

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 9 March 2017

<p>Members Present: Iain G Mitchell (IGM), Lin Collis (LC), Jim George (JG), David Shields (DS), Barbara McKechnie (BM), Sheila Foggon (SF) Cllr Lesley Laird (LL) Members of the Public: D Dempsey (DD),</p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Christina McKenzie (CM), Peter Selbie, Mary Finlayson has leave of absence	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Approved	
3. Matters Arising	None arising	
4. Police Report	Report was supplied on 6/3/17 and circulated to members of the Community Council. BM to advise Police contact that their presence would be required should there be significant increase in crime reported.	BM
5. MUGA	IGM advised of rapid movement with the project and liaison between the Community Centre, Community Trust and Fife Council. Latter providing strong support, appointment of support officer and funding. 3 costing estimates requested, 1 received, 2 awaited. IGM currently unable to persuade Transport Scotland (TS) to increase involvement so Beamer Light location not linked to MUGA development and NQCC will not revisit village survey recommendation. LC confirmed Heritage Trust meeting advised that Fife Council (FC) will make decision on Beamer Light on 15/3/17 with TS and James Lawson in contact. LL requested that following report to FC Councillors on Beamer decision mentioning NQCC objection, IGM write with full survey information to the FC Committee advising of village consensus in the objection. LL advised contacts for report: Area Manager for South West Fife Alastair Mutch and Chair, South West Fife Area Committee Cllr Bobby Clelland. LL will forward email addresses.	IGM / LL
6. Forth Replacement Crossing	<p>(a) Liaison Group: LC advised success in plans for replanting of crocus bulbs removed by FCBC for Queensferry Crossing (QC) roadworks. Public Forum dates have continued to clash with NQCC meetings but hope that recent emails from LC and IGM may change the situation. LC has been assured that new road (B981) will be resurfaced once roadworks complete. Opening date still subject to weather conditions – removal of last two cranes, essential prior to tarmac of QC also weather dependent.</p> <p>(b) Opening of the new bridge – all weather dependent. Website re the Opening planned to open by end of March. Successful applicants will be allowed to walk one way only; busses used to access and return. Website will have free local advertising. LC has notified local businesses and is contacting further businesses and organisations in Inverkeithing and Rosyth area.</p>	

7. Tourism Project Group and Signage Strategy	This is a very large report, see: two large Gateway signs showing NQ coat of arms will be at entrances to NQ village on B981 and Ferryhills Road. The number of other signs listed in the Draft Summary would appear to be too numerous for a village. IGM suggested small consultation group with Pat Dennison, Trevor Watkins and LC to give the feedback. DS suggested Path signage and to military/defence sites (especially with centenary commemorations for 1918 approaching)	LC
8. Cruick's Quarry Liaison Group	Meeting was not set up for expected dates. DS is taking over the Cruicks Quarry Liaison. Funding application for bench and planters are planned to be submitted on 10/3/17 by DS. LC is to officially be responsible for Floral Enhancement again.	DS
9. Station Steps	SF contacted Chief Executive of Transport Focus – replacement of rotten post and additional signage for ramp will be instigated. SF awaits update on remaining issues.	
10. Community Group Updates	Railway Group: Gallery open, key held at Wrights shop. It is hoped that volunteers will be in place soon for other facilities. HONQ: SF advised that next meeting is April Community Trust: as per the MUGA update.	
11. Fife councillors' reports	LL updated on budget approval and availability of Community funds hence funding for MUGA. Fife Council has brought forward housing plans and has leading position in provision of social housing; also going to be more investment in local community roads, not just main Fife arteries. Going to be emphasis on Breakfast clubs, using the take up on school meals as an indicator of expected value. DD advised of 1 yr trial of ad hoc 'hit team' within Parks, Streets and Open Spaces. LC queried responsibility for the Community Payback team on repointing wall work at foot of Brae. LL will check ownership of task.	LL
12. Omitted from Agenda		
13. Meeting with South Queensferry CC on 20 March 2017	Meeting is at station at 7.30pm on Monday 20/3/17. IGM will ensure premises, heating, tea and coffee. SF and BM gave apologies	IGM
14. Planning Applications	JG advised of Planning application for material change on 3 house plan and also for change of use for amenity land in preparation for the MUGA. JG also advised of Scottish Government review of planning system. Alex Rowley is liaising with provision of feedback. Aim is to have closer community involvement in the process – see http://www.alexrowley.org/consultation-on-the-future-of-the-scottish-planning-system/	
15. Treasurer's report	CM advised IGM prior to meeting of payments due: £40 to Salvation Army re remembrance service; pay costs of £190 for one edition of Ferry News; Christmas tree supply and fitting; confirmation of submission of the Community Council Insurance cover. BM confirmed annual Data Protection Fee due 13/4/17. BM will advise amount to Members (£35)	BM

16. Floral Enhancement	Now Fife Council budget is finalised, LC hopes to hear about procedure for applying for grant shortly. Five volunteers have been working on The Brae. Bin men were helpful at lifting bags of garden rubbish. DS mentioned further trimming required at top of Brae; possible saw work. JG queried if Fife Council (FC) staff could assist with trimming of ivy at the Cemetery. DD suggested contacting FC officer John McQueen re ownership of Cemetery work options.	JG
17. Defibrillator	Heritage Trust is working on Defibrillator in village. IGM queried funding available for multiple installations eg Community Centre and West Bay. Community Trust would be responsible for West Bay. DS will bring up at Community Centre meeting.	DS
18. Correspondence	Due to holiday commitments, posting of some mail to website was late but up to date now. BM resigned as Secretary as of June 2017 (unless replacement is found prior to that date). IGM indicated thanks to BM for 4 years support as Secretary.	
19. Any other competent business	DS has organised Beach Clean for Ferry Craigs on 18 March. Derek Abbott of Marine Conservation organising skip. If time allows, the team will cover beach at Town Pier and Battery Road. 18 April is World Heritage Day – nothing noted as happening in NQ/Forth Bridge as yet. DS confirmed walk with Cllr Sharon Wilson (SW) re the secure area under the Queensferry Crossing. SW following up with Transport Scotland. LL queried if the NQCC had followed up on the Airport Consultation currently in progress. LL suggested revisiting the website and following the link to the appendix documents. Representative from the Pilgrim Way Path is expected at next NQCC meeting. Craig Bowman will be invited for Meeting in May 2017.	All

Next Monthly Meeting: Thursday 13 April 2017, North Queensferry Community Centre
7.30pm

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