

North Queensferry Community council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 10 October 2013.

Members Present: Chair-Lin Collis (LC), Christina McKenzie (CM), Jim George (JG), Mary Findlayson (MF), Barbara McKechnie (BM), Cllr Douglas Chapman (DC), Cllr Mike Shirkie (MS)		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies for Absence:	Iain Mitchell (IM), Jan Short (JS), Marisa Di Fillipo Ferrier (MdF), Simon Tate (ST)	
2. Minutes of previous meeting.	Minutes of September meeting approved and seconded	
3. Matters arising.	No matters arising	
4. Forth Bridge Visitor Centre	Following the presentation by Network Rail at the North Queensferry Community Council (NQCC) September Meeting, LC queried if the NQCC needed to take further action. CM voiced the village concerns with regard to current immediate parking issues in the village, at the train station and challenges of traffic flow in North Queensferry. The meeting decided, in view of the current request to Fife Council for an impact assessment in the light of the UNESCO application for World Heritage Site status, that the NQCC Secretary write to David Thompson, Fife Council , who the NQCC understands has transportation responsibility within a group of Fife Council professional officers reviewing solutions for the proposed World Heritage site.	*BM – letter requesting scope and progress of study + invite to November meeting_131013
5. Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group	MF confirmed that South Queensferry (SQ) still awaiting access to any details of their feasibility study. MF confirmed SQ Community Council concerned that they will not have enough time to review any issues on release of the plan. It was agreed that the Secretary should invite the Chair and/or Vice Chair from South Queensferry Community Council to attend the next meeting of NQCC. The NQCC and the attending NQ Councillors believe it is essential that NQ has early involvement in the Fife feasibility plans to be assured of Fife Council awareness of current issues. As above, BM as Secretary will invite David Thompson to attend the next NQCC meeting.	*BM invite to SQCC Chair and Vice Chair to next NQCC mthly mtg.- 281013_invitation accepted *BM -As #4 above
6. Forth Road Bridge Festival	No additional formal information. MF confirmed that the Community Centre has now	

	<p>been in touch with the event company responsible for the Festival, offering the Community Centre as a location for events during the Festival 4-17 September 2014.</p>	
7. Forth Replacement Crossing	<p>The meeting believes it is important that the implications for having a 3rd bridge attraction in the NQ vicinity must be incorporated in current transport planning.</p> <p>In view of the removal of habitat for the deer around North Queensferry and their appearance in more inhabited areas, the Chair, LC, requested that BM as Secretary, write to the Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) for confirmation they are aware of issues facing the animals trapped in a decreasing area due to extensive roadworks.</p>	<p>*BM_letter to SSPCA requesting review_131013</p>
8. Battery Road Car Park	<p>DC confirmed that the closing hours of the Car Park were set by Fife Council after consultation with the nearby residents. MF and all the meeting members stressed that any request for action to handle anti social activity must be reported to the police. CM requested that it be noted clearly that of 100 surveys issued at the beginning of September to local residents requesting feedback on Car Park issues, 10 were returned by local residents and village visitors. No North Queensferry businesses eg hotels, restaurants replied to the survey. The NQCC will review the opening hours issue at Easter 2014.</p> <p>The damage evident to the wall opposite the Battery Road Car Park was in part, according to one attendee at the NQCC meeting, due to 3 point turns required by articulated vehicles using Battery Road in error. This could be avoided by a sign at Ferrytoll Roundabout indicating the road is unsuitable for articulated vehicles. LC agreed to contact Ian Jones about this to make arrangements. LC will be walking round the village on Friday,25.10.2013</p> <p>There had not been any complaints about antisocial behaviour in the village since the last meeting.</p>	<p>*LC</p>
9. Fife Councillors' Reports	<p>MS confirmed that a meeting between 3 Ward councillors and a team of Fife Council professional officers had taken place on 10 October re West Bay planning. Information will be sent to the NQCT and the Harbour Trust within two weeks. The delay in release of decision is due to leave commitments within</p>	

	<p>Fife Council.</p> <p>The walkabout planned by LC and Ian Jones is pertinent in need for clean up within the UNESCO buffer zone for World Heritage sites and is a follow up of the 'walk about' the previous year.</p> <p>DC confirmed the connection for Christmas Lights to local authority property is under consideration. LC will follow up on investigation of options.</p> <p>MS confirmed that he has had meeting with Forth Road Bridge contractors and no promises were given to assist with football pitch levelling or preparing ground for the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). MS and DC stressed upward escalation within the Contractors should be pursued before any other course of action. As CM has position on NQCC, North Queensferry Community Trust and the NQ Community Centre, she will co-ordinate a letter signed by all 3 groups to promote the need for 'match fund' monetary assistance for the Community Centre now they have a 25yr lease.</p>	<p>*LC to investigate Christmas Tree options</p> <p>*CM letter escalating issues to Transport Scotland's Project Director, David Climie and Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC) project director Carlo Germani</p>
<p>10. Planning Applications</p>	<p>JG confirmed details of planning applications noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Construction of railway viaduct pier protection comprising a reinforced concrete pier protection wall and trief kerb Site At Junction Of Ferry Toll Road And Castleandhill Road, Ferry Toll Road Rosyth Fife -The Community Centre for Change of use from public open space to multi-use games arena - One private application for internal adjustments <p>JG confirmed no planning application required as yet for the internal refurbishment at the NQ Railway Station. The Museum planned for the building will hold items owned by ScotRail and loaned to NQ by ScotRail.</p> <p>Support was expressed for the awaited planning decision for Rankins due to the additional value added to the village by the business.</p>	
<p>11. Community Group Reports</p>	<p>JG confirmed the Boat Club continues planned clean up of the area, eg removal of old boats. It was noted that the Boat Club no longer met in the NQ Community Centre. David Stewart is the new Chair of the NQ Boat Club.</p> <p>At the Community Centre, the AGM has taken</p>	

	place with Lucy Macaulay stays as Chair of the Management Committee	
12. Treasurer's Report	CM confirmed budgets for Floral Enhancement and Christmas Decorations leaving £438 available. CM confirmed that the Albert Hotel has not taken payment for teas/coffees after the Remembrance Service in recent years. With new management at The Albert, NQCC should be aware that this may have to be reviewed.	
13. Floral Enhancement	LC queried who is responsible for the floral displays at the Railway Station.	*FYI Dalgety Bay Rotary Club is quoted on large tug on North Side
14. Police Issues	Due to the formation of the amalgamated Scottish Police and review of opening hours of Police Stations, Dalgety Bay police station will be subject to restricted hours of opening. LC suggested the renewal of the traffic warden's visits in North Queensferry.	*DC will follow up on traffic warden request: also mentioned by BM at Community Engagement Meeting on 051113
15. Correspondence	BM forwarded screen prints to Members of Correspondence lists for September and October to date. BM confirmed receipt on 101013 of hard copy update from 1. Transport Scotland including confirmation of 35,000 votes cast altogether to name the new bridge crossing, the result of which is QUEENSFERRY CROSSING – all information available on websites: www.transportscotland.gov.uk www.forthbridgeworldheritage.com 2. Fife Council Social Work Service promoting the recruitment campaign for Foster Carers	
15. Any other competent business	CM has received email regarding Fife Council budget 2014 discussion. NQCC and DC believe there should be representation from the Community Council at these meetings. LC advised that she would advise the Council on replies to her enquiries re archiving of NQCC documents, at the next meeting.	*CM will reply to email suggesting NQCC representation.

Next meeting: 14 November 2013