

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 8 October 2015

Members Present: Christina McKenzie(CM), Barbara McKechnie(BM), Jim George(JG), Cllr M Shirkie (MS) Brian Armstrong (BA), Peter Selbie (PS), Mike Low (ML), Duncan Foggon (DF), Sheila Foggon (SF)		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Iain G Mitchell (IGM) Lin Collis (LC), Mary Finlayson (MF) CM chaired meeting in absence of IGM.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of September 2015 meeting approved.	
3. Matters Arising	<p>Stagecoach: In September it was incorrectly reported that Stagecoach no longer ran buses into NQ but it has been determined that only one service route was taken over by Dalgety Bay bus company. Both companies will be invited to attend a NQCC meeting to address local concerns on turning, parking and use of double-decker buses. CM will contact original Stagecoach spokesperson and copy BM for onward contact with DB Bus Company.</p> <p>In September meeting, SNH were asked to notify the Queensferry Crossing Construction management of forced movement of local deer population. CM will follow up with IGM for update from SNH.</p>	<p>CM BM</p> <p>CM</p>
4. Pontoon	<p>The Town Pier Pontoon Planning Application was approved by the Fife West Planning Committee. The documents of Recommendation for Conditional Approval (Committee Report of Handling) and the notification of Approval with Conditions are both available on the Fife Planning website (planning.fife.gov.uk and search 15/01403/FULL). The documents detail conditions prior to construction work starting and also those conditions imposed prior to the start of use of the pontoon. It was commented on that although the documents include reference to projected vessel visits of 750 per annum (picked up by the press also), no traffic management plan will be in place prior to construction starting but Fife Council state they will be reviewing the level of use on a regular basis. It is clearly stated in the Approval that no construction traffic or construction site staff cars are to be parked on Main Street, Pierhead, Battery Road or any adopted road in North Queensferry. The use of water borne construction traffic will be encouraged and if Cadger's Slip is used, details will be submitted on any protection, reinstatement of historic paving and repair of retaining walls. Discussion then moved to the options for objection to the decision. A guide to Planning Appeals in Scotland is available at http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2010/10/19104538/0.</p> <p>Information in respect of appeals was not sent directly to the list of objectors to the planning application but is included at the end of the notification of Approval with Conditions document on the Fife Planning website. There is a 3 month time limit for an appeal from the date of decision. Following a lot of discussion, raised by ML and BA re the question of local knowledge of the appeal process, MS will</p>	<p>MS</p>

	check with the Senior Planner if objectors have been directly advised and pass the knowledge to CM. There will be an opportunity to query Fife Council on plans for the NQ area at the public information event on 4 th November. See NQCC website and local notice boards for details.	
5. Tourism Project Group	CM attended meeting on 5 November. Still no agreed funding for signage. As a number of tourist groups are in existence, the Chair of this group is re-evaluating whether this group is required. ML expressed concerns that at the Forth Bridges Public Forum, it was noted that Amey and Network Rail were present but hosts were vague about local representation. IGM has previously made a point of confirming local community representation would be definite – this will be reconfirmed. ML will notify NQCC of Chair name and enable follow up. MS outlined current work being carried out by Visit Scotland and interested parties in Fife to put together tourism 3 to 4 packages.	ML
6. Forth Bridge Visitor Centre	No updates however it was noted that there is an increasing number of visiting parties (including the Heritage Trust) to access the top of the Forth Bridge.	
7. Forth Replacement Crossing	No updates	
8. Police Report	No update. MS did advise that the Traffic Study in NQ is completed and BM will query content with Inspector Tom Barrett based at Dalgety Bay.	BM
9. Fife Councillors' Reports	MS advised the launch of the Rosyth Waterfront_Submission of the Proposal for Application. (Correspondence on this has been received by NQCC and is posted to the NQCC website.) There will be a series of public meetings over the next few months. MS is having meetings with Fife organisations in relation to the commemoration of the Battle of Jutland at Rosyth on 31 May 2016. Also 2016 will see the Centenary of Rosyth Garden City with events planned during the year. With regard to a query during the September NQCC in respect of notice given to the police of the cross Forth swimming event and resultant traffic in NQ, MS advised Inspector Barrett was given only 2 days notice (it was noted however that this is an annual event). MS also highlighted the news of the Firth of Forth coal gas extraction being put on hold. The underground coal gasification project was planned near Kincardine. MS commended the tremendous work done by the Church of Scotland Parish Church in Rosyth whose rededication service of the refurbished church takes place on 11 October 2015.	
10. Community Group Updates	BA updated the meeting on HONQ membership now at 130. CM suggested HONQ put forward a member for the NQCC. Community Trust: A celebratory event was held at West Bay on 3 October 2015 to commemorate signing of 50yr lease. 20 more members joined the CT and £100 in donations received. £300 had	

	<p>been received from the Queensferry Crossing construction group to pay for the event.</p> <p>West Bay Users Group – next meeting is 6 November. Some workshop space will be sub let to the Boat Club.</p> <p>Community Centre: CM confirmed AGM planned for 29 October. BA advised the addition of two new committee members.</p>	
11. Planning Applications	JG advised only one application received for the listed building consent for work to signals on the Forth Bridge. A public meeting is anticipated for the proposed Forth Bridge visitor centre in Nov/Dec 2015. PS verified specific planning regulations with MS in respect of a granted planning application.	
12. Treasurer's Report	No change from last month	
13. Floral Enhancement	No update. MS will verify with Ian Jones if village walk round took place and any outcome.	MS
14. Correspondence	BM confirmed all email received was posted to the NQCC website.	
15. Any other competent business	BA confirmed Remembrance Day commemoration plans are in place. MS will check what is happening with the previously agreed repair of the power supply socket at the War Memorial. This is required for village Christmas Tree lights.	MS

Next Meeting: Thursday 12 November 2015, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.30pm