

**North Queensferry Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting Held on 14 May 2009**

**Present:** Iain Mitchell Chairman      Brian Armstrong Secretary  
Colin Bell Councillor      James Lawson Councillor  
Cll. Keith Legg Fife Council

**Apologies for absence:** David Greig Vice Chairman      Christina McKenzie Treasurer  
Pat Dennison Councillor      Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier Councillor

**In Attendance:** PC Paul Dykes, 4 members of the Parent Council, Mr J Yellowlees (Scotrail), 1 resident.

**Police Report:**

There had been only two notable crimes since the last meeting; vandalism to motor vehicles on 10<sup>th</sup> April in Brock Street and 25<sup>th</sup> April outside The Albert.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Approved.

**Matters arising:**

**KL** reported that approval had been given for re-surfacing of the Brae and discussions would take place to identify a time which would incur minimum inconvenience – probably October. **JL** advised that a meeting with FC had been arranged to discuss planting behind The Jubilee Well.

**BA** reported that he had contacted Archie Melville of Community Justice Authority, who would look favourably on providing labour for a one-off beach clean. Dave Heron (Parent Council) suggested it may be possible to use older pupils to assist with beach cleans.

**Future of Railway Building:**

Jubilee FM wished to use the building for a radio studio. The application and Scotrail's position was noted, however, more information was required before it could be actively endorsed. **KL** to ascertain whether planning was required to erect the associated aerial on the relay building behind the northbound platform. Re-assurance was also required concerning the potential health effects of radio transmissions so close to the school.

**Childcare in North Queensferry:**

Robert McGregor addressed the CC on a perceived lack of childcare locally and expressed the wish that the CC could support any initiatives that may address the issue.

**North Queensferry Parent Council:**

Dave Heron addressed the meeting on the work of the Parent Council and invited the CC to attend its meetings. It was agreed that a representative of the Parent Council could become a non-voting member of the Community Council.

**Forth Replacement Crossing:**

The proposed re-alignment of the main village access road had now been formally included in Transport Scotland's plans. Transport Scotland wishes to meet with the CC to discuss cycle and pedestrian routes.

**Planning Applications:**

No new contentious applications

**Rights of Way:**

A resident explained how access had been restricted by the grassing over of the thoroughfare at the eastern end of Post Office Lane. As a personal approach to the owner responsible had proved unsuccessful, it was agreed that the situation would be referred to Fife Council and to the Fife Coast & Countryside Trust.

**Village Road Signs:**

**KL** agreed to seek the support of the other two Fife Councillors to persuade FC to permit the preferred wording on the new village road signs.

**Treasurer's Report:**

In the absence of the treasurer, **BA** reported that apart from receipt of £500 floral grant, there is very little change to the balance from last month.

**Secretary's Report:**

**BA** ran through the list of correspondence received. It was agreed that he write to FC regarding the poor state of the pavement (due to illegal parking) outside 22 Main Street.

**Any other competent business:**

**BA** agreed to contribute an article to Ferry News on the work of the Community Council. **JL** proposed that a large, high definition google earth type photograph of the village be purchased for display in the Community Centre. Heritage Trust would be willing to meet half of the cost, estimated at less than £400. Held over until funding can be identified. **CB** provided a laminated copy of a large scale map of the village for display.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

11 June 2009 – AGM at 7.30p.m. followed by monthly meeting at 7.45p.m.