

North Queensferry Community council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 14th April 2011.

Members present. Brian Armstrong, Iain Mitchell, Jan Short, Jim George, Myles Fitt, Simon Tate, Christina McKenzie, Cllr Douglas Chapman (Fife Council).

2 Members of the public in attendance.

Apologies for absence :- Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier, Colin Bell, David Grieg.

Minutes from previous meeting. Approved with minor change: proposed Iain Mitchell seconded Christina McKenzie.

Matters arising:- New notice board has been ordered. £500 is being donated by NQTI and £250 by the Community Centre. Awaiting committee decision from NQHT to see if they will also be able to donate towards it.

The bin that was removed from Port Laing has been reinstated. The position for the bin has changed, but it was agreed by the CC that the new position is now better.

Balfour Beatty have not yet vacated Battery Car park.

Dog bin on the coastal path at Old Kirk Road flats has disappeared.

CC Governance/Website Survey.

NQCC website is now up and running. Myles has agreed to put a notice in the Ferry News about the website to promote awareness in the community. The questionnaire on governance has been put on hold for the moment.

Cruicks quarry.

Members of the CC attended a meeting with Fife Councillor, Tarmac and village residents to discuss issues regarding possible Quarry operations. Tarmac are proposing to blast a further 30m down. Time of operations could be for 3 years with an extension for a further 17 years. There is up to 5 million tonnes of reserves with a possible 450,000 tonnes being extracted annually. Tarmac also revealed that they were awaiting information regarding effects of blasting that may be caused. This is of some concern to NQCC.

Treasures report.

To be passed over to next meeting. Accounts are to be audited before new grant can be received.

AGM is to be held in June.

Village signage.

New signage was discussed regarding spelling errors and possible relocation of some signs for Coastal Footpath, Deep Sea World and Battery Car Park.

Planning .

Various applications were discussed.

Carlingnose SSSI.

Part of the coastal footpath at Carlingnose has been de-classified from SSSI status.

Forth Replacement Crossing.

A forum is being set up between communities and the main contractors building the new Forth Crossing.

The communities involved are North and South Queensferry, Rosyth, Inverkeithing and Newton Village.

The object of the forum is to highlight any issues arising from works being carried out by the contractors which affect community well being. Notification of the forum will appear in the next Ferry News. Timeline and phone numbers to be obtained.

Correspondence.

Various letters were discussed. Of note, Scheme for Community Councils. Age to vote for CC members is being reduced to 16 years of age.

Community group reports.

West Bay Steering Group:- Results from survey will be available for viewing on the CC Website. A press release was also sent to the Dunfermline Press.

NQBC:- Boats are now being put back in the water for the new season, cleanup of the pier from snow dumping still being pursued, Boat festival to be held on the 28th August.

NQTI:- Reported that unfortunately they were not successful on their grant application to continue their carbon cutters programme.

NQHT:- A sponsored abseil event on the Forth Bridge is to take place to raise funds for The Bridge Memorial.

Fife councillors reports.

Deep Sea World has confirmed arrangements are in place for excess parking over the Easter weekend.

Floral Enhancement.

Jan is looking for volunteers to help with planting around the Jubilee Well and also to help with the tub planting.

AOCB.

Pierhead Play Park is in a sorry state and needs upgrading.

North Queensferry Church and school is twinning themselves with a small church/school in the village of Ho hoe in Ghana.

Date of next meeting.

North Queensferry Community centre on 12th May 7.30pm. Following meeting AGM 9th June.

Meetings are open to all North Queensferry residents.