

North Queensferry Community Council
Minutes
11 September 2008

Present	Iain Mitchell	Chairman
	David Greig	Vice Chairman
	Brian Armstrong	Secretary
	Christina McKenzie	Treasurer
	Colin Bell	Councillor
	Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier	Councillor
	Jan Short	Councillor
	Cllr Keith Legg	Fife Councillor

In attendance: PC Birrell, 1 resident, 4 representatives from Transport Scotland and Jacob Arup.

Apologies for absence: Pat Dennison, James Lawson

Police Report:

Since the previous meeting there have been 26 calls to the area and 4 crimes reported of which 2 were infringements of road traffic regulations and one was damage to a vehicle.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Approved, with minor amendments.

Matters arising:

Fife Council (Environmental & Transportation Services) have agreed to the removal of the toilet block at the entrance to the marina, but could take some time to finance and complete.

Forth Crossing presentation:

A presentation was given on the new Forth Crossing. To be a multi-modal, cable-stayed bridge with Beamer Rock as the site for the middle pillar. Investigations ongoing and once results have been fully analysed and the exact alignment decided, an all day exhibition will be mounted with opportunities for questions. Probably at the Community Centre in January/February 2009 and the Community Council to organise a public meeting. Note to be placed in Ferry News. **BA**

Sewage plant works:

CB provided report on his dialogue with Scottish Water, who have not responded effectively, and SEPA. Reports have been received of 2 leaking manholes at the rear of The Albert. It was suggested that it was perhaps time to expose the true extent of the problem and Scottish Water's inaction to the Press. **CB**

Planning Applications:

Three new applications discussed – no objections raised.

Boundary Commission Enquiry:

Local Enquiry on review of Scottish Parliamentary Boundaries to take place on 15 & 16 Sept but no one available to attend on behalf of CC. Our objection to the proposed name of the new constituency has been lodged in writing.

Entrust Membership:

Membership as an approved Environmental Body to continue.

Traffic speed limits:

Councillor Legg will check whether the notice to reduce the speed limit from Ferry Toll to the start of the 20 mph limit on Ferry Road was properly posted. He will also attempt to have notice of all such matters sent to NQCC in future. KL

Website:

Continued to next meeting.

Chairman's report:

Meeting held with Primary School head teacher, Network Rail and Railway Heritage Trust regarding planting/maintenance of flower tubs at the station.

Vice Chairman's report:

Save Our Bay's bid for lottery funding has passed another stage.

Treasurer's report:

Annual Fife Council grant received; balance of undesignated funds now £451. It was agreed that the £60 received from the TV company for the recent filming of an advert would be put into the Christmas lights fund.

Secretary's report:

List of correspondence presented included invitation to attend reconvened Cruicks Quarry Neighbourhood Liaison Group. **BA to attend.**

BA to seek further information on Scottish Natural Heritage's intention to denotify St Margaret's Marsh as a SSSI.

Fife Councillors' reports:

KL advised closure of roads, except to residents, for farewell visit of QE2 on 7 October.

Floral enhancements:

JS complimented those who had successfully accepted responsibility for attending to the various floral enhancements. Area around Jubilee Well to be tackled once the area behind the wall has been cleared.

Any other competent business:

Poor state of road surface on The Brae reported to Road Maintenance

Unserviceable light in Willie's Well now in hand with Planning Dept.

BA reported everything was in hand for the Remembrance Day Service on 9 November.

Appreciation was expressed to Cllr Chapman for the results achieved on several issues and to CB for his efforts in achieving clearance of foliage encroaching on paths and verges around the village.

Date of next meeting: 9 October 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.