

**North Queensferry Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting Held on 9 July 2009**

**Present:** Iain Mitchell Chairman  
David Greig Vice Chairman  
Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier  
James Lawson  
Pat Dennison  
Robert McGregor (Co Opted Member)

**Apologies for absence:** Brian Armstrong Secretary  
Jan Short  
Colin Bell  
Christina McKenzie Treasurer

**Police report:**

PC Smith asked that councillors warn residents of a spate of opportunistic thefts in the area and ask that people be vigilant about the security of their property when spending summer days in the back garden, barbecues and such like events.

£2000 of Class A Drugs were seized from a vehicle parked in Battery Rd Car Park. Suspects have been arrested.

Inspector Colin Caldwell has retired after 35 years. Inspector Gordon Mitchell will be his replacement.

Section 44 powers were once more up for re-assessment. A small number of complaints about people being stopped too often had been reported but these were being attended to on a case by case basis. NQCC reported no concerns.

IM asked that Inspector Mitchell be kept informed of NQCC's desire that CCTV be installed in the battery road car park.

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

Minutes approved

**Matters arising:**

IM welcomed Robert McGregor to the meeting. He is a co-opted member representing the NQ Primary School Council.

PD reported on the new draft Scheme for The Establishment of Community Councils in Scotland. PD queried:

- a) a fourteen day deadline to present minutes to the local authority; she feels this is too onerous a requirement given that minutes need to be written up and then approved at the next meeting.
- b) proposals that all CC members contact details be published; surely one method of contact is sufficient.

c) Proposals that 16 would be the minimum elected age; she felt this was too young.

Fife Council CC Liaison Committee. MF explained that there had been a mix up on FC's part over the election of members to this committee with the result that, although she desired to stand, she was unable so to do. PD agreed to write to FC to seek clarification about what had happened.

Forth Replacement Crossing; a new feedback and outcomes report is available published by transport Scotland.

NQ Primary School Council: RMcG introduced himself and the School Council to NQCC. He describes the SC's role in the school. A successful breakfast club has been established. The council is lobbying for NQ's catchment area to be Inverkeithing High School. NQSC is seeking charitable status.

### **Floral Enhancement**

The Primary School has taken charge of the tubs in the railway station.

JL reported that discussions continue with Ron Peate of FC about the state of the Brae. JL to continue to liaise with FC to seek both short term improvement and a long term solution to the areas maintenance.

### **Planning Applications:**

There were no controversial applications.

### **Treasurer's report:**

The treasurer was absent so there was no treasurer's report.

### **Secretary's report:**

The secretary was absent and had emailed notification of correspondence. There was no significant correspondence to report.

### **Any other competent business:**

A resident asked about recent letters to the paper regarding the boat club. DG reported that Save Our Bay was no longer in contact with the Boat Club after the new committee withdrew support from a joint lottery bid. DG did not know what relations were between FC and the Boat Club regarding the state of the area.

PD read a list of rights of way through the village and intends to turn this list into a map as soon as possible.

### **Dates of next meetings:**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009 at 7.30 pm.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009 at 7.30 pm