

North Queensferry Community Council
Minutes of Meeting Held on 10 December 2009

Present: Iain Mitchell Chairman Brian Armstrong Secretary Christina McKenzie Treasurer
Jan Short Colin Bell Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier James Lawson
Robert McGregor (Co-opted Member) Cllr. Douglas Chapman

In attendance: PC Paul Dykes, 5 residents.

Apologies for absence:

David Greig Pat Dennison Cllr. Keith Legg

Police Report:

A male was arrested on 19th November after being observed depositing items subsequently discovered to have been stolen in wheelie bins on Main Road. He was also subsequently charged with firearms offences. On 17th November a parcel was stolen from a property in Old Kirk Road and a window of a white transit van was broken in Battery Road. There has been a drastic reduction in instances of disorder in the SW Fife area since deployment of the recently purchased Domehawk CCTV cameras. An application has therefore been made for the purchase of 4 more systems.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Approved.

Matters arising:

A letter drafted by CB regarding outstanding issues following replacement of the Waste Water Treatment Works was approved for release.

Report on Meeting regarding West Bay:

IM reported on a very helpful meeting of all interested parties.

North Queensferry Primary School Council:

AGM had been held the previous week; School Fair had raised approximately £2,500 and the consultation on re-zoning to Inverkeithing High was complete.

Floral Enhancement:

An application has been lodged for a further grant of £500 and discussions are continuing on hiring a suitably qualified villager to tackle the area around the Jubilee Well. A resident highlighted the totally unsatisfactory state of Battery Road car park and the wholly 'destructive' approach to treating the area by Fife Council's gardens/grounds personnel.

North Queensferry Transition Initiative (NQTI):

Andrew Jones outlined the aspirations of NQTI in seeking to enhance the appearance of several areas of the village, encourage production of home produce and provide assistance and advice on energy efficiency measures. As part of the funding bid, the CC was asked to submit a letter of support but, on balance it was considered that wider residents' opinion should be sought first. See Ferry News for more information.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is £3,685 of funds set aside and £230 for unrestricted use.

Secretary's Report:

A list of correspondence received was circulated prior to the meeting and is available for perusal. The major item of note is that Tarmac's application to extend working at Cruicks Quarry by 3 years was approved, despite the sterling efforts of Cllrs. KL and DC to have the application refused. A vote of thanks to both was approved.

Planning Applications:

Three applications were discussed - none considered contentious.

Fife Councillors' Reports:

Deep Sea World had expressed concern that the overspill car park would be demolished to make way for the road infrastructure for the new Forth Crossing and intended to apply to FC and Transport Scotland for provision of a replacement. JL reported that DSW intend to expand their operation and proposed that the CC raise an objection to the Replacement Crossing Bill. This evoked considerable, nugatory, discussion and it was decided to revisit the subject at the next meeting.

The Primary School has been awarded a grant for the provision of a Traversing Wall in the playground shelter.

DC invited members to submit suggestions for improvements/repairs to local pavements and roads, together with any other items requiring attention, which he would endeavour to take forward.

Any Other Competent Business:

None.

Dates of Next Meetings – Thursday 14th January
Thursday 11th February