

**NORTH QUEENSFERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting of Community Council held on**  
**3rd March, 1999.**

**Present:** P Dennison . Chairman  
J Dyce . Vice-Chairman  
E Yuille . Minute Secretary  
A Neville . Councillor  
J Taylor . Councillor  
A Monteith . Councillor  
C Ewen . Councillor

In Attendance: Inspector Dodds  
Councillor Cook  
4 Residents

1. Apologies: M. Gaskin, D. Gaskin, N. Kerr, D. Symington
2. Minutes: 3b add “involved” to attended by residents. 3a delete “*and ask for a public enquiry*”. 4a “sea” wall. 5b add “Forth Road Bridge” after West Walkway.
3. Matters Arising
  - a) Response to petition against proposed removal of station building .NQCC has received reply from Helen Eadie who has written to Railtrack. (See previous minutes for other responses).
  - b). Croupie Beach .Update from Councillor Cook .Chair of Planning will not make a decision before Wednesday, 10th March. Mr. A. Jamieson, Fife Enterprise is unable to help.
  - c). Lighthouse. . Glass appears to have been repaired. At meeting with Jeff Alexandra, Manager, Fife Harbours. Chairman requested lights in lighthouse.
  - d). Marina .At above meeting with Jeff Alexander, concern was expressed over plans for marina as rig blast plans for parking appears to be going ahead (see Minutes 3rd. February). Chairman will be looking into this as a community amenity area has been designated an employment area.  
**ACTION .CHAIRMAN.**
  - e). Nomination of Heritage Tmst .NQCC have nominated N.Q. Heritage Trust to West Fife Environmental Department and the Trust has been contacted to attend award ceremony which will be reported in next minutes.
  - f). Piggery Steps . Letter of thanks sent by Chairman to Keith Mason for satisfactory conclusion.
  - g) Lease of Land at Helen Place (see previous minutes). Letters have been sent by Chairman to Registrar Scotland. East of Scotland Water Board and Keith Mason. East of Scotland Water have replied to NQCC saying they disagree with objections as there will be no restricted access to Bay. On all maps right of vehicle access is shown but as this now appears to be restricted NQCC will follow this up.  
**ACTION .CHAIRMAN**

h) Sewage Works . Article in “Labour Newsletter for Fife” states that no-one has complained of excessively bad smells. NQCC has minuted examples of various complaints over a long period of time.

i) Road Dept. . All matters at present to be raised with Angus Carmichael, Roads Engineer for West Fife.

j) Charles Black Lane . Contact from Derek Walker who deals with name plates stating that changing postal address from Main Street to Charles Black Lane will be problematic for residents. Happy to put formerly Charles Black Lane above Main Street name plate. NQCC comply with this.

**ACTION .COUNCILLOR COOK**

k) Road Names . Concern expressed re misspelling of road names or wrong usage. When Road Depts misuse road names continually they become accepted by common usage. Therefore, correction is important. Derek Walker to be contacted.

**ACTION .CHAIRMAN**

l) Millennium Meeting . 4 residents only attended this meeting. As very little support or suggestions groups again to be contacted verbally and notices to be posted at various venues. Meeting Monday, 22nd March 1999 to discuss suggestions for any action by North Queensferry in recognition of Millennium.

**ACTION CHAIRMAN**

m) Planning for 27 and 29 Main Street . Meeting of Planning Convenor, 2 Councillors and Councillor Cook. No recognition of parking problems and Planning Committee will approve. Councillor Cook will vote against and try to obtain original planning submission.

**ACTION .COUNCILLOR COOK**

**4. Police Matters (before Fife Councillors Business on request)**

a). Parking outside police station . offenders spoken to by police. Resident complained of 5 vehicles parked on pavement restricting access. Police will enquire.

**ACTION .INSPECTOR DODDS.**

b). Parking on Cobbles. . Following query resident informed that parking is allowed on designated public road.

c). 1 crime reported January .vandalism .culprit traced.

d). Double yellow lines in Main Street to be extended.

e). Local Community Safety Forum .meeting held in Aberdour. Disappointment at poor turn out. . No representatives from Inverkeithing. Dalgety Bay or North Queensferry. As aim to reduce crime and improve safety in above areas input and recommendations important. Councillor Cook and NQCC had no apparent notification but relevant letter possibly with Secretary at present on holiday.

**5. Fife Councillors Business**

a). Notation of above under Matters Arising.

b). Taking care of Fife Campaign .Meeting in City Chambers. Friday 26th March at 230pm for presentation of awards to N.Q. Heritage Trust . D.S.W and Marine Conservation Society.

**6. Chairman’s Business**

a). Railtrack Chairman met with David Small. Plans for Millennium digital clock to cease and lighting on bridge to be switched on. Application in for Planning

approval. No interference 'to aircraft and shipping. A few alternative forms of lighting were discussed.

b). Grit from Rail Bridge .although tearing of plastic causes grit to fall, this is a safety measure as a rigid structure would be dangerous. Any fallen grit will be cleaned up very quickly.

c). NQCC Councillors have been invited onto bridge at time to be arranged to discuss lighting and other matters.

7. **Vice Chairman's Business (Charman dealt with these in absence of M. Gaskin)**

a). War Memorial .coping stones and railings have still to be placed. Delay in delivery .approximately two weeks.

b). Scottish Wild Life Trust .2 telephone calls to Keith Punier to discuss monies due .not returned. Stewart Bonar .S.W.L.T. thinks some of reserve and land not now being built on will be handed over very soon.

c). Cruicks Quarry .Planning application termination was to be 2015 A.D. now 2010 A.D. Below sea level was 40 metres now 8 metres. This was to result in 5.5 million tonnes subtracted; will now be 3.65 million tonnes. Cruicks Quarry will be unable to blast North/South only East/West which should result in less effect on environs N. Queensferry. However, levels of blasting and shock waves not reduced. Reassurance to be sought on reduced density of blast.

**ACTION .CHAIRMAN**

A resident expressed concern over apparent recent increase in depth at the middle of the quarry. Planning to be asked to check possible contravention of planning permission.

**ACTION .COUNCILLOR COOK**

8. **Correspondence .Secretary**

Secretary not present

9. **Treasurers Report**

Treasurer not present.

10. **AOCB.**

a). Ferryhills Road .repairs on this have been moved into next year's budget. NQCC recommends all residents with concerns about Ferryhills Road should write personally to Ken Gourley .Roads Dept .Fife House .Glenrothes.

b). Residents concerns .Kerbing stone not replaced on Ferryhills Road following repair to street lighting Parking area at top of Brock Street in poor state.

**ACTION .COUNCILLOR COOK**

c). Logo .several suggestions made. Stylised version of old ferry boat to be prepared for presentation at future meeting.

**ACTION .CHAIRMAN**

**NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL 1999.**