

North Queensferry Community Council
Minutes of meeting held
9th October 2008

Present:	Iain Mitchell	Chairman
	Brian Armstrong	Secretary
	James Lawson	Councillor
	Pat Dennison	Councillor
	Jan Short	Councillor
	Colin Bell	Councillor
	Cllr Keith Legg	Fife Council

Apologies for absence:	David Greig	Vice Chairman
	Christina McKenzie	Treasurer
	Marissa Di Filippo-Ferrier	Councillor

In attendance : PC McLeod (Community Safety Officer) plus two other police representatives.

Minutes of previous meeting:

These were approved.

Police Report:

There have been 30 calls to the area office since the last report. Most of these refer to public nuisance and traffic offences. However there has been a report of a break in to the primary school and help is required in finding the culprit.

PC McLeod introduced himself as the new Community Safety officer having recently taken over from PC Greig. Initiatives that are now being introduced include the dangers of lighting bonfires and Operation Night Light, which is a police directed short walk around the streets indicating the necessity of having your house properly lit during the hours of darkness. The walks are arranged for 6.00pm on 28th October at Dunfermline police station, 11th November at Dalgety Bay police station and 18th November for Cowdenbeath police station.

He also advised that a number of products could be purchased or borrowed from the police such as Light Timers, a 'House Alarm' for use when residents are away from their property. A 'House Security survey' is always available free of charge by contacting the police direct.

Contact with our 'Neighbourhood watch' committee is an immediate priority.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Sewage Plant :

Nothing to report at the moment. Observations and discussions are ongoing.

Website :

BA reported that discussions were ongoing between MDFF and Dave Dempsey

Fife Clls' Report:

KL advised that notices regarding the alteration to the speed limits from Ferrytoll to the lower village were posted up at various points on the 5th June.

KL also advised that notices warning dog owners about fouling had been placed in the childrens' playground at Pierhead.

Floral Enhancement :

JL advised that clearing the area behind the wall on the Brae had now started prior to replanting in early Spring 2009. JS indicated that the team of volunteers who now look after all the village floral enhancements would prefer to link with the Fife Council work force and use their 'takeaway' facilities for the material required to be removed from the area in front of the wall and around the wells. JL to provide contact details. The Chairman requested JS to liaise with the school head teacher regarding proposed arrangements for floral displays at the railway station. First Scotrail have arrangements in place to help local communities with such schemes.

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of the treasurer the secretary presented a summary of the accounts. These showed an overall current balance of £3,652.84 of which £3288 is set aside for existing commitments leaving £364.37 available for expenditure.

Secretary's Report (including correspondence):

BA took the meeting through a list of correspondence that he had received since the last meeting and the proposed actions were discussed.

The council will be represented at a meeting on 3rd October of the Cruicks Quarry Neighbourhood Liaison Group when future plans will be outlined.

Scottish Natural Heritage has advised that part of Ferryhills on both sides of the railway line including the area around the loch have been confirmed as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. SNH have also advised that a small area at the far end of St Margaret's Marsh has been denotified as SSSI.

Planning Applications:

Nothing to report

AOB:

A report had been received about an increase in coal dust and grit being blown off the EWS train wagons. The secretary to contact Network Rail to ensure adequate protection procedures are being followed.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm