

North Queensferry Community Council (NQCC)

Draft Minutes of Community Council Meeting: Thursday 8 February 2018

<p>Present: NQCC: Lin Collis - Chair (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) Two members of the public.</p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllr. Lesley Laird (MP for Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath) Iain G Mitchell (IGM), Bruce Finlayson (BF), Mary Finlayson (MF) The Police.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Previous minutes, 9.1: 'toilet at Battery Road <i>may</i> be replaced'. Minutes approved: proposed PS; seconded DS	
3. Matters Arising	<p>1. Defibrillator (10.1): Meeting 6 February held with representatives from North Queensferry Heritage Trust (NQHT) and North Queensferry Community Trust (NQCT). Next meeting will be March (inviting representation from the Community Centre). Four locations for defibrillators are being considered: One at the station (NQHT) and the marina (NQCT) but funds still required for defibrillators either at the telephone box on Main Road or the bus stop on Battery Road and at the Community Centre. Cost of a defibrillator: £1450. It is intended to use one type throughout the village. Training will be offered, although the machines have good instructions.</p> <p>2. Muga (10.2) The £500 outstanding for MUGA needs to be paid.</p> <p>3. Christmas Tree (14) The shop has agreed to supply power for lighting trees at the Brock Street station exit at Christmas.</p> <p>4. Bridge graffiti (16.5) Network Rail still being chased to remove.</p> <p>5. The Albert Hotel (16.9). The owner and lease holder of the Albert have been identified. The owner confirmed that the Albert will reopen in the next few weeks and would appreciate support from the village community.</p>	SF
4. Police Report	The written report noted 11 calls 2 crime calls: a collision in Battery Road, the driver didn't stop; presentation of a counterfeit note at the Queensferry Hotel.	
5. Local Community Officer	Susan Dryburgh, the Local Community Officer for this area, gave an overview of the War Memorials project (supported by the War Memorial Trust) which she is working on. The aim is to clean the brass and repoint the stone of War Memorials. Susan is looking into refreshing the tourist interpretation board adjacent to the War Memorial.	
6. Traffic issues	<p>1. Traffic Management Plan: It was suggested that the increased tourism profile of North Queensferry merits a Traffic Impact Assessment, however Fife Council Traffic Management team advise that this would cost £15,000.</p> <p>Deep Sea World needs a traffic management plan for its expected</p>	

	<p>planning application however NQCC are looking for a plan to cover the whole village and to be available to developers considering village projects.</p> <p>Parking attendants are now active in the village: two penalty charges have been issued (a car parked on a double lines and one parked on a bus stop).</p>	
7. Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum	<p>1. No Forum meeting since November 2017. Audit Scotland interviewed LC about the new bridge and community opinion.</p> <p>2. Ferrytoll Park and Ride: discussion noted improvements to the traffic light sequencing and traffic movement.</p>	
8. Children's play park	<p>FC has been asked to consider re-using equipment from Pittencrieff Park. FC councillors suggest Pierhead could be a community funded play park like the successful one in Aberdour. FC would be the contractor and responsible for maintenance.</p>	
9. Public Toilets	<p>FC waiting for advice on funding. The time for removing this toilet cannot be extended. These public toilets had low usage in 2017.</p>	
10. Trees at Northcliffe	<p>The Tree Management plan was discussed with local residents. NQCC has been assured that the tree felling was carried out in accordance with the Tree Management Plan and also that the trees along the roadside have been assessed and deemed to be safe. For subsequent work, the contractor requires access from the community centre field and is concerned about the proximity of the MUGA. DS and JG visiting Northcliffe in due course.</p>	DS, JG
11. Edinburgh Flight Path	<p>No progress/change to date.</p> <p>DS attended Edinburgh Noise Advisory Board meeting which proposed a small working group to work on technical issues. BF will represent NQCC with back up from DS as necessary. There are 200 Community Councils in the affected area. The Board is funded by Edinburgh Airport however measures were discussed to ensure independence from the airport.</p>	
12. Fife Councillor's Report	<p>1. Park hit squad – project suggestions needed. To date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tidy the rose beds beside the Brock Street station entrance. • Repair damaged benches at the railway pier beach. DS checking ownership. <p>LC emailing councillors with project suggestions.</p> <p>2 Parking concerns at Carlingnose Point from cars unable to park at the station. No action.</p>	LC
13. Community Group Updates	<p>1. NQHT's next speaker is former NQCC Secretary Barbara McKechnie 27 February</p> <p>2. NQCT Railway Pier repairs requires use of Fastcrete. Environmental compliance requirements are being checked and NQCT still waiting for advice from Historic Scotland.</p>	
14. Planning Applications	<p>One new application: a raised Sedum roof at Shoreland, Main Road.</p>	
15. Treasurer's report	<p>NQCC agreed to contribute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £200 towards the Ferry News • £50 to the Salvation Army for Remembrance Sunday. 	

