

## North Queensferry Community Council

### Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 14 July 2016

<b>Members Present: Iain G Mitchell (IGM), Christina McKenzie (CM), Lin Collis (LC), Jim George (JG), David Shields (DS), Barbara McKechnie(BM), Peter Selbie (PS), Sheila Foggon (SF), Cllr Mike Shirkie (MS), PC Richard Duncan (RD) – Scottish Police Community Policing,</b>		
<b>Agenda Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Apologies</b>	Mary Finlayson has Leave of Absence	
<b>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Subject to clarification on item 4 with regard to the Forth Rail Bridge, May Minutes were approved.	BM
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	<p>Memorial Service at Port Laing: Rev C Alston unable to attend, IGM took the service and represented the Community Council.</p> <p>Gully Cleaning: Cleaning vehicles have been in the village but PS advised not in Battery Road car park.</p> <p>Beamer Rock: IGM wrote to Douglas Spiers whose response confirmed the unintentional representation of the opinion of the Community Council. LC queried if MSPs had been contacted and IGM will follow up. MS requested that the public opinion of affected residents be sought as soon as possible as Fife Council would not wish to spend funds on determining required logistics unnecessarily but MS then agreed that the logistic methodology has to be included in the information to the public when seeking their opinion as it will be inherent to the decision. MS will follow up with Douglas Spiers. IGM advised that opinion needs to be sought from residents of Brock Street area with an information leaflet to the wider village. MS suggested contacting the Fife Council contact at Inverkeithing re printing of the questionnaire – SF requested that the leaflet explains that no Planning Permission is required. DS and LC will co-ordinate the leaflet. LC confirmed there is no update on the Traffic Management Plan and that the deer warning signs are in progress.</p>	<p>IGM</p> <p>MS</p> <p>LC/DS</p>
<b>4. Police Report</b>	RD delivered the Report dated from the May NQCC meeting. The report is on the NQCC website – <a href="http://www.nqcc.co.uk">www.nqcc.co.uk</a> . RD advised of Community Speedwatch initiative where volunteers will be trained in the use of hand held speed guns – further information to follow from RD. MS advised of Inverkeithing withdrawing from this exercise previously as the social fallout was considered ‘not worth it’. RD advised that the Community Police team are reviewing how they update the local communities – possibly open session prior to the monthly NQCC meeting. Two officers in the NQ area are RD and Jim Bell. RD will follow up on possibility of Domehawk cameras for temporary surveillance of Pier area and DS raised issues of public nuisance also under the Forth Road Bridge where the road sign advising restricted access has fallen down. DS has liased with Amey and will pass on contact details to RD.	<p>RD</p> <p>DS/RD</p>
<b>5. Coastal Footpath</b>	DS has spoken with residents at Ferrycraigs who have concerns in respect of realignment of the Coastal Path. The Residents also have concerns re the public nuisance now occurring under the Road Bridge	

	and have liaised with John Russell at Amey. Plan B for the Coastal Path is via Admiralty House. Discussions returned to restoration of restricted access by Amey in the Ferrycraigs area.	
<b>6. Forth Replacement Crossing</b>	Meetings have been attended by JG and LC. LC advised opening date for Crossing is undetermined – April/May/June 2017. Official contract finish is May 2017.	
<b>7. Tourism Project Group</b>	LC confirmed meeting is still to take place.	
<b>8. Cruiks Quarry Liaison Group</b>	Report will be available at next meeting.	
<b>9. Airport Consultation</b>	Edinburgh Airport are in Public Consultation in respect of possible changes to, and considerations to be taken into account in anticipation of, projected flight paths. BM to place link to consultation <a href="http://www.letsstofurther.com">www.letsstofurther.com</a> on the NQCC website and is to check with Mary Dempsey if the consultation is mentioned in Ferry News. MS believes the issue to be determined is if there is an increase in flight volumes. LC highlighted the increased risk of increased air traffic over the 3 Bridges.	BM BM
<b>10. Community Group Updates</b>	Community Centre: No update; Boat Club: No Update; Community Trust: No update; Heritage Trust: No programme as yet for Beamer Rock - DS wondered if it might be possible to share heavy moving equipment with MUGA preparation – with regard to the Hilton Extension at the Queensferry Hotel, it was discussed what discounted opportunities might be available to NQ residents; Railway Station: no particular update but running of the area and cafe is under review – DS and JG confirmed a memorial for the bridge workforce could be in hand.	
<b>11. Fife Councillors' Reports</b>	MS advised that Parliament is about to confirm Ward boundary changes so NQ will be in Ward 6 with Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay (not 5 as at present). MS queried if the doubling up of Headteachers of the Primary Schools is working – applications are just not being received for the promoted posts. MS drew attention to the plans for commemoration of the surrender of the Jutland fleet in 2018 are not so far away and suggested a group is put together if NQ wish to be involved. With regard to the Rosyth Waterfront plans, it is hoped that Scarborough Muir will have a planning application in by the end of the year. MS said of the 4800 responses to the public consultation, 96% were positive. JG queried plans for a commemorative tower. MS confirmed location is not known and all still under discussion.	
<b>12. Remembrance Service</b>	Brian Armstrong has advised the NQCC that he will be leaving the NQ area and a replacement administrator is required for the annual Remembrance Service. NQCC wish to record their immense appreciation of the work that Brian has performed in North Queensferry not only in the organisation of the Remembrance Service but also in extensive service to the Community through his work on the Community Council and in local working groups. As the administrator is regularly of HM Services background, Brian mentioned a couple of possible candidates and CM will follow up	BM CM

	initially.	
<b>13. Planning Applications</b>	JG confirmed only one application submitted in June and this had been circulated to Council members. No further action.	
<b>14. Treasurer's Report</b>	CM confirmed current balance of £955.72 with current commitments creating a shortfall of £11.77. At the AGM in September 2016, the Accounts may be examined and the Annual Grant applied for. Discussions followed on the need for public notification of the AGM and generally the availability of the opportunity for general public speaking at the NQCC meetings. It was resolved to make no change to the current Agenda format but to monitor the situation going forward.	
<b>15. Floral Enhancement</b>	LC and DS organised planting of all tubs in the village. LC asked that all members be proactive if they see action on the tubs required. Volunteer activity on deadheading and watering would be most appreciated.	
<b>16. Correspondence</b>	BM confirmed correspondence had been shared and posted to the website.	
<b>17. Any other competent business</b>	LC confirmed that earlier investigations had confirmed that there is no public right of way at Northcliff. A sign is missing however at Charles Black Lane – it has been removed on more than one occasion. CM suggested that a notice should be put in the next Ferry News to ensure all residents are aware of issues. LC will do so. MS reconfirmed the joining of NHS Fife and Social Services. Local concerns on the prevalence of tics in the NQ area are being directed by Fife Countryside Trust to the medical websites' advice eg <a href="http://www.tickalert.org/">http://www.tickalert.org/</a> Concerns were expressed re overgrown vegetation in the village protruding on to pavements. Certain houses in particular have areas with extreme lack of maintenance. JG will confirm ownership with Inverkeithing Civic Centre.	LC          JG

Next Meeting: Thursday 8 September 2016, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.30pm