

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 12 December 2013.

Members Present: Chair-Iain G Mitchell (IGM), Christina McKenzie (CM), Jan Short (JS), Barbara McKechnie (BM), Cllr Mike Shirkie (MS)		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies for Absence:	Lin Collis (LC), Marisa di Filippo Ferrier (MdFF), Mary Finlayson (MF), Simon Tate (ST) Councillor Douglas Chapman	
2. Minutes of previous meeting.	Minutes of November Meeting Approved. Verbal note discussed of the Extraordinary Meeting on 27/11/13. Attendee to circulate written note to members.	*BM Posted to NQCC web site *
3. Matters arising.	JS confirmed her action items from Any Other Competent Business in minutes of the November NQCC monthly meeting. This included forwarding of village snagging list and the leaflets regarding householder garden maintenance responsibilities. JS also confirmed speaking with Jill Brown re the Neighbourhood Watch (NW). Jill confirmed that due to the level of policing in the village when Gordon Brown was Prime Minister, there was considerable less need for the NW. Funds were raised prior to the lapse in activity and these are still available should anyone wish to resurrect the NW.	
4. Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group	At last meeting of the Group, reservations were expressed re the proposed change in management structure. This change is not going ahead and the existing Steering Group will continue. The next meeting is on 10 January 2014 and will be attended by IGM.	
5. Forth Replacement Crossing	Minutes were received from LC in respect of the last meeting. No items of note were commented on but the NQCC does feel there should be an expectation of payback for the community. The meeting expressed dissatisfaction with the inefficiency of the road cleaning in the vicinity of the roadworks site entrance on the B981 – the main route into the village of North Queensferry. The meeting asked that BM write to Lawrence Shackman, Transport Scotland, Forth Replacement Crossing (FRC), Project Manager to advise of these	*BM – 13/12/13

	concerns and request more information and contact details of the team management of the site works including responsibility for cleaning of the access route to the village.	
6. Forth Bridge Visitor Centre	IGM forwarded an email to Members from Ian Heigh noting that there is a query as to the precise line of ownership of the road approaching the Rail Bridge and therefore responsibility for the damaged wall – Fife Council say it is Network Rail. MS will raise the issue with Fife Council to reach solution.	*MS
7. Forth Road Bridge Festival	CM confirmed the event managers, Indigo Project Solutions are in contact with the Community Centre to hold an Open Day in February 2014 in the small hall. It was reaffirmed that NQ must be aware of and liaise with the SQ events.	
8. Liaison with North Queensferry Heritage Trust	With upcoming Forth Road celebrations and World Heritage status application for the Rail Bridge, liaison and building relationships between the Heritage Trust and NQCC is essential to maximise the benefits for the village. IGM will invite James Lawson to attend the next NQCC meeting with a view to asking James if he would be willing to be co-opted on to the NQCC.	*IGM
9. Projected Meeting with South Queensferry Community Council	LC (Chair at NQCC meeting attended by South Queensferry representatives), IGM and CM from NQCC will accept the invitation to attend a SQ meeting on 20 Jan 2014. Any suggestions or points to be raised from Members should be passed to the above attendees. MS from Fife Council will also be in attendance in anticipation of building contact with the Ward Councillor from South Queensferry.	*IGM, CM, LC
10. North Queensferry Harbour	Following preferred bidder status on the West Bay development by the Community Trust, talks will be held with all interested parties for review of the business plan. MS asks that the revised business plan be available to go to the Fife Council executive January meeting in order to push toward the targeted hand over date of 1 April 2014. It was agreed by the meeting that it is up to the preferred bidder to have dialogue with all user parties.	
11. Fife Development Plan	All members are asked to review the online documents – see links on NQCC website in Correspondence and any issues arising will be discussed at the January meeting.	*IGM, LC, MdiFF, CM, JS, JG, ST, BM

12. Report on Meeting on Fracking	Further information is available on Fife Council web site: http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=news.display&objectid=EF22579A-0D47-B588-870A1D99E5980E1C	
13. Christmas Tree	CM confirmed tree was purchased by NQCC and is set outside the Ferrybridge Hotel. This location is in the absence of a working power supply at the public area beside the War Memorial. BM to ask LC to ask Fife Council contact for NQ to have a working power source at War Memorial as per other South West Fife villages.	*BM/LC - 141213. LC circulated reply to Members
14. Police Matters	Apologies received that Community Liaison were unable to attend. BM to attend next CEM on 7 Jan 2014. Look for assurance that the CEMs will continue every 2 months.	*BM
15. Fife Councillors Reports	MS commented and updated on Agenda items as meeting progressed. MS has requested update on transport planning issues from Robin Prestwood (RP), Fife Council (in view of World Heritage application, Network Rail, new Road Bridge etc). BM will invite RP to meeting stating Jan 7 2014 is too short notice but if he could update NQCC on progress at the Feb meeting on planning for the transport issues North Queensferry will face with upcoming projected increase in visitors and vehicles.	*BM
16. Planning	No report	
17. Treasurer's Report	CM reported £1323 in bank account, £1022 committed and £301 uncommitted (please excuse rounding). CM gave breakdown of committed amount and it was agreed to sponsor the next issue of the Ferry News from the uncommitted amount.	
18. Floral Enhancement	JS confirmed 2014 budget applied for and £402 will be received in NQCC bank account during first 2 wks of April	
19. Archiving	Carried over to next meeting	
20. Correspondence	BM had circulated screen prints of list of posted correspondence on NQCC web site. Following feedback received by CM on change of bus routes due to new Halbeath Park and Ride, CM queried if any communication had been received from Stagecoach or any transport authority. None had been received and MS will inquire as to where NQCC can receive more information.	*MS

21. Any Other Competent Business	The meeting queried the object of the roadworks at the top of Brock Street. No one knew. It was confirmed that the roadworks on Ferryhills Road is due to development of the Water Supply to North Queensferry. It was confirmed by local resident that the work is progressing slower than expected and will continue after the festive holiday period.	
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Next Meeting: Thursday 9 January 2014, North Queensferry Community Centre, 7.30pm