

North Queensferry Community Council (NQCC)

Draft Minutes of Community Council Meeting: Thursday 11 January 2018

Present: NQCC: Iain G Mitchell (IGM), Lin Collis (LC), Christina McKenzie (CM), Jim George (JG), David Shields (DS) Donna Beveridge (DCB);, Peter Selbie (PS), Sheila Foggon (SF), Fife Council (FC) Councillors: Cllr David Barratt (DB), Cllr Dave Dempsey (DD); Cllr Alice McGarry (AM)		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllr Lesley Laird (MP for Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath) Bruce Finlayson (BF), Mary Finlayson (MF) (NQCC)	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Approved	
3. Matters Arising	Previous meeting confirmed as quorate. Noted: Fife Councillors and NQCC Councillors nominated to represent a group (NQ Heritage Trust and HONC), or members co-opted for a specific skill do not have a vote.	
4. Police Report	The Police sent their apologies: their report was circulated.	
5. Traffic issues- Pierhead	1. Pierhead: meeting being organised with the Police, Fife Council (Councillors and Transport) and representatives from NQCC and residents. 2. Traffic Management Plan: FC councillors pressing for this plan however FC transportation reluctant as currently there is not any single development issue.	AM
6. Forth Road Bridge Draft Traffic Regulation Orders	Issues raised: 1. Discrepancies in rules for traffic using the Road Bridge and the bus lanes between Bridge and Edinburgh. • Licensed cabs are allowed on the Road Bridge but not allowed in bus lane in Edinburgh. • The rules are different for 125cc motorcycles and supervised motorcycle learners (over 125cc) using the bus lane between the Road Bridge and Edinburgh and the bus lane on the Bridge. • User guides for both bridges should have been out by Christmas. Action: Take up with Forth Replacement Crossing's Community Forum.	LC
7. Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum	There has not been a meeting since the December NQCC meeting. 1. Consideration for a yellow box on B981 brought up with Transport Scotland who are monitoring the situation. 2. Issue again raised about the traffic lights at Ferrytoll Park and Ride. They appear to be always at red, even if buses are not coming out. This seems to be predominantly when traffic is going towards Inverkeithing.	
8. Edinburgh Flight Path	Postponed meeting has not taken place since last NQCC meeting. Action: check date of next (postponed) meeting and who will attend.	DS

<p>9. Fife Councillors' reports</p>	<p>1. Toilet at Battery Road car park to be replaced: unsuitable for people with mobility issues and carers with children in buggies, very expensive to maintain and maintenance contract finishes at end March 2018. FC discussing week beginning 12 January along with the possibility of Fife Council compensating a local business to open up their facilities for public use.</p> <p>2. Setts on Main Road will be reviewed at a forthcoming site visit by Fife Transport.</p> <p>3. Dalgety Bay recycling centre will be closed on Wednesdays and Fridays from April to reduce cost. Note: a) Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy will remain open on those days, while Dunfermline is open 7 days. b) To put this in context: Fife has 11 recycling centres; Glasgow has 4 and Edinburgh has 3.</p> <p>4. Deep Sea World Traffic Impact Assessment still in the process. The planning application not yet submitted.</p> <p>5. Traffic concerns: NQCC considers that there are already major traffic issues in the village which are not entirely caused by tourism, although the problem is exacerbated during the busier tourist period. It was suggested that NQCC could seek funding from World Heritage to support a Traffic Impact Assessment. No action at this stage. Fife Councillors asked to progress and stress the community view on traffic management. Village transport and traffic congestion will be raised at the Forth Bridges Tourism Group meeting on 18 January.</p>	<p>LC</p>
<p>10. Community Group Updates</p>	<p>1. It is intended to install defibrillators at the following locations: Upper village – the station (by NQ Heritage Trust) Lower village – the telephone box (by NQ Community Council) West Bay – (by NQ Community Trust) A working group is to be formed with representatives from NQCC (Sheila Foggon), the Community and Heritage Trusts. Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invite Nicol Kerr to represent the Community Trust. 2. Circulate previous notes on a business case to working group. 3. Decisions on location(s) and type of resuscitator needed to inform a business plan for funding. <p>4. Community Centre - Multi Use Games Area There is a possibility that a fee of £500 could be outstanding for submission to FC's Estate Department for the MUGA. Action: this will be clarified at the next Community Centre meeting, and an update given at the next NQCC meeting.</p>	<p>IM DS CM</p>
<p>11. Planning Applications</p>	<p>One new application has been circulated: no objections.</p>	
<p>12. Treasurer's report</p>	<p>No report since the bank statement has not been received. Action: Christina to provide cheque to Lin for plant purchases.</p>	<p>CM</p>
<p>13. Floral Enhancement</p>	<p>Floral enhancement grant : £229 received in March 2017 (for year to end March 2018). Application form for the year ending March 2019 to be completed and sent with copies of this year's accounts and NQCC's constitution.</p>	<p>LC CM</p>

14. Christmas Tree	Thanks to all involved for a lovely tree – now removed. Fife Council still to replace the manhole cover. Discussion on lights for the upper village - in the trees by the station. Action – Enquire if shop owner is able to help with a power supply.	AM LC
15. Correspondence	None	
16. Any other competent business	<p>1. Invitations to speakers. Local Community Officer, Susan Dryburgh (originally invited October 2017 to be asked to the next meeting. Ian Jones (invited to November meeting but unable to attend). Depending on FC councillors meeting may invite to February meeting.</p> <p>2. Ferry News: submissions to be in this weekend.</p> <p>3. Hump on B981: heavy construction traffic continues – this will be repaired once this stops.</p> <p>4. Street lights out: report faulty lights using the Fife Direct website and noting the lamp post number.</p> <p>5. Bridge Graffiti: this has been reported to Network Rail –no action to date. DS pressing for this to be removed.</p> <p>6. Virgin Media: coming to the area. Start date yet to be confirmed but it is expected to be March/April. Kevin Hughes (Virgin Media) to be invited for a Saturday morning Community Centre drop in session to give more information to the residents. The date will be communicated via notice boards, Facebook and Ferry News.</p> <p>7. Ceilidh: to take place in February. Posters will be out soon after the next Community Centre meeting (week beginning 15 January).</p> <p>8. Circular Three Bridges Path: taking in the three bridges was discussed, along with use of a QR code for information. Forth Bridges Tourism Group’s Tourism Strategy is about to be launched: this could be included.</p> <p>9. Albert Hotel: concern expressed about the closure of the Albert and the loss to the village and the need to find out its future. Action – identify the owner so that NQCC can contact.</p>	LC LC DS DS LC DB IM
	Next NQCC meeting: 7.30pm, Thursday 8 February 2018, North Queensferry Community Centre. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.	