

North Queensferry Community Council
Minutes of Meeting Held on 9th September 2010

Present: Iain Mitchell Chairman, David Greig Vice Chairman, Brian Armstrong Secretary, Christina McKenzie Treasurer, Jan Short, Robert McGregor (Co-opted Member)

In attendance: 6 residents.

Apologies for absence: Pat Dennison, James Lawson, Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier

Minutes of previous meeting:

Approved; proposed by IM and seconded by JS.

Matters arising:

Nil

NQTI: Claire Downer gave a brief presentation on latest developments, including an offer to grant £250 towards provision of notice-boards and the Food Festival planned for 2nd October.

Fife Councillors' Reports: No Councillors present.

Police Report:

IM had attended the CEM on 7th September. BA reported on his attendance at the Dalgety Bay Community Forum on 19th August. Since April there had been 3 thefts in NQ (one of fuel, one from an unlocked shed and a motorcycle cover) and 3 incidents of vandalism. Public urged to beware of leaving front doors open whilst working in back gardens, leaving bicycles & other valuable items unattended in gardens and leaving valuables on display in vehicles. **Next Community Engagement Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd November at 7pm within Inverkeithing High School.**

Quarry Liaison Group Report: Current consent, for 750,000 tons, expires on 31 December 2013 and Tarmac will be pursuing a further extension to extract the 2 million tons of reserves remaining. In a worst case scenario, this could take a further 10 years or so. As the market is still very slow, there is unlikely to be any blasting this year.

West Bay: Not much progress since 26 June meeting. Proposed that 2nd October Food Festival could provide an opportunity to advise residents of the forthcoming public consultation. To be taken forward at meeting of West Bay Planning Group on 25th Sept.

Presentation: Forth Energy: Calum Wilson, MD of Forth Energy provided an update on the proposed Renewable Energy Plant at Rosyth. Formal submission likely to be made in 4 to 5 weeks time.

Treasurer's Report: Total balance is £3,561, of which £3,155 is earmarked leaving £406 for unrestricted use.

Floral Enhancement: It was agreed that the Community Council would fund the clearance of the area around the Jubilee Well. As far as the area behind the wall is concerned, JS had met with Mount Hooley residents who preferred it to be cleared and put to grass, which they would be content to maintain. JS also met with John McQueen of FC, who maintains that the

land belongs to the Housing Dept, that he would do no further work to clear the mess that his personnel had created there and that in any event they were not permitted to work on slopes due to H&S considerations. **JS** to seek assistance from our Fife Councillors.

It was noted that although the new village signs had been provided, the one on the B981 had been incorrectly sited where it was hidden from view by trees. **JL** to seek resiting.

Christmas Lights: Colin Bell advised that FC had no funds remaining for this.

Community Group Reports:

Community Centre had held its AGM on 4th September.

Parent Council. Centenary of the School would be in June 2014, re-zoning was complete and free transport to Inverkeithing High was being provided. A grant of £19,000 had been provided from the Climate Change Fund toward various initiatives including an outdoor classroom, polytunnel, greenhouse, composting, etc.

Planning Applications:

Although not a planning application as such, a licensing application has been submitted to operate a second hand dealership at Dean House, Ferry Road.

Correspondence: None requiring discussion.

Community Council Elections: All Community Councillors in Fife will retire on 13th October and elections, if required, will be held on 14th October. Nomination forms are held by the Secretary. In the event that there are 10 or fewer nominations, no election will be necessary.

Access Issues: A resident has claimed that the drive leading to and past Northcliff is a right of way and has objected to notices recently posted on the gates to the effect that public access past the house is not permitted. Following a lively discussion it was agreed that no right of way could be proved and therefore the Community Council was not in a position to take any action.

AOCB: Nil.

Dates of Next Meetings – Thursday 11th November.
Thursday 9th December.