

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 9 January 2014

Members Present: Chair- Iain G Mitchell(IGM), Christina McKenzie (CM), Lin Collis (LC), Barbara McKechnie (BM), Marisa di Filippo Ferrier (MdFF) Invited Guest from North Queensferry Heritage Trust: J J Lawson (JL)		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies for Absence:	Jim George, Jan Short, Mary Finlayson	
2. Minutes of previous meeting.	Approved	*BM Posted to NQCC web site
3. Matters arising.	None	
4. Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group	Meeting to be held on 10 January 2014 to be attended by IGM	
5. Forth Replacement Crossing	Only communications since last meeting was those regarding the security arrangements over the festive period.	
6. North Queensferry Heritage Trust	<p>JL provided views to the Community Council on the current work of the North Queensferry Heritage Trust (NQHT). JL's approach in respect of the Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group is that there is a communication and management requirement from the NQCC and the NQHT in respect of the predicted increase in visitor numbers to the village in order to preserve the heritage of the village. It needs to be communicated to all the village that a management approach will need to be determined, anticipating what will happen and although no funds have been allocated, the scope of the management will include public area maintenance and landscaping eg of St James Chapel. JL proposed a joint management plan – IGM queried if this was for the whole village or just for the Chapel. IGM suggested improving co-ordination between North Queensferry and South Queensferry Community Councils, the NQHT and Queensferry Ambition. JL agreed better cross river co-operation would be good in view of the World Heritage application and the Forth Road Bridge 50th birthday celebrations later in 2014. JL advised the NQHT has a tourist remit and he attends Visit Scotland 2 mthly meetings for West Fife. NQCC Members are welcome to attend these meetings (also attended by Cllr</p>	

	<p>Mike Shirkie). JL will follow up with Peter Wilson, in effect the Project Leader behind the Forth Bridge tourist group. IGM asked JL if he was willing to accept co-opted membership of the NQCC to represent the interests of the North Queensferry Heritage Trust. JL agreed and BM will send email confirmation of appointment. JL recommended also widening the representation of the village groups on the Community Council. IGM will ask at the next North Queensferry Community Trust meeting that the Trust send a representative to the Community Council meetings. CM will contact the North Queensferry Youth Club for a representative to attend the Community Council meetings.</p> <p>JL confirmed the inclusion of these representatives will assist with the 2014 and future activities.</p> <p>JL asked how North Queensferry can make visitors welcome in all aspects including catering, accessibility to views, the Light Tower and commented on how good it would be if Deep Sea World could be persuaded to become involved in future planning.</p> <p>JL offered IGM a short video prepared by NQHT for use as an introduction at the meeting with South Queensferry Council on 20th January. JL will forward soft copy of the video to IGM. It was discussed how the video could also be used on Fife Tourism website or on YouTube.</p> <p>JL talked of the flowers in the village and also those at the Railway Station. The Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay Rotary are interested to talk to the Community Council in respect of planting and maintenance of the current plus two more tubs at the Station. ScotRail pays for tubs and plants so funds not issue. JL will co-ordinate with Jan Short on the Community Council to set up talks with the Rotary but more volunteers will be required to assist with planting and maintenance.</p> <p>JL outlined the work of the Forth Bridge Tourist Group in respect of working with the cruise boats that call at Rosyth. A free bus, supported by Fife Tourism, takes passengers not committed to other arranged tours, to Dunfermline/Abbey/Carnegie Trust locations and then on to North Queensferry for photograph taking opportunities. It is hoped to</p>	<p>*JL</p> <p>*BM</p> <p>*IGM</p> <p>*CM</p> <p>*JL</p> <p>*JL/JS</p>
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	<p>develop and expand this tour perhaps involving South Queensferry although it has to be remembered that Marine Regulations do apply to passengers from liners.</p> <p>JL – in terms of the current development at the Railway Station, both the HT and the CC should be thinking of what happens when tourists alight from the trains – does the village need volunteer guides to facilitate visitor channelling and directions plus should the village have an overflow car park (not just for Deep Sea World).</p>	
7. Fife Development Plan	<p>IGM commented on the mention of Cruicks Quarry as a preferred site for the promotion of development – although not in use at the moment, the NQCC should send comment to Fife Plan consultation group that if the Quarry was to be used again, then North Queensferry, not just Inverkeithing, must be involved in the consideration of effects eg on the Heritage Trail</p>	*BM
8. Planning Applications	<p>In respect of the Albert Hotel application for a restaurant extension, after discussion, IGM asked BM to send a ‘Neutral’ comment that NQCC notes the proposal and ask the Planning Department be sensitive to heritage issues when considering the applications (one for listed building consent and a second for the extension plan itself).</p>	*BM
9. Fife Councillors Reports	None	
10. Archiving of Community Council Records	<p>LC circulated document with Fife Council archiving recommendations for Members to discuss at meeting in February</p>	*All
11. Police Matters	<p>BM circulated note to Members re the Community Engagement Meeting on 7 Jan 2014.</p>	
12. Treasurer’s Report	<p>Balance of £263 available:- £40 thank you donation to Salvation Army for playing at Remembrance Service; £80 payment for 5 yrs contract for NQCC domain name; £100 contribution to Ferry News</p>	
13. Floral enhancement	No action	
14. Correspondence	<p>List of email received to date circulated to Members prior to meeting.</p>	
15. Any other competent business	<p>Discussion took place between those Members scheduled to attend the forthcoming meeting with South Queensferry Community Council. IGM advised priorities to be ensuring proper liaison takes place relating to the World</p>	

	Heritage proposal, that the interests of NQ and SQ should be put forward in a coherent manner and thirdly to investigate any possible opportunity to share administrative resources.	
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Next Meeting: Thursday 13 February 2014, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.30pm