>	David Greig	Councillor
	Pat Dennison	Councillor
	Brian Armstrong	Councillor

A letter of resignation (sent to Linda Purdie F.C.) was circulated from Jenny Robertson, detailing her reasons for resignation and its terms noted. A general vote of thanks for Jenny's efforts was universally given, a formal letter of thanks is to follow.

Clarification of the co-option of the two new Community Councillors was given; their positions had been ratified under the new rules and had been unanimously accepted.

J.S. is to take over the floral/planting remit.

### **Police Report:**

There have been 17 calls to the area office since the last report. 4 were reportable crimes, all 4 were detected. 2 traffic offences were also detected. A request was issued for a member to attend the SW Fife Community Councils Forum, on the 19<sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm, within Dalgety Bay Police Station.

### **Minutes:**

Other than minor typographical errors, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, proposed by C.M and seconded by C.B

### **Matters Arising:**

The toilet block at the Marina still causes concern over visual amenity and safety, J.L. has been in contact with the public conveniences representative from F.C. who, in turn, is passing the matter onto Transport Services.

The quarry viewing platform is overgrown and the view is restricted, J.L. has been in contact with Tilcon who have assured that the area will be attended to as part of their usual responsibility for clearing of the verges in the immediate area, when this will happen was unfortunately unknown.

D.C. reported that F.C. have been approached with regards to the tidying of their responsibilities (common areas) around the "pensioners housing" at West Sands. This will be dealt with in due course, although it may be addressed within the larger village picture.

The fenced parking area at the Marina was reported as being in a poor state of cleanliness; J.L. will speak to Balfour Beatty

**Election of Vice Chairman:**

The election is further postponed until the next meeting.

**Chairman's Report:**

I.M. has taken advice from the Fife Council departments responsible for Rights of Way and access and for Planning with respect to the recently erected fence at Yoll Cottage. In planning terms the North side of the fence is correct but the South side is contrary to the Planning permission which had been given, The Rights of Way department are to look into this matter and respond.

I.M. was impressed with the sensitivity to local issues displayed at the recent Forth Bridge Replacement Crossing meeting. It appears that the crossing will consist of a cable stay bridge, 3 lanes each way, plus tram/rail lanes and wind shielding. Environmental impact studies are to be carried out for the entire Queensferry Peninsula, usage stats for NQF are to be included and unrestricted access to the village is to be maintained throughout the construction. I.M. is to remain in contact and will arrange for representatives to speak to the community at a later date.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The accounts show a current balance of £3343.83, however £3330 of that is set aside for various projects leaving a working balance of £13.61. Last year's accounts have to be approved before this year's grant is released, it was unanimously agreed to appoint an independent examiner in order to finalise the accounts before the June A.G.M. The £500 floral enhancement grant has been received, taking the floral budget to £1116 in total.

**Secretaries' Report:**

F.C. are advertising an Introduction to Traditional Building Skills Course, anyone interested to contact F.C. direct.

Inverkeithing Parish Church has sent 10 tickets for us to sell for a concert on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, these will be available from the Community Centre.

A letter from Mary Rae was read out regarding the incorrect signage of Main Road and Main Street, D.C. will look into this.

An invitation was received from Fife Access Forum to attend a meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June (AM.)

**Fife Clls' Report:**

School Parent Groups have suggested that N.Q.F. should fall under Inverkeithing's catchment area, this year no P7 students will be moving to Woodmill from N.Q.F. Primary due to overwhelming parental choice. This will now go to formal public consultation, there seems to be considerable support for changing the catchment area, NQCC will respond as part of the consultation process when given the opportunity.

**Correspondence:**

All correspondence was covered under the secretaries' report.

**Planning Applications:**

2 applications were heard, 2 Post Office Lane has applied for permission to paint the exterior as part of their renovations, 1 Bridge View has applied to build a Studio/Office and associated parking within their garden ground. No objections were raised and unless members of the community make representations, no further action is to be taken.

**AOCB:**

There are 8 members of the council at present, leaving 2 places vacant. New members are encouraged to come forward and take part.

There is still the issue of a permanent minute taker, if a volunteer were to come forward, they would not necessarily have to become a council member.

J.L. has had sight of a map given to SQCC by the City of Edinburgh Council showing S.Q.F. in detail (including street names etc.) F.C. are to be pursued for a similar map of N.Q.F. as this would greatly enhance the clarity of meetings, other inclusions on the map could include rights of way, communal land and land owned and maintained by F.C.

A decision will need to be taken at the next meeting on which month should be held over for the summer holidays.

**Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

**Action Points:**

Action	By	Progress	Closed
Formal letter of thanks for J.R.			
Member to attend the SW Fife Community Councils Forum, on the 19 <sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm, within Dalgety Bay Police Station			
Toilet block at the Marina	J.L.	Awaiting F.C.	
Quarry viewing platform	J.L.	Awaiting Tilcon	
Tidying at West Sands	D.C.	Awaiting F.C.	
Parking at Marina	J.L.	To speak to Balfour Beatty	
Forth Bridge Replacement Crossing meeting	I.M.	To arrange later in year	
Inverkeithing High catchment area		NQCC to respond in due course	
Detail Map of N.Q.F. to be obtained			
Decision on holiday month			