

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 14 April 2016

Members Present: Christina McKenzie (CM), Jim George(JG), David Shields (DS), Barbara McKechnie(BM), Sheila Foggon (SF) CLlr Mike Shirkie PC Jim Bell (JB) – Scottish Police Community Policing Ian Heigh (IH), Craig Bowman (CB) – Network Rail Elisabeth Seviour (ES), Duncan Foggon (DF)		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Lin Collis (LC), Mary Finlayson has Leave of Absence, Iain G Mitchell (IGM), Peter Selbie (PS)	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Approved	
3. Matters Arising	<p>SNH – the local deer issues following the major construction sites in the NQ area require follow up. JG will contact Anton Watson on his return to work on Monday 18 April re the survey that has been carried out. Previous discussion listed various options but no action/signage/fencing installation will take place without taking into account the survey.</p> <p>IH confirmed Network Rail have repaired the fencing damaged by the substation damage following heavy winds. There are plans to remove the old office to a rubbish skip in the coming months but if any local organisation is interested in the use of same, then they should contact IH/CB of Network Rail. (Removal for future use would involve costs) . Work on Bridge maintenance is ongoing and therefore scaffolding queried by ES will remain in situ. IH/CB will look into the removal of old sleepers. CM queried old steel frames present on banking on the approach to Deep Sea World. IH confirmed that this suspected to be the one remaining wing stage gantry used for Bridge maintenance in the 1920s and 1930s. If so, the framework will be of historical interest and could be displayed at some stage in the future. Network Rail is open to other organisations that may be able to clear overgrown areas. DS will liaise with CB re this possibility. CB advised that the plans for the Visitor Centre are not on hold but delayed due to restructuring of Network Rail(NR) funding options. IH and CB believe NR have a firm business case, they now have a full design with operator comment. Once further funding is obtained, it is planned to proceed with the Planning Permission. JG queried existence of a Traffic Management Plan. MS confirmed that Fife Council have a holistic role in the preparation of Traffic Management Plan (TMP) that will take account of all needs – Visitor Centre, Deep Sea World and village residents. JG advised that the availability of a TMP had been promised for the next Tourism Project Group meeting in May 2016. MS understood the plan to be available nearer September 2016. MS will follow up with Fife Council. IH/CB are not aware of form and location of planned commemorative plaques to the Forth Bridge World Heritage status – MS understood this was decided upon</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>DS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>

	<p>to tie in with Rosyth's 28 May 2016 100yr celebration events and will follow up. NR plan to use the model Forth Bridge that is being used for various local and international tourism events to demonstrate their plans for the Visitor Centre. MS advised how the The Briggers have delivered well received presentations to schools and could be contacted if NQ organisations (or perhaps a joint community/heritage trust event) were interested (mail@briggers.com). MS will confirm contact name to BM.</p> <p>Stagecoach: CM had contacted Stagecoach on 12 March and received a reply on 4 April advising that the drivers had been advised of the issues reported at the March NQCC meeting including prevention of idling engines for over 3 minutes and care and speed in reversing and manoeuvring. Any further issues should be reported to Scott Hall, the Assistant Operations Manager – scott.hall@stagecoachbus.com</p>	MS/BM
4. Police Report	<p>This was PC Jim Bell's first meeting with NQCC. JB had researched reported issues from NQ area since 1st February 2016 and found one only reported incidence and it was not a matter of public concern. MS advised of issue reported by Karen Trotter at the Councillor's surgery on 13 April re cars gathering at the Town Pier area, loud music and nuisance behaviour. In view of recent pier vehicle accidents, the meeting requested that the issue was reported back. JB urged that all public nuisance issues are reported via telephone number 101 as this is the sole method of collation.</p>	
5. Battery Rd Car Park - Electricity sub-station	<p>The contractor to Scottish Power has supplied 4 photographs to illustrate possible construction finishes to the substation. MS will contact Kevin Treadwell to remind him that the Council do need FC advice on recommended material. JG will represent the Community Council at the Scottish Power suggested site meetings. BM will await feedback from FC before confirming a meeting.</p>	
6. World Heritage Management Group	No update	
7. Tourism Project Group	<p>Attended by JG in LC absence. Draft minutes have been received and JG will forward to all. Sandra Montador-Stewart is now chair of the Group. Signage for both NQ and SQ areas is to be in the same format and as such, funding will be reapplied for in same application. JG will attend the next Tourism Project Group meeting.</p>	JG
8. Forth Replacement Crossing	<p>JG had attended an excellent day presentation of the new crossing, commencing at the Education Centre and visiting both north and south bridge starting points.</p>	
9. Community Group Updates	<p>HONQ: SF confirmed that Mike Low had made a Freedom of Information request in respect of the proposed Town Pier pontoon and a small group will be reviewing the information in detail.</p> <p>Community Centre: The Community Payback team had removed the fencing for the dog walking area; basement clearance is ongoing; any tree removal will await until work on MUGA commences; a grant had been received at end of March that will enable the start to toilet refurbishment; the Youth Club is looking to increase funding and membership; there is a Wine Tasting later in April 2016 to raise joint funding for the Rowing Club and the Community Centre.</p>	

	<p>Community Trust: no update as no quorum at the last meeting (date change caused conflict for MS attendance); progress has been made on workshop division, toilet improvements and landscaping. MS commended the progress that the Community Trust has made since lease signing.</p> <p>Church: the Minister and Ann Low are currently in Hohoe, Ghana for meetings on the twinning initiative. A Soup Lunch is being held on the afternoon of 17 April to help raise funds for the visit of the Chernobyl children.</p> <p>Heritage Group: DS advised of new keeper for the Old Lighthouse at The Pier; John Millar is repainting the telephone box on Main Road; phase 3 of the funding for the Railway Station is in place for heating and insulation; the cafe will re-open soon and an Art Link event is planned in May; the NQ school is involved in a project relating to the mosaic at the railway station; there is to be a meeting with Chris Waite of Amey re the landscaping for the new Beamer Rock location. It is planned to have the lighthouse in location by 2018 but there is currently no planning application submitted. BM will contact Douglas Spiers to seek further information for the Community Council in respect of schematic drawing to show perspective and plans for the logistics of moving the materials to the site. The suggestion of placing the lighthouse in the middle of the Ferrytoll 'Gyratory' found wide approval!</p>	BM
10. Fife Councillors' Reports_Rosyth Waterfront	<p>MS outlined the current status of the Waterfront development; the Planning Application should follow in May by the Scarborough Muir Group (SMG - see http://www.smgrosythwaterfront.com) with public consultation to follow; the 15 year construction development could provide 2500 construction jobs and after completion, 600 permanent posts. MS will forward booklets to BM for sharing re the Rosyth 100 yr celebration programme of events.</p>	MS
11. Planning Applications	<p>JG had forwarded details to the Members details of 2 Planning Applications. There was no comment. An application in Battery Road also attracted no comment.</p>	
12. Treasurer's Report	<p>CM notified bank balance of £917.10 with £23.23 unallocated. BM gave CM the Fife Council funding application form for 2016/17.</p>	
13. Floral Enhancement.	<p>LC had forwarded a note to Members relating to the essential help required for maintenance of the tubs in the village. LC queried who is responsible for planting the rediscovered beds in West Bay near Wullie's Well. DS will contact Derek Abbot of Fife Coast & Countryside Trust for information.</p>	DS
14. Correspondence	<p>BM confirmed correspondence has been updated. SF queried location of NQCC constitution and BM will forward information on the documentation available.</p>	BM
15. Any other competent business	<p>DS asked that he could plan dates for a beach clean in May 2016. DS will liaise with Derek Abbott.</p>	DS

Next Meeting: Thursday 12 May 2016, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.30pm