

## North Queensferry Community council

### Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Members present. Brian Armstrong, Ian Mitchell, Jan Short, Colin Bell, Jim George, Myles Fitt, Simon Tate, Christina McKenzie, Marisa Di Fillipo-Ferrier.

6 Members of the public in attendance.

Apologies for absence:- None.

Minutes from previous meeting. Proposed Jan Short, Seconded Jim George.

Matters arising:- None.

CC Governance/Website Survey.

Colin gave an explanation regarding the community survey. The purpose of the survey was to increase awareness of the community council and the role in which it plays within the community. It is hoped that with the new CC website improved communications between the community will be achieved. The website is still being worked on so is not live at the moment. Colin also asked for all councillors to submit photos of themselves so that they can be added to the website. Website costs so far have been £25 with an additional £15 for domain name. S1 site also to be contacted to establish who updates CC information on site.

#### Cruicks Quarry.

Brian gave a brief rundown for the members of the public on past issues with quarry operations. The CC discussed issue's regarding the quarries planning application for a 17 year extension. Emphasis was again on the fact that the quarry had agreed to meet the CC with the proviso that no members of the public attended the same meeting. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to our local MSP to ask for assistance in securing more consultation with the quarry operators regarding the proposed lease extension. A suggestion was put forward to see if there were any geologists in the community that could be contacted to advise the CC on technical matters. Myles suggested that it may be helpful if a sub group could be formed to concentrate on the quarry issues. This was agreed.

Sub group members are Brian Armstrong, Myles Fitt, Jim George, Ian Mitchell.

#### Treasures report.

There is £2584 in total funds. £2303.90 set aside with £280.73 available.

#### Planning .

Jim George had met with Jim Henry (Fife Planning) regarding local plan, Fife council planning structure.

Jim was given a brief rundown on how to interpret the information supplied in folders. Information folders to be kept at community centre.

Discussion was also on Rosyth Biomass regarding who held planning control on this project. (Fife Council or the Scottish Government)

Current planning applications.

Window replacement/installation at Helen Lane.

## Secretary's report

Response from Network rail. Lights are off on the bridge due to current work regarding scaffolding/safety issues. No time/date was given on completion of work. However it was advised that lighting will be restored when work is completed.

Balfour Beatty will be pulling out from the Battery Car Park within the next 2 weeks. Porto cabins are to be removed soon.

Marisa to send a letter to our local MSP to ask for assistance in a response from Ian Heigh (Network Rail) regarding clear up of battery area after bridge works completion.

## Correspondence.

Possible Leuchars closure letter discussed.

## Community group reports.

Community centre. Ceilidh held in community centre on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011 was a great success, with 100 attendance. A grant has been awarded for 50% of costs to repair kitchen from Fife Council.

West Bay Steering Group. Questionnaire has been distributed to all households in NQ.

NQBC. The boat club has organised another boat festival to be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Fife councillors reports.

Cllr Douglas Chapman's reports.

A brief winter weather report was given.

Cllr Alice McGarry meeting with Babcock officials regarding Submarine dismantling.

Meeting organised with Fife council on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb on west bay .

## AOCB.

Bin removal at Port Laing discussed. Removed by council due to emptying issues.

Road closure at Ferryhills/Brae junction 16/02/11 due to bridge inspection.

Community cinema starting up.

Arts and crafts complaint about lack of disabled car parking at community centre.

## Date of next meeting.

North Queensferry Community Centre 10<sup>th</sup> March, following meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Meetings are open to all North Queensferry residents.