

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 12 January 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: David Neill (DN), D Dempsey (DD)		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Mary Finlayson has Leave of Absence	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Approved DD advised that he is attending the NQCC monthly meeting as a resident of North Queensferry	
3. Matters Arising	CM raised her previous concerns re lack of notice to NQCC that the path between Helen Lane and up to the Coastal Path would appear to have been removed from the official network of paths leading to the Fife Coastal Path. This has resulted in a regularly used path no longer maintained. LC will liaise with Alison Irvine, Fife Council's Team Leader (Access) to determine why there was no prior advice to NQCC.	LC
4. Police Report	Report was forwarded to BM who circulated to members on 11/01/17. No action required.	
5. Beamer Rock Light Relocation	IGM advised that he believed there was no workable solution for the suggested West Bay location but there is a possible option to achieve the ground works for the MUGA with the original location. IGM asked MS to give update on current status of relocation discussions in Fife Council: Transport Scotland has scoped the work involved in transportation of the blocks and time required would be less than originally anticipated by residents of NQ. Other changes are in the commitment by Fife Council to progress the MUGA by utilising ground works of the potential relocation of the Beamer Light and further information was given on plans for pedestrian /vehicular access to the original proposed site. Fife Council urgently wish to clarify their next steps on this project and MS agreed to (IGM thanked MS) suggest the Agenda item is moved to March meeting of the South West Area Committee giving IGM time for clarifying options with Transport Scotland (after approval of this plan by Members) followed by opportunity for NQ residents to revisit the proposal. IGM was authorised to progress discussions with Transport Scotland and Fife Council. JG asked that an itemised list of works is included in agreement reached between IGM and Transport Scotland. DS queried the method of following up with village residents but IGM believes the method of contact will be dependent on the content of the agreement. CM asked that a target of 31 st January be set for the next step.	MS IGM
10. Fife Councillors' Reports	This item was brought forward on the Agenda following previous extensive discussion on #5 and MS time restrictions. Following a South West Area Committee yesterday, MS advised updates on roadworks at Ferry Toll roundabout: due to be completed by mid March; Ian Jones from Fife Council is to discuss the road safety issues	

	(at the pedestrian crossings) with the road construction teams at the junction with Hope Street and Ferryhills Road. MS also updated on the three projects which trigger most questions – the proposed Pontoon is ‘dead in the water’ at the moment – on query, MS confirmed that the project would have to start by 1 st April to retain the current funding approval. The Museum and Lift by Network Rail is also a no go at the current time and the proposed Rosyth Waterfront by Scarborough Muir has been rejected by the Reporter. The latter project involved an enormous amount of preparatory work and investigations into a possible reversal of the decision are in progress. In the event that any future projects are in NQ, or there is a resurrection of any project currently on hold, and are being considered by Fife Council, IGM asked that the Community Council be consulted prior to progressing with funding requests (as happened with the Pontoon).	
6. Forth Replacement Crossing	LC advised next meeting on 26 January 2017	
7. Tourism Project Group	LC advised that next meeting is on 19 January 2017 Area under Forth Bridge continues to be neglected and not maintained. CM had carried out rubbish collection. BM will follow up with Craig Bowman, Network Rail to see if there is any update to earlier replies on this issue.	BM
8. Cruicks Quarry Liaison Group	Budget still to be collated to submit to the Cruicks Quarry community funding team. DS is collating. LC expressed concern that due to the time lag, funding might not be still available.	DS
9. Community Group Updates	Community Centre: CM advised that refurbishing of ladies toilets currently underway and should be finished by end of January, thanks to Ed Brown for his work. CM advised of leak in kitchen possibly coming from the roof insulation (completed 18mths to 2 yrs ago). JG advised of possible ventilation issues and later sketched diagrams for DS on possible issue and solution. To celebrate the 25 th Anniversary of the community helping with building of the Centre and following funding from the Big Lottery Fund, on 28 January there will be a Burns Supper/Ceilidh held at the Community Centre. HONQ – SF (HONQ co-opted Member of NQCC) queried need for this group as the projects raising concerns are on hold. SF will discuss with HONQ Secretary and advise IGM.	SF
11. Planning Applications	Only 1 dated 26/12/16 and circulated to Members – no comment required.	
12. Treasurer’s Report	No change at the moment as cheques due to be written after the meeting. Annual return was submitted and funds are awaited. Note changes to Community Grants were notified in December to the Treasurer and the letter is in Correspondence on the NQCC website.	
13. Floral Enhancement	LC queried if there was no Floral Enhancement Grant this year. Grant application has been submitted but Treasurer forwarded letter acknowledging receipt of the application to all Members on 13/01/17 -Grant will depend on funds available. BM suggested changes would be at Financial Year End but this may not be case and has re circulated general letter on changes received by NQCC December 16.	CM BM

	The Christmas Tree at the War Memorial has been dismantled and lights are stored at the Community Centre. Thanks to LC, JG and DS. DS has adjusted placing of planted tubs in the village including grouping some at Railway Bridge. Some tubs and old brick structure at Whinneyknowe require replacement/refurbishment. DD advised CM of possible contact for future display of lights on trees at Brock Street entrance to the Railway Station. JG will follow up with Fife Council/Parks Department as to ownership of trees being killed off by ivy adjacent to the path from Main Road under the Road Bridge down to Ferrybarns.	JG
14. Correspondence	Correspondence has been circulated and filed by BM.	
15. Any other competent business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PS advised that the roof is still to be completed on the substation at Battery Road carpark. - DS is in communication with Scotrail re lack of railing adjacent to steps up to Railway Station platforms at the Ferryhills Rd entrance. - On query from LC, CM she had been asking another resident to join the NQCC and will follow up. - JG asked that parking availability be reviewed when considering MUGA plans. A recent visit on an evening had cars parked all over paved area and grassed areas. IGM asked that this be raised at next Community Centre meeting. - Follow on discussion took place re email communication from South Lanarkshire Common Weal regarding Fife Council Pension Fund investment policy. IGM recommended not an issue for a NQCC letter but individual members were free to view their opinions on ethical investment policies to Fife Council. DD advised the meeting of the name of Chairman of Pension Committee, Cllr Willie Campbell. LC advised that she had followed up with Alison Irvine (see #3) re the missing sign from Charles Black Lane. Alison had advised that the village of North Queensferry would have to pay for the sign. JG advised that a previous street sign had been replaced in East Bay at no cost. LC will follow up again. At previous meeting, it had been recommended that this was an issue for the NQ Heritage Trust (re preservation of the conservation area). 	<p>CM</p> <p>CM/DS</p> <p>LC</p>

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

Residents of North Queensferry are welcome to attend all Monthly Meetings