

North Queensferry Community Council Minutes
13th November 2008

Present	Iain Mitchell	Chairman	Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier	Councillor
	Brian Armstrong	Secretary	James Lawson	Councillor
	Colin Bell	Councillor	Christina McKenzie	Treasurer
	Pat Dennison	Councillor	Jan Short	Councillor
	Cllr Keith Legg	Fife Council		

Apologies for absence: David Greig Vice Chairman

In attendance Two police representatives and 3 residents.

Police Report

There have been 16 calls to the area since the last report. Most of these refer to public nuisance and traffic offences. Sgt Stevie Clark has been appointed as the Community Team Sergeant for the area and PC Paul Dykes will join PC Brian Smith as an additional Community Police Officer for NQ.

Minutes of previous meeting:

These were approved.

Matters Arising

1. Response to Community Council Support Group (Circular Response)
2. Operation **Night Light** (PC McLeod): 4 replies from Neighbourhood Watch but more are needed.

Cruicks Quarry Liaison Committee

1. BA and PD attended. Quarry has slowed production due to declining sales and will not have extracted their maximum quota by the time the current consent expires at the end of 2010. They will probably ask for an extension of 2-3 years. The situation needs to be monitored, preferably in conjunction with Inverkeithing CC because it is unclear which CC area the quarry comes under. On completion of quarrying, there is likely to be an interest in developing the area, provided that the scrap metal yard relocates.
2. Concerns were raised regarding the obstruction of the Viewing Platform.

Website

It was agreed MDiF-F would put together plans for the website and predict its yearly costs to be paid to its web host. Dave Dempsey is to maintain ongoing site.

Coat of Arms

1. The CC Coat of Arms has now been received and was exhibited to those present.
2. MDiF-F to incorporate COA on headed paper template (1 b&w, 1 colour) and website. JL to organise digitalised version of COA (jpg) and email to Marisa for the website & to KL to contact Fife Council for an estimate for road signs.
3. NQCC to look into procuring a flag incorporating the COA. Precise location would require careful thought. Possible locations: Deep Sea World; entrance to the village, nearer to centre of village; Town Pier; Old Signal Station. Costing to be investigated. IM to see to cost of flag and chat to DSW as to whether they wish to cover cost. CMcK also to see about a grant. CB to check whether dockyard still make flags.
4. Heritage Trust to be asked whether it would be willing to host a small function to 'unveil' the Coat of Arms (and cover its costs).

Forth Bridge Memorial

Leonard Saunders (VC of Forth Bridge Memorial Committee) has people looking into this and is trying to get Network Rail involved. A response from NR is to be prompted. Fundraising proceeding well and a report is to be issued soon.

Chairman's Report

None.

Treasurer's Report

1) Current Balance = £3,656.44 £367.97 left over 2). Donation of £30 to Salvation Army agreed. Tea & Coffee for memorial service provided by The Albert. Thank you letter from IM to follow.

Secretary's Report (including correspondence)

In addition to the the correspondence circulated by BA, Mike & Ann Low & Elisabeth Seviour have sought advice on how to achieve improvement to landscaping around car park in Battery Road. IM & KL to talk to them. KL also suggested we contact Fife Council prior to the construction of the memorial for a tidy up. Balfour Beatty is not to use car park as they already have space allocated. JL to talk to them.

Planning Applications

No new applications. Heritage Trust has been granted listed planning consent repairs to the Lighthouse.

Fife Councillors' Reports

Nothing to report. JL requested a large map of North Queensferry from Keith to be displayed in the Community Centre. (Councillor Chapman had previously asked for this).

Floral Enhancements

JS has contacted John McQueen (Transportation) to arrange an on-site meeting to explore FC assistance with clearing and replanting of the area around the Jubilee Well area of The Brae. She has received the appropriate form required to apply for a further floral enhancements grant.

AOB

PD attended Dunfermline & Coast Community Council.

FC would like to set up an intermediate tier between FC and Community Groups. In general the NQCC disagreed with this decision.

JL to check progress on removal of the Public Toilets at the marina.

BA to chase up quotes for new Notice Board.

JL to investigate the cleaning of beach behind *The Albert*, which is in a state.

PD to organise archaeological digs for kids.

CMcK asked whether Fife Council had any agreement with Network Rail regarding their contractors using the picnic area beneath the Rail Bridge. KL agreed to make enquiries.

CMcK drew attention to the fact that the train alert siren had begun being activated in the evenings and during the night, despite previous assurances that it would only operate during the day. CMcK to pursue with Balfour Beatty.

BA advised that no response had yet been received regarding coal dust deposits from EWS wagons crossing the bridge.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 11th December at 7.30pm