

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 13 October 2016

<p>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) Police Scotland: Richard Duncan (RD), James Bell (JB) Members of the Public: Stephen Reid (SR), Lee Myles (LM), Maureen Gray (MG), Nigel Carter (NC), Dominic Gray (DG)</p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Mary Finlayson has Leave of Absence	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Approved following amendment to include outstanding Action for IGM to write to MSPs re Beamer Light relocation (awaiting survey results)	BM IGM
3. Matters Arising	See IGM Action Item in #2 above	
4. Police Report	RD and JB arrived at the meeting early in order to meet with any village residents wishing to raise a matter with the Police prior to the NQCC meeting. SF suggested a notice be added to the Community Centre notice board and RD agreed. RD outlined current Police Report forwarded to NQCC. 16 calls were reported between 8 Sept and 12 Oct; one crime was reported relating to a dog out of control and biting a member of the public. Volunteers are sought to assist with Community Speedwatch. Caution was advised by MS relating to this exercise; NQCC seek more information relating to job description, equipment availability and responsibilities for the volunteers – RD will forward request for more information. NC raised safety concerns re the temporary road crossings at Ferry Toll/Inverkeithing/NQ access routes. MS requested RC/JB report these concerns to Inspector Davenport suggesting discussion with Constructor's Traffic Management team. LM raised safety concerns in Brock Street around the Primary School. MS advised the school should have a Police/Parent traffic plan. NC will follow up with Parent Council. JB queried lack of yellow zig zag lines but there are white zig zag lines which give 24hr parking prohibition. It was also noted that some parking is due to all day parking for train commuters.	RD/BM RD/JB RD/JB NC
5. Survey re Beamer Light Relocation	LC outlined the findings of the Village Survey relating to the relocation of the Light to land between the Community Centre and top of steps down to the Forth Road Bridge. Within the survey (total of 80 responses), 9 straight objections with a further 45 supporting in principle but only in a different more relevant, suitable location; 17 comments of support. Extensive discussion followed and it was resolved that BM prepare draft reply for Douglas Spiers of Fife Council advising that following a village survey, the stance of the Council is that it does not support the relocation of the Light in the current proposed location. The Council would be willing to assist with further surveys if the NQ Heritage Trust wishes to propose another more suitable location. MS consistently stressed the need	BM

5 a. Feedback from Village Show	for NQCC to reply to Fife Council as soon as possible. LC will update the survey form for public display on notice boards and the NQCC website. <i>5a discussion was postponed to November meeting Agenda</i>	LC/BM/ JG IGM
6. Forth Replacement Crossing	Next meeting is 26 October. NC queried why no support from Queensferry Crossing construction companies for village projects (when clearly stated in company documentation that they do support the local community). Council members advised requests had been made with no result. MS reiterated need to request again with back up information and copy to local and national press. CM and MG will liaise to provide back up information. LC asked for suggestions to mark the Opening. NC queried if any possibility of NQ Gala week, 11 to 18 June 2017, linking to official opening dates of the Queensferry Crossing.	CM/ MG
7. Tourism Project Group	No update	
8. Cruicks Quarry Liaison Group	LC confirmed possibility of funding for local projects, linked to Coastal Path route. LC looking at costs for tubs and possible seat at Port Laing beach area. IGM proposed delegating to LC the final decisions on goods to be funded and consultation steps with Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, reporting back at the November meeting.	LC
9. Community Group Updates	Boat Club: none; Community Centre: none; Community Trust: none; HONQ: SF advised of article in Courier re Visitors Centre, HONQ are preparing a reply for the press; DS queried possibility of request to Network Rail to tidy area below Forth Bridge and reinstate picnic area. MS advised Fife Council have written to Network Rail and are pressing for Visitors' Centre to go ahead. Network Rail is seeking private funding for the project. Following query from IGM, MS confirmed Fife Council has mandate to consult with the local community after the initial capital /investment discussions have taken place and project goes to Planning. This differs from Beamer Light project in that the Visitor Centre is on 3 rd party land. Parent Teachers: NC will liaise with MS re requirements/provisions for pre school and after school clubs.	NC/MS
10. Fife Councillors' Reports	MS confirmed no response yet on Visitor Centre. MS suggested other populated areas in Fife have concerns with Police coverage hence the current public consultation (see NQCC website) Surveys are ongoing in respect of the Pontoon at the Town Pier. Lack of applications for Head Teachers in Fife will result in shared Head for NQ for the rest of year. MS advised differences between Head Teacher and Teaching Head job descriptions. NC will advise MS of next Parent Teachers meeting date.	NC
11. Remembrance Service	Brian Armstrong is about to leave the village and is liaising with David Bonas in respect of arrangements for the Service. CM will advise IGM of contact details for David to facilitate necessary NQCC actions.	CM /IGM
12. Planning Applications	JG advised of application for balcony and staircase in Main Street and LC advised of the potential to encroach on public Right of Way. SF	JG

	advised JG and he will research correct notifications. Only other application is to rear of property in East Bay with no change to road view.	
13. Railway Station Steps	<i>This discussion is deferred to November meeting Agenda.</i>	IGM
14. Treasurer's Report	Adjusted bank balance is in negative due to annual grant still to be received. (Grant was dependent on approval of accounts in Sept 2016 meeting)	
15. Floral Enhancement	LC notified that she is unable to take full responsibility for the role. There is an urgent requirement for assistance with bulb (already purchased) planting. SF volunteered for planting in nearby tubs and DS will take role on temporary basis for the short term. This will be reviewed at November meeting. SF advised that local residents are not aware of the need for volunteers and requested greater use is made of Social Media. Communication strategy is to be added to Agenda for November meeting.	IGM
16. Correspondence	All mail circulated and/or posted to website.	
17. Any other competent business	<p>Christmas Tree: Following contact by LC, Fife council contact for tree not available until 24 Oct 16. Lights are in storage at the Community Centre.</p> <p>LC has 3 articles in next Ferry News re: the Community Council September meeting, village suggestions for events to celebrate the opening of new Queensferry Crossing and NQ Public Rights of Way. MS queried if NQCC was aware of raw sewerage issues near Albert Hotel and JG mentioned use of road drains near the Treatment Works on East Bay at foot of Helen Lane. JG will follow up with Scottish Water.</p> <p>PS will circulate two items (topics not advised) to Members prior to next meeting.</p>	JG PS

Next Monthly Meeting: Thursday 10 November 2016, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.30pm

Residents of North Queensferry are welcome to attend all Monthly Meetings