

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

Present: Iain Mitchell Chairman David Greig Vice Chairman
 Brian Armstrong Secretary Christina McKenzie Treasurer
 James Lawson Colin Bell
 Robert McGregor (Co-opted Member)
 Cllr. Keith Legg Fife Council Cllr. Douglas Chapman Fife Council

In attendance: Andrew Jones (Eco-Group), 2 residents

Apologies for absence: Pat Dennison, Marisa Di Fillipo-Ferrier, Jan Short

Police Report: BA presented the report on behalf of Sgt Clark. No crimes of note since previous meeting. Free home security checks can be carried out by calling the police. Anyone with any information relating to any crimes or other issues should contact the local Community Officers on 0845 6005702 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. A resident expressed his concern about damage and dumping in and around the cellars of Old Kirk Road flats. BA has asked the police to pay particular attention to the area whenever they are in the vicinity.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Approved.

Matters arising:

Nil.

Transport (including road signs):

CB reported that he had not yet met Mr Sneddon of FC regarding siting of a decorative boat at the Ferry Hills entrance to the village.

IM asked DC/KL to ascertain what liaison had taken place or was planned between FC Transportation and Scotland Transport regarding interfaces between their respective responsibilities that would be affected by the Forth Replacement Crossing (e.g. at junction of Hope street and Ferryhills Road).

Forth Replacement Crossing – Code of Construction Practice:

BA read out the response he had sent to Transport Scotland on behalf of the CC.

Rights of Way and footpaths:

Four CCs had visited known Rights of Way at the bottom of the village. Once those at the top of the village had been visited a finalised listing would be provided. Thought would then be given as to any further action considered necessary.

The CC had been invited to comment on the Draft Fife Core Paths Plan. BA to repond, noting the owners objection to inclusion of his property on Path No. 705 from Ferryhills Road to Port Laing beach and objecting to amended route of Pat No. 662 at St Margaret's Marsh.

Forth Road Bridge Incidents:

BA updated the meeting on discussions with Forth Road Bridge officials and the police regarding their response to recent suicides, concerns over lack of effective prevention/

deterrence measures and reports of abuse from pedestrians on bridge. Police had since introduced some additional measures to improve their response to such incidents.

North Queensferry School Council:

FC has now committed to a full consultation process on a proposal to re-zone NQ Primary pupils to Inverkeithing High, rather than to Woodmill High. 5th and 12th December are the likely dates for the School Christmas Fair. Breakfast Club is running well and would welcome involvement of other people.

NQ Eco-Group (Andrew Jones):

Andrew gave a brief presentation on this new initiative. Its first event will be an Apple Day on 1st November, 1 – 5 p.m. at the Community Centre. See Ferry News for details.

Railway Station:

JL outlined his ideas for the leasing and use of the Railway Station Building. Although his proposals were noted and generally supported, it was pointed out that this is a matter for the North Queensferry Station Trust and not for the Community Council.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is £3,662 (£3,757 set aside for environmental improvements, Christmas decorations, web development, floral enhancements and FETA grant and an overspend on unrestricted funds of £95). However, the annual grant from FC (approx £400) has still to be credited.

Secretary's Report (including correspondence):

A list of correspondence received was provided and is available for perusal. Other than items already mentioned elsewhere in these minutes there were no contentious items.

Planning Applications:

Noted that Queensferry Hotel intended to seek approval for an extension - public exhibition of proposals to be held 14th September.

Fife Councillors' Reports:

Resurfacing of The Brae to commence 12th October.

KL reported that the Locality Budget was currently understood to stand at £28K and consideration should be given to bidding. Bids for notice boards and Christmas lights were worth considering.

Any other competent business:

CB to draft letter regarding sewage problems.

DG gave a brief on the current situation that the Save Our Bay project finds itself in since the Lottery Fund was unable to proceed.

BA advised that arrangements for the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 8th November were in hand.

Dates of next meetings – Thursday 8th October
Thursday 12th November