

## North Queensferry Community Council

### Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 11 July 2013.

<b>Members Present: Iain Mitchell (IM), Jim George (JG), Jan Short (JS), Marisa Di Filippo Ferrier (MdiFF), Mary Findlayson (MF), Lin Collis (LC); Barbara McKechnie (BM)</b> <b>CLlr -</b>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
<b>1. Apologies for Absence:</b>	Christina McKenzie (CM);	
<b>2. Minutes of previous meeting.</b>	<p>The Council confirmed that MF was the designated cover for the Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group. CM requested that June minutes also reflected missing amendment to May minutes in respect of Community Council (CC) prize for the Ladies Fundraising dinner. BM to amend June doc.</p> <p>IM stressed the NQCC web site must be brought up to date with the Monthly Minutes and going forward. IM confirmed BM as Secretary will be responsible for Correspondence and Minutes. Simon Tate is to supply previous minutes' originals; keys to Village Notice boards to MF who will be responsible for posting CC notices. The CC agreed that there would be no change of roles only replacement of responsibility from departing members. LC will assume responsibility for the Forth Replacement Crossing and represent NQ Comm Council as a Trustee on the Community Trust. LC verified role responsibility; following discussion, IM advised next meeting of Trust for LC on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013. LC had not received mails circulated prior to July meeting.</p>	<p><b>BM amended later on 11/07/13</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">*</p> <p><b>MdiFF circulated updated email list later on 11/07/13</b></p>
<b>3. Matters arising.</b>	IM confirmed that the Community Trust will occupy and carry occupiers insurance the Balfour Beatty area to be cleared and become a picnic area. There will still be a restricted area directly under the bridge for maintenance access.	
<b>4. Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group</b>	Analysis of the NQ consultation meeting verified that 35 attended. Subsequent 2 meetings in SQ had attendance of 8 and 10. The website contains feedback. JS had circulated published Steering Group minutes as stipulated in June NQCC minutes and brought additional copies to the meeting should there be further discussion. IM confirmed these views are to be taken into account in the submission to World Heritage.	
<b>5. Forth Road Bridge Festival</b>	No further information	
<b>6. Forth Replacement Crossing</b>	BM to notify Forth Replacement Crossing group of LC appointment	*
<b>7. Fife Councillors' Reports</b>	No Councillors attended the June CC meeting. CC discussed the lack of response from EDI Airport management re the initial request to be involved in feedback on change of flight paths, followed by confirmation that the meeting quota was full. IM suggested alternative compromise of an NQ rep attending meeting. MF to clarify with Pat Callaghan who is on the committee.	

<b>8. Police Issues</b>	No notifications	
<b>9. Community Group Reports</b>	<p>NQ Transition Initiative: Group will show what has been achieved with Pat Dennison's walled garden on 27/08/13</p> <p>Railway Station Initiative: IM requested CC feedback on question of extensive renovation of current toilets at the NQ Railway Station; option 1- renovate and allow public usage; 2 – renovate for local use only (those on involved in premises). CC, after discussion, agreed that after renovation, those serving teas/coffees would have keys to allow access as required.</p> <p>Community Trust – next meeting to be attended by LC as per # 2 above, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph.</p> <p>JG raised and CC agreed that resolution was required from Fife Council re lack of toilets available to the public in the pier area currently utilised by the Boat Club and expanding coastal rowing club. JG advised Boat Club was refused a rolling 28 day lease while vacant possession could not be offered – however, it is the Boat Club that are in situ and paying electricity and performing essential maintenance.</p>	
<b>10. Treasurer's Report</b>	Apologies for absence received from CM	
<b>11. Floral Enhancement</b>	JS advised maintenance of planted areas continues	
<b>12. Planning Applications</b>	<p>JG advised CC of 2 applications received. #1 for Garden Room at private residence in Ferryhills Road. #2 was the retrospective planning request by Rankin's Deli in respect of preparation of hot food. IM, prior to meeting, circulated request on 05/07/13 for agreement by CC to forward letter of support of Rankin's application to Fife Council. Email discussion had followed and continued at meeting in respect of CC entitlement to support this planning application. CM did post notice of support from the Community Trust. The meeting agreed that voted CC members do have entitlement to represent the electorate (in this instance with reference to the resident survey results requesting more commercial development in the village) without reverting to consultation for all issues. The CC agreed that a further note should be forwarded to Fife Council, expressing general support of the application with the proviso that reasonable measures should be taken to minimise any disruption to close neighbours of Rankin's Deli. BM will forward this note – IM supplied wording.</p> <p>In discussion, it was agreed that previous owners of the commercial property had prepared hot food.</p>	<b>BM posted CC agreed comment to Fife Council Planning Website</b>
<b>13. Relocation of Beamer Rock Light</b>	<p>IM displayed A4 photograph of the North East end of the Road Bridge, beside the commemorative Bridge opening plaque and the ascending staircase to the Community Centre area. Additional graphics on the photograph illustrated possible location of the Beamer Rock Light, high on vacant ground, looking out to the Road Bridge. It was mentioned that this was the preferred relocation point by the Heritage Trust and the CC was in full agreement. IM will convey the agreement to the Heritage Trust.</p>	

<p><b>14. Correspondence</b></p>	<p>MdiFF and BM are in transition period of roles. MdiFF had circulated, prior to CC meeting, Correspondence List received since 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013.</p> <p>In respect of Battery Rd car park, Fife Council, on behest from NQ residents, did put up barrier and displayed timings for the car park. A query has been received on the NQ website querying the 6.30pm closing and the impact on tourists and locals. BM supported this with example to face to face conversation re visitors to the village who had looked to park their car at 6pm to then seek a meal in NQ. On reading the notice of closure timing, the couple left the village and ate elsewhere. Suggested timing was closure of this Fife Council car park was at 7pm in Winter and 10pm in Summer. BM will forward note to Douglas Chapman, cc to JG, re the feelings of the CC.</p> <p>A letter from Helen Eadie MSP, requested consideration of a twinning initiative by NQ with town in Romania or Bulgaria. It was determined that far more information was required in respect of twinning initiative. JS highlighted the current relationship with a township in Ghana by the local primary school and the NQ Church of Scotland. MdiFF will follow up requesting further information for the CC.</p>	<p><b>BM forwarded CC request 160713 to CllrDC cc to JG</b></p> <p>*</p>
<p><b>15. Any other competent business</b></p>	<p>CM, prior to meeting, advised IM that Peter Dean has requested discussion on reformation of the Neighbourhood Watch Group. JS will talk with Jill Brown, current chair of the Group and IM will follow up with Jill Brown.</p>	

The Community Council will take a one month meeting break during the month of August 2013.

Next meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Following meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013