

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 11 June 2009

Present: Ian Mitchell Chairman David Greig Vice Chairman
 Brian Armstrong Secretary Christina McKenzie Treasurer
 Colin Bell Councillor Pat Dennison Councillor
 James Lawson Councillor Jan Short Councillor
 Cllr. Keith Legg Fife Council Cllr. Douglas Chapman Fife Council

In attendance: 1 resident, PC P Dykes.

Apologies for absence: Nil

Police Report:

Since the last report there had been one instance of vandalism to garden furniture and 2 detected road traffic offences. Following sneak in thefts from houses in Inverkeithing, residents are reminded of the need to lock their doors, even when in the house or garden.

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved, subject to one minor amendment proposed by JL.

Matters arising:

Railway Building – IM reported there had been no further helpful response from Jubilee FM. The Community Council are most grateful to Lynne Collis for organising the recent beach clean behind The Albert. JL indicated that Deep Sea World wished to be involved in beach cleans.

North Queensferry School Council:

JL reported on his recent attendance at the School Council Meeting. **BA** to write to Robert McGregor to invite him to serve on the Community Council as a nominated, non-voting member.

Forth Replacement Crossing:

The Community Council is pleased with the level of liaison conducted by Transport Scotland. Concern remains that no progress yet appears to have been made with our proposal to improve access from Hope Street to Ferryhills Road. The future of the Deep Sea World overflow car park is unclear. If, as seems likely, it is removed, the Park & Ride site may be an option for visitors at peak times.

Rights of Way:

DC will make enquiries regarding the Keep Out signs that Scarborough Muir has erected at St Margaret's Marsh.

Form of wording agreed for letter to FC regarding obstruction to access to Helen Place. Agreed PD's list showing local Rights of Way be displayed in the Community Centre and copied to FC.

Village Road Signs:

Despite assistance of our Fife Councillors, FC is adamant that the word "historic" cannot be used. However, the new signs will not contain "Please drive carefully" – hardly necessary in a 20 mph area.

Floral Enhancement:

JS reported that re-planting in the various tubs around the village is well underway and she has funds remaining.

FC agree that the work they commissioned on the area behind the Jubilee Well is not up to standard and whilst they appear ready to maintain the area in front, the CC will have to contribute funding. Agreed to contact Dan Trotter, who is working on the school garden project, to see whether he would be willing to take on this work.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance £3,708, including £400 floral enhancement grant and other committed funds set aside.

The Gala Committee had requested and been granted a donation for prizes.

Agreed to purchase a large aerial photograph of the entire village.

Secretary's Report:

BA to ascertain the procedure used to determine representative on the Community Council Support Working Group.

IM and **PD** to review the proposed revisions to the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.

Planning Applications:

No new contentious applications.

Fife Councillors' Reports:

Cruicks Quarry – no further activity on their planning application.

Funding agreed to purchase 2 domehawk cameras for deployment as necessary.

Any other competent business:

JL reported that a quantity of asbestos tiles has been found at Carlingnose Reserve and The Scottish Wildlife Trust has cordoned the area and will remove them.

CB reported that he had attended, by invitation, a Fife Access Forum meeting and was surprised to discover that the public may attend but not speak.

Action required to display the framed Coat of Arms in the Community Centre.

Date of next meeting:

9 July 2009 at 7.30 p.m.