

## North Queensferry Community Council

### Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 10 November 2016

<p><b>Members Present: Iain G Mitchell (IGM), Christina McKenzie (CM) , Jim George (JG), David Shields (DS), Barbara McKechnie(BM), Peter Selbie (PS), Cllr Mike Shirkie (MS)</b></p> <p><b>Members of the Public: David Neill (DN), Duncan Foggon (DF), Liz Mackie (LM)</b></p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
<b>1. Apologies</b>	Lin Collis (LC), Sheila Foggon (SF), Mary Finlayson has Leave of Absence LC supplied information for 8 Agenda updates for this meeting.	
<b>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Approved	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	DS raised condition of area under Rail Bridge due to lack of maintenance. BM will contact Craig Bowman to reopen earlier discussions re the promised reinstatement of the area for public use.	BM
<b>4. Police Report</b>	Circulated by BM to members and posted to Documents on web site. DN raised two issues for police attention. Antisocial behaviour by car drivers on Forthside Terrace/East Bay plus the abandonment of a car in the small parking area adjacent to the entrance to Deep Sea World. MS took registration details to advise Local Council Parking Officers. As Police are not able to attend the NQCC meetings, NQCC members will note issues not being solved by 101 calls and advise the Community Police appropriately.	MS BM
<b>5. Survey re Beamer Light Relocation</b>	Village survey results have been forwarded to Douglas Spiers at Fife Council. He will escalate issue within Fife Council. DS advised that at the Heritage Trust meeting earlier in the week, the results of survey were believed not relevant. Following the results of the survey the NQCC will urgently put forward the possibility of an alternative location at the Marina ie on Community Trust land but the project will still be regarded as a Heritage Trust project. This would place the Beamer Light on coastal position, close to original location and encourage footfall in an area where the Community Trust are considering refreshment facilities. BM to write to Douglas Spiers and James Lawson to invite to a site visit at the Marina within next two weeks – target agreement within two weeks, in time for AGMs of Community Trust at the Community Centre.	BM
<b>6. Forth Replacement Crossing</b>	Next meeting of the Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum is 30 November 2016. LC and JG unable to attend. PS will attend the meeting on LC behalf. Despite previous requests for Community Benefit from the Crossing project and repeated requests at the Forum meetings, no agreement to community benefit requests has been forthcoming from Transport Scotland or the Contractor. BM to prepare draft request again and if no agreement, NQCC to be prepared to take the matter to the press with support of the local Councillor. JG will attend the Forth Replacement Crossing Celebrations	BM

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<b>7. Tourism Project Group</b>	JG advised of new website being constructed by Amy to promote the three bridges. Site to be called Forth Bridges with a photograph competition to be involved. There will be a free Wifi site at new information centre in South Queensferry. Next meeting of the group, 9 January 2016, will include Craig Bowman from Network Rail and Paul Wakefield from Marketing Edinburgh. Films are available prepared by CCD Training Ltd, contact Ann-Marie Balcombe, for P6 and P7 age groups as long as funding continues.	
<b>8. Cruicks Quarry Liaison Group</b>	LC had reported that she had spoken with Fife Coastal and Countryside Trust and landowner permission will be required for location of bench. Fife Council may require planning permission. MS advised DS speak to Kevin Treadwell at Fife Council.	DS
<b>9. Christmas Tree</b>	LC had advised that tree is ordered and 75% grant applied for. JG queried if Community Trust funds could be used – this was negative. BM to advise LC that MS recommends that tree to be put up without assistance from Fife Council, reducing the cost. BM will suggest 1 <sup>st</sup> week in December and volunteers will be sought (with stepladders!)	BM
<b>10. Community Group Updates</b>	CM will represent the NQCC in LC's place at the Community Trust meetings. NQ Heritage Trust is proceeding with the Workforce Memorial at the train station. No other updates from specific groups.	
<b>11. Fife Councillors' Reports</b>	MS advised of his awarding in Rosyth of prizes at the National Youth Work Week (marking the achievements of youth organisations, youth workers and young people). There had been good representation from North Queensferry also and MS has submitted press articles for publication. MS advised that the SESPlan is now online and available for reading - <a href="http://www.sesplan.gov.uk">www.sesplan.gov.uk</a> – Strategic Development Planning Authority for Edinburgh and South East Scotland. MS had noted a couple of omissions relating to Rosyth Waterfront and the Three Bridges so reading is recommended. Fife Council has been in touch with Network Rail and the Culture Minister relating to progress with World Heritage status developments for the Forth Bridge. IGM reminded MS that a comprehensive transport plan is also required and MS confirmed that is inherent to the plans. Fife Council is also looking at the effects of planned closure of HMS Caledonia at Rosyth. MS advised Members of the online availability of the South West Committee's Planning Committee Minutes and School Reports. DF asked MS if there was any update on the Pontoon – none at the moment was the answer. DS has learned that funding for beach cleaning by Countryside Trust is to expire in near future (and alternative funding needs to be found). Path from Coast Path to Helen Lane is overgrown. Appears to be a right of way DS can organise a strim but first confirm land ownership. DS will follow up with MS.	DS/MS
<b>Added on evening of 10 November : 11a Communication Strategy</b>	At the NQCC monthly meeting in October, there was a strong feeling that the Council needed to make greater use of social media but Members did not have time to discuss further. It was agreed at the November meeting that in the interim, enquiries would be made as	BM/DS

	to the use of one of the other suitable NQ Facebook pages with possible long term development of NQCC Facebook. This will be on Agenda for December for follow up.	
<b>12. Remembrance Service</b>	IGM has been in touch David Bonas re the Service at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. BM will collect wreath from CM	BM
<b>13. Planning Applications</b>	JG advised of no further action on Planning Applications at 24 Main Street and at Post Office Lane. IGM asked that CM, on behalf of the Community Council, renew the objection to a third application in East Bay.	CM
<b>14. Defibrillator</b>	BM had circulated a promotional letter re Defibrillators to the Members. As the Village Show had raised funds for the same, IGM suggested this email was forwarded to the Heritage Trust and the Community Centre. Suggestion of a Defibrillator at the Marina was suggested by JG.	DS/CM
<b>15. Treasurer's Report</b>	No change	
<b>16. Floral Enhancement</b>	DS advised that two other volunteers have been identified and tidy up would include the cemetery at St James Chapel. JG requested approval to approach residents around Ferry Barns in relation to separating the ivy roots from the growth choking trees in the area and also on the Coastal Path. The Members approved and JG will follow up. CM asked that NQCC not only advise where Rights of Way may be identified (see Fife Access Forum on <a href="http://www.fifedirect.org.uk">www.fifedirect.org.uk</a> ) but also be willing to help residents whose property does not have a Right of Way yet the public still utilise the area as if there was	JG
<b>17. Correspondence</b>	Circulated and posted to web site	
<b>18. Any other competent business</b>	DS advised that following some discussions the Tic issue in the village is due to deer and pets moving through overgrown vegetation not from the deer themselves. JG asked for approval to seek additional quotes for refurbishment of the bench at top of steps from the Road Bridge and also to perform some maintenance on the Notice Board at the Albert Hotel. DF offered to assist with the latter. IGM gave his apologies for the December meeting. As LC will be indisposed, CM will chair the next meeting.	

**Next Monthly Meeting:** Thursday 8 December 2016, North Queensferry Community Centre  
7.30pm

Residents of North Queensferry are welcome to attend all Monthly Meetings