

North Queensferry Community Council (NQCC)

Draft Minutes of Community Council Meeting: Thursday 14 December 2017

Present: NQCC: Lin Collis (LC), Donna Beveridge (DCB); Jim George (JG), David Shields (DS), Fife Council (FC) Councillors: Cllr David Barratt (DB), Cllr Dave Dempsey (DD); Cllr Alice McGarry (AM),		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Bruce Finlayson (BF), Mary Finlayson (MF), Sheila Foggon (SF), Christina McKenzie (CM), Iain G Mitchell (IGM), Peter Selbie (PS), Ian Jones (Fife Council). Cllr Lesley Laird (MP for Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath)	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Approved LC, seconded JG	
3. Matters Arising	<p>Deep Sea World (DSW): introduction of bridge display is to improve/expand the visitor experience. DSW working on traffic management, liaising with FC to use new overspill car park for planning application expected early 2018.</p> <p>NQ Traffic Management Plan: at the planning stage: FC original meeting to discuss postponed.</p> <p>FC 'Hit Squad': Looking for unskilled work/projects (additional to the current snag list).</p> <p>Pierhead play park: Swings removed as unsafe. FC looking for community (parental) support for play park improvements. Note Aberdour's play park.</p> <p>Community Plan: Councillors reporting on this in January.</p> <p>Damaged setts on Main Road: Repair being discussed at the Ward Meeting before Christmas.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>DB,DD, AM</p>
4. Police Report	<p>21 calls and 2 crimes reported. 4 calls concerning vehicle noise at Pierhead and one at Battery Road car park.</p> <p>Use of CCTV in the village discussed. Suggestion: NQCC purchases and puts up CCTV warning signage at Pierhead and possibly West Bay. Decision postponed until January NQCC meeting.</p> <p>School/Station traffic and parking causing concern.</p>	
5. Traffic Issues / Pierhead	<p>1: Pierhead issues: meeting to be organised with the police, Fife Council. NQCC and residents early in the New Year.</p> <p>2: Funding for pier renovations: Meeting postponed until Community Plan is in place.</p> <p>3: Railway Pier –LC communicating with Historic Scotland who are looking into the use of Fastcrete for repairs.</p> <p>5: B981 Speeding</p> <p>a) Concerns over limited 'repeater' 20mph signage. FC will not supply more: councillors suggest NQCC invest in signage;</p> <p>b) Transport Scotland is firm on the 30 mph limit for the B981.</p> <p>6: Yellow Box Junction: Transport Scotland being asked to provide this at the King Malcolm Drive traffic lights.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>LC</p> <p>LC</p>
6. Forth Road Bridge Draft Traffic Regulation Orders .	NQCC reviewing document.	IM

7. Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hump' on the B981: to be repaired as soon as the heavy construction traffic has stopped using this road. 2. All bridge bus stops in operation before Christmas. 3. Continuous work on snags to September 2018: 4. Architectural lighting: being installed on new bridge early in 2018. 5. NQCC is adopting the Marina notice board once FC have agreed. 6. Cyclists on the Road Bridge: bridge employees frequently caution cyclists speeding without due care for pedestrians. 7. 'Community Update': publication before the end of the year. 8. 'Road Users Guide': published before the end of the year. The Traffic Order to increase the speed to 70mph has been published. 9. Vehicle use: October, 100-200 more vehicles used the new bridge daily compared with the Road Bridge in the same month 2016. 10. Education and Contact Centre: very few places remain for schools to book visits until the end of June. 	
8. Edinburgh Flight Path	<p>No change to the situation with Edinburgh Airport. 6 December meeting planned postponed. BF and MF met Douglas Chapman MP who will meet Andrew Haines of Civil Aviation Authority and will report back. Any new information will be publicised. Action: NQCC check the date of the postponed meeting and who will attend.</p>	DS
9. Forth Bridges Tourism	<p>(Tourism Group, Forth Bridges Forum , World Heritage Management) Tourism Group: meeting missed; Bridges Forum and World Heritage Management Group considering NQCC representation.</p>	
10. Fife Councillors' reports	<p>MUGA: Area Committee allocating £175k for this financial year. This is endorsed by the Housing and Communities Committee. MUGA parking requirements discussed including additional parking and the suitability of Brock Street for coaches.</p>	
11. Community Group Updates (Defibrillator)	<p>NQ Station Trust: 'highly commended' for the Stagecoach Volunteers Award announced at the National Railway Heritage Awards.</p> <p>NQ Heritage Trust: The Defibrillator Project looking at locations: upper village probably the station; lower village could be the telephone box. Decision on locations needed to inform a business plan for funding.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify NQCC representatives for a working group before January NQCC meeting. 2. Identify all defibrillator funds/ promise of funds in the village. 3. Investigate use of phone box with BT 4. Raise awareness of the GOODSAM app to compliment the defibrillator project. www.goodsamapp.org/ 	CM LC ALL
12. Planning Applications	<p>No new applications.</p>	
13. Treasurer's report	<p>No report.</p>	
14. Floral Enhancement	<p>Community Grant is on agenda at Ward Meeting. AM suggests entering 'Beautiful Fife' and collaboration with Inverkeithing to apply for maximum grant and share expertise.</p>	

15. Christmas Tree	Tree and lights installed and looking good. Suggestion for a timer to override light switch in the middle of the night: DCB checking if this is possible then need agreement from Councillors for expense (£30).	DCB all
16. Correspondence	None	
17. Any other competent business	Station Steps / Handrail – Lack of handrail still unsatisfactory - SF reports that Transport Focus feels it has met its obligations. Agreed to continue to apply pressure on Abellio Scotrail.	SF
	Next NQCC meeting: Thursday, 7.30pm, 11 January 2017, North Queensferry Community Centre. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.	

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