

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 9 September 2016

Members Present: Iain G Mitchell (IGM), , Lin Collis (LC), Jim George (JG), David Shields (DS), Barbara McKechnie(BM), Peter Selbie (PS) Dunfermline Advocacy: Margaret Davidson (MD) Members of the Public: Nigel Carter (NC)		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Christina McKenzie (CM), Sheila Foggon (SF), PC Jim Bell (PB), Cllr Mike Shirkie (MS) Mary Finlayson has Leave of Absence	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Subject to clarification on Item 9, Airport Consultation, where the Minutes omitted mention that LC had highlighted the increased risk of flying over the 3 Bridges and an action item for IGM on Item 3, was not noted in the Action column, the Minutes were approved. IGM holding off contacting MSPs relating to Beamer Light relocation until village survey results available.	BM IGM
3. Matters Arising	JG confirmed the request for a refurbishment estimate for the bench at top of steps from the Road Bridge to the Community Centre is in hand and will be available for October meeting. With regard to overgrown vegetation at homes opposite the Brock Street entrance to the Railway Station, JG had confirmed with Fife Council that the house is privately owned and they are unable to intervene. NQCC will seek estimate of cost to tidy the area and consider next action at meeting in October. A number of properties in North Queensferry have allowed vegetation to protrude over public pathways. These areas will be identified and contact made with residents.	JG JG
4. Dunfermline Advocacy	Dunfermline Advocacy (DA) contacted the NQCC to request an opportunity to present information re their objectives and activities. The DA has been working in Dunfermline and West Fife since 1992 providing friendship and support to vulnerable and/or isolated persons within the community. DA asked that NQCC helped spread awareness of their work. DA leaflets were left with Members and some placed in the Community Centre. BM will ensure Members have the contact details.	BM
5. Police Report	JB was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded the monthly report which is posted to the NQCC website.	
6. Coastal Footpath	DS confirmed ongoing enquiries into what is happening at St Margaret's Hope and liaising with Derek Abbot at the Marine Conservation Society. LC confirmed that Admiral's House will be offered back to the original owners in the first instance and if not required, placed on the open market.	
7. Survey re Beamer Light	IGM asked that the format of the survey and target market be discussed first – IGM recommended Brock Street residents receive hand delivered paper survey (in a distinctive colour) while all information points eg businesses, church, Community Centre, school will receive a poster with information and communal reply forms of a	

	different colour, which may be completed and placed in collection boxes. Exact wording options is still under discussion including suggestions of 'no strong feeling' as an additional option or "I support this, but only if adequate arrangements can be made to minimise disruption during construction"; the latter point was made by IGM following the meeting and this raised further concern around the potential for car parking if the Beamer Light is signposted for vehicular access or the promotion of the site concentrates on pedestrian access. LC and DS will work to have a preliminary survey available at the Village Show on 10 September.	DS/LC
7. Forth Replacement Crossing	LC was unavoidably unable to attend meeting on 24 August. LC advised that the lights are still on in the Education Centre building all night; LC advised that person with key for access is no longer available. Ideas are being sought for ways to celebrate the opening of the Queensferry Crossing.	
8. Tourism Project Group	Meeting on 15 September 2016	
9. Cruiks Quarry Liaison Group	LC confirmed that the Trust funds are available for environmental and coastal path projects only; Inverkeithing's application for funds includes seating on Coastal Path within the North Queensferry boundary; LC suggested funding for seating on the Coastal Path at Port Laing Beach be requested; NC queried where on Port Laing Beach – it was agreed that they would have to be clear of the homes on that Beach; additional request will be made for funding for 15/20 replacement plant tubs for North Queensferry; BM will make request to Cruiks Quarry Trust for funding for these two items; BM will ensure letter of request is presented including the NQ crest.	BM BM
10. Airport Consultation	This consultation is attracting a lot of comment from Community Councils in Fife and the Lothians. LC repeated her concerns of additional flights over the 3 Bridges. The majority of the members believe the flight routes are not an issue for the village and concern was expressed about the number of private sightseeing/photographic trips seen over the Bridges eg small planes, helicopters and micro lights.	
11. Community Group Updates	Community Centre: concern was expressed that the Planning Permission may run out before funding is found to complete the MUGA. IGM advised that ground just has to be broken to illustrate the project has started. NQ Gala Committee: NC advised of urgent need for Secretary for Gala Committee. NQ Primary School: As a member of the Parents' Council, NC commented on the Shared Head status of the Primary School - the difference between the titular responsibility of Head Master and Teaching Head; concern was expressed regarding the ongoing viability of the Primary School re the costing percentages from Fife Council. Fife Council: no report	

12. Fife Councillors' Reports	None	
13. Remembrance Service	Following Brian Armstrong resignation, BM will contact CM re update. If no member of village administrates the service then NQCC has to allow time for request to the Church of Scotland to assist.	BM/CM
14. Planning Applications	One application for a sign on the Railway Station platform. No update on outstanding applications for East Bay and house on Main Road.	
15. Treasurer's Report	Not required	
16. Floral Enhancement	Areas such as Brae desperate for volunteers to weed. NC suggested he would mention to village residents. LC confirmed how a few volunteers could maintain The Brae in a couple hours. If NQCC apply to Cruiks Quarry Trust Fund for assistance with tubs, NQCC can follow up with replacement soil and planting.	
17. Correspondence	Correspondence received had been circulated. IGM confirmed JG and BM will attend Fife Council planning information session on 26 Sept. IGM queried whether the community in NQ would be able to assist with extreme weather requests from Fife Council for local residents to use high visibility vests and shovels. It was believed that this assistance is not available in North Queensferry.	JG/ BM
18. Any other competent business	BM will contact Fife Council re request to have signage restricting long vehicles attempting to navigate The Brae. LC advised of South Queensferry Community Council requesting return visit to NQCC. To be organised with welcome tea/coffee. BM will forward information request to all members to detail the information they wished displayed about themselves on the Community Centre Notice Board. BM will contact CM re jpeg of NQ logo. PS advised that the substation at Battery Road car park now has brick walls but still to be roofed. PS queried the work carried out at slip beside the Albert Hotel – DS will confirm with Derek Abbott any plans to be completed. Village Show: DS and LC discussed plan for snagging map of the village to be available for public comments at the Show on 10 September. JG requested confirmation of plans for village Christmas Tree. LC to purchase tree and co-ordinate with Cllr Shirkie/Fife Council re delivery and fitting to current connections. Lights are stored at the Community Centre.	BM LC BM BM DS DS/LC LC/JG

AGM: To be reconvened on Thursday 13 October 2016, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.30pm. **Next Monthly Meeting:** Thursday 13 October 2016, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.45pm

Residents of North Queensferry are welcome to attend all Monthly Meetings and the reconvened AGM on 13 October 2016.