

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 9 February 2017

Members Present: Iain G Mitchell (IGM), Lin Collis (LC), Christina McKenzie (CM) , Jim George (JG), David Shields (DS), Barbara McKechnie(BM), Peter Selbie (PS)+, Sheila Foggon (SF)		
Members of the Public: Duncan Foggon(DF) , Cllr A McGarry (AM), D Dempsey (DD)		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllr Mike Shirkie; Mary Finlayson has Leave of Absence	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Approved	
3. Matters Arising	See also #18 Any other competent business	
4. Police Report	Circulated by BM. No further comment	
5. MUGA	IGM had had a good site meeting with interested parties including Community Trust, Community Centre, Fife Council and Transport Scotland (TS). In striving to reach agreement, it was discussed with TS to offer choice of two sets of costings for the MUGA; first the full works and secondly a fall back half size. Two days later objections were unexpectedly raised in TS relating back to earlier rejection of assistance with the project. IGM followed up and understands that further discussion is now possible following identification of the 'logjam' to the works for the MUGA, along with possible alternative funding options. Should it be of assistance, JG offered names of the Managing Director and Operations Director of Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors. LC will confirm email addresses to IGM. Details of outcome of discussions will be made available to the NQCC and thence, the public, once a route through the issues has been determined. SF raised issue of deadlines and IGM confirmed that he is taking these into account.	LC
6. Forth Replacement Crossing	<p>a. Liaison Groups: Further public update briefing sessions had been held at end of January 2017. See http://www.transport.gov.scot/project/forth-replacement-crossing/contact-and-education-centre</p> <p>The Community Forum is on 22 February – LC & JG will attend. Celebrations Group – meeting is rescheduled from 16/02 to 01/03 and will be attended by LC & JG. Scheduled celebrations over 3 days and website hoped to open soon for public ballot to attend Day 2 and 3.</p> <p>b. Speed Limits. NQCC was invited by Fife Council to comment on the planned speed limits outlined by Transport Scotland for the roads around the Queensferry Crossing. Following discussion, the Council agreed to the suggested limits with the exception of a request to extend the village 20m.p.h. on the B981 exiting the village to beyond the bend at the foot of the steps from the Road Bridge where there is a designated crossing route and also beyond the entrance to the Queensferry Hotel where it may be reasonably foreseen that there will be an increase in pedestrians crossing from the Hotel over to the pavement to access North Queensferry. BM will reply to Fife Council to reflect this view.</p>	BM

12. Fife Councillors' reports	Cllr AG confirmed budget confirmation is in progress. BM will copy all Ward 5 Councillors on NQCC correspondence, (not just Mike Shirkie). Note NQ ward change after the May 2017 elections	BM
13. Meeting with South Queensferry Community Council	As the Community Centre is very busy on a Monday, IGM suggested future meeting be arranged at Railway Station (handy for SQ Councillors!) LC will liaise with SQ to arrange suitable date; possibly either 6 or 20 March 2017. LC asked for suggestions for Agenda – some on circulated email plus 'Community Gain'/ signage. Details of facilitation of meeting will be settled once date organised. BM will also check back earlier emails to find out what is happening with World Heritage Site meetings. SF suggested that 'Communication Strategy' be one of the topics for the meeting to generate ideas.	BM
14. Planning Applications	JG outlined the circulated applications for Post Office Lane and Northcliff (latter renewal/amended application). JG also drew attention to the Scottish Planning Consultation – information has been circulated to Council members and will be discussed at the meeting on 9 March 2017	All
15. Treasurer's report	Annual grant received (£564); bank balance £1357.72 but CM apologised, detailed breakdown of bank balance not available.	
16. Floral Enhancement	LC confirmed another volunteer had been in touch and did good job of trimming plants at roundabout at top of Ferry Road. DS working on costings for tubs and bench. Fife Council does not have available budget to top up the planting outside Station entrance on Brock Street. JG confirmed with DS the contact at the Parks Department, Jim Stenhouse, to verify with him permission to prevent further growth of ivy on trees exiting NQ on B981, opposite to and just before the steps up to the Forth Road Bridge.	DS JG
17. Correspondence	DS had circulated email chain in respect of small beads in marine pollution – all members of the Council to read and feedback to DS. SF will follow up with Scottish Water – DD advised name of Steve Scott, Customer Liaison for follow up in respect of strong smells from the treatment works on B981	SF
18. Any other competent business	Craig Bowman will be invited by LC to next NQCC meeting. DS had walk round possible Marshes route for Coastal Path with Cllr Sharon Wilson (SW) – SW will follow up on use of possible route. LC has circulated report on Coastal Path to all members of NQCC. All should read and any comment back to LC. DS has talked with Sandra Montador-Stewart and has been supplied with copy of 'Transport Plan' – BM queried if online and DS will check source of report and circulate to all. LC queried source of funds for renovation of the Station and the Public Toilets – IGM advised bulk from Historic Station Trust. CM recalled a Matter Arising - LC confirmed that she is awaiting reply from Fife Council Access Officer re path down to Helen Lane.	LC All DS

Next Monthly Meeting: Thursday 9 March 2017, North Queensferry Community Centre
7.30pm

Residents of North Queensferry are welcome to attend all Monthly Meetings