

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 14 January 2016

Members Present: Iain G Mitchell (IGM), Barbara McKechnie(BM), Jim George(JG), Christina McKenzie (CM)		
Proposed Full Members: Peter Selbie (PS), David Shields (DS)		
Brian Armstrong (BA), Mino Manekshaw (MM), Elizabeth Serviour (ES)		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Lin Collis (LC), Cllr Sharon Wilson, Mary Finlayson has Leave of Absence, Sheila Foggon	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of December 2015 meeting approved.	
3. Matters Arising	None	
4. Community Council Membership	IGC advised that as no comment had been received on the proposal for David Shields and Peter Selbie to become co-opted full members of the NQCC that they be so approved by the Members present. This was duly agreed.	
5. Police Report	No report received. BM will email to enquire if there is any written report update.	BM
6. Christmas Lights	A Christmas Tree was erected at the War Memorial and lights installed. Thanks were given to Mary Finlayson and Cllr Mike Shirkie. On removal of the lights, JG received the box containing same and passed to the NQ Community Centre for storage in the cellar area.	
7. World Heritage	ES queried the state of the electric substation adjacent to Battery Road Car Park. LC has written a note on the village walk round with Ian Jones of Fife Council (see Jan Correspondence on NQCC website) – this referred to the maintenance of the grass areas at Battery Road Car park. BM will contact Cllr Mike Shirkie (MS) for any comment on the communication from LC and provide comment to MS from the NQCC meeting. On other NQ Conservation area improvements, residents are directed towards http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants/conservation-area-regeneration-scheme.htm which does have “A small grants scheme (such as to homeowners or retailers) “. At the next meeting of World Heritage Management Group, sources of funding should be clarified. MM raised the condition of roads at exit to village curving under the current Road Bridge – this is likely to be FC responsibility. ES raised the issue of parked cars, in the Car Park, sitting with engines running. BM will list all comment to MS. BM will add this complaint to the email to the Police Community Liaison team.	BM
8. Tourism Project Group	No update	
9. Forth Bridge Visitor Centre	No update	
10. Forth Replacement Crossing	JG will invite Ewen MacDonell, Community Liaison Officer, Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors, to the next NQCC meeting to provide feedback on: plans for Admiralty House and St Margaret Hope; the light sequence at junction of B981 with Ferrytoll Road. MM volunteered to assist with demonstration of junction hazards/	JG BM/ MM

	dangers. MM will give his email address for contact.	
12. Community Group Reports	<p>Community Trust: Discussion re Balfour Beatty power line maintenance vehicles and equipment being stored at the Marina. CM queried permissions and storage costs.</p> <p>Boat Club: Marina land is being used by Balfour Beatty for storage of poles and equipment relating to the current power line refurb in the village. No permissions had been granted for this. JG will forward photographs to IGC and CM for confirmation. Charging for use of the facility will be considered.</p> <p>HONQ: BA advised re the open letter to Fife Council that he has been contacted by Chris Smith from the Investment and Development team to investigate the concerns outlined in the letter. In previous NQCC meeting the value of a pontoon was outlined vis a vis a stone pier but question remains that without a valid traffic plan, North Queensferry will have difficulty coping with any additional traffic.</p> <p>Heritage Trust: DS outlined ground clearance planned as per the environmental responsibility of the Trust. Mention was made of previous refusal for Community Garden within the SSSI site west of the Community Centre. IGC will follow up with Lucie Macaulay re any update of North Queensferry Transition Initiative.</p>	JG
13. Fife Councillors' Reports	No update	
14. Planning Applications	Only one application in respect of mural board at the Primary School; not in line of sight from roadway.	
15. Treasurer's Report	No Change	
16. Floral Enhancement	LC had commented that the Floral Enhancement grant of £229 had been received and CM queried if the amount had been changed this year. See Addendum below.	
17. Correspondence	BM confirmed all correspondence updated and available.	
18. Any other competent business	<p>DS advised of Rail consultation in Scotland. DS has copy of report to be considered and will advise at the NQCC meeting in February 2016 of potential for recommended Fife/NQ comment. Closing date for feedback_100316.</p> <p>PS asked that Stagecoach and DB Bus Company be contacted re bus manoeuvres and engine running in Battery Road.</p>	DS CM/BM

Next Meeting: Thursday 11 February 2016, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.30pm

Addendum:

#16 Floral Enhancement: *(Note that after meeting BM checked Minutes from April 2015 and the sum of £370 is mentioned)*