

North Queensferry Community Council
Minutes of Meeting Held on 11th March 2010

Present: Iain Mitchell Chairman David Greig Vice Chairman Brian Armstrong Secretary
Christina McKenzie Treasurer Colin Bell James Lawson Pat Dennison
Cllr. Douglas Chapman

Apologies for absence: Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier Jan Short
Robert McGregor (Co Opted Member)

In attendance: 3 residents, Callum Wilson & Julie Ross (Forth Energy), Louise Trow (Area Cultural Co-ordinator Fife Council)

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes approved

Matters arising:

Dealt with elsewhere in Minutes.

Police report:

At the second Community Engagement Meeting held on 3rd March, unsociable behaviour at Battery Road car park and the Pierhead was voted by those present as one of the three areas deserving of enhanced policing for the next 2 months. These meetings provide the ideal opportunity for residents to express their concerns to the police and it is only by ensuring a village presence at the meetings that their voices will be heard. Next meeting is Tuesday 4th May at 7 p.m. at Inverkeithing High School

Forth Crossing:

Transport Scotland have arranged a meeting for 24th March to update Rosyth, Inverkeithing and North Queensferry Community Councils on the Forth Replacement Crossing, with emphasis on traffic modelling and additional information on how changes to road layouts will be achieved.

Rosyth Energy Plant Consultation:

Callum Wilson, Managing Director of Forth Energy, gave a presentation on the proposed Biomass Plant planned for Rosyth. Secretary to pass comments on environment concerns to the Scottish Government Energy Directorate.

Community Groups Reports:

Reports were received from the NQ Transition Initiative, Boat Club, NQ Station Trust (conditional funding offer received which, if confirmed, may permit renovation to proceed) and Heritage Trust.

Louise Trow provided a useful brief on funding opportunities available for 'Celebrating Fife 2010' events/initiatives. These may be for extra special or memorable events e.g. an enhanced Gala, development of Community Spirit or Cultural Opportunities for All. Deadline for bids end of June. Application forms available from the Secretary.

Fife Councillors' Reports:

Cllr. DC advised on plans to provide additional parking at the top of Brock Street by laying "Grass-crete" on the verges.

He also advised that investigations were underway to identify an alternative to the unsightly and prominent public convenience at Battery Road car park and to enhance the appearance of the area.

Treasurer's report:

Current balance is £3,705 of funds set aside and £38 for unrestricted use.

Planning Applications:

No new contentious applications.

Queensferry Hotel extension will be considered by the SW Fife Area Committee on 17th March and the planning officer has been advised of our concerns regarding the adequacy of the sewage arrangements.

A detailed examination of the draft local plan by PD and CB has revealed several major areas of contention. CB to draft a suitable letter as part of the consultation process.

Secretary's report:

A list of correspondence received was circulated prior to the meeting. BA & PD nominated to represent the CC at the reconvened Cruicks Quarry liaison meeting. DCACC meeting – IM agreed to attend if held on 30th March; JL agreed to attend if held on 31st March.

Any other competent business:

CB reported on the snail's pace progress by FC on provision of new road signs and on a meeting he had held with Scottish Water regarding the sewage works.

BA reported on a site visit carried out by one of FC's Access Officers to the area at the East End of Post Office lane where access had been restricted by a resident.

Dates of next meetings:

Thursday 8th April 2010

Thursday 13th May 2010