

North Queensferry Community Council (NQCC)

Draft Minutes of Community Council Meeting: Thursday 8 March 2018

<p>Present: NQCC: Iain G Mitchell – Chair (IGM), Lin Collis - (LC), Bruce Finlayson (BF), Mary Finlayson (MF), Sheila Foggon (SF), Jim George (JG), Peter Selbie (PS), David Shields (DS), Fife Council (FC) Councillors: Cllr David Barratt (DB), Cllr Dave Dempsey (DD); Police: Jim Bell (JB), Richard Duncan (RD); Four members of the public.</p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllr. and MP for Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath Lesley Laird, Cllr Alice McGarry (AM), Donna Beveridge (DCB), Christina McKenzie (CM).	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Previous minutes approved: proposed IM; seconded LC One amendment (3.5): contact The Albert Hotel leaseholder not owner.	
3. Matters Arising	3.2 Treasurer not available to comment on £500 outstanding for MUGA. 3.4 Graffiti still to be removed by Network Rail. 5. Local community Officers remit is War Memorials only. 10. Visit to Northcliffe – JG / DS still to arrange. 12 Projects for Hit Squad sent to councillors. 18.8 Both Barnardo’s Bridge Fundraiser and Vigour Events SQ-NQ Swim on 22 September. Alert organisers and encourage liaison on transport.	DS
4. Police Report	16 calls reported: still investigating threat incident at Pierhead. West Sands: abandoned car and use of CCTV Police advising. Public consultation re speeding on Ferryhills Road raised. Police holding a community drop in at Dobbies Dalgety Bay 16 March 10-12noon. Police checking feasibility of meeting Pierhead residents either late afternoon or on a Saturday.	JB, RD
5. Traffic Management Plan / Village Snags Meeting	Traffic Management/ village snags meeting postponed due to weather. A Traffic Management Plan would cost at least £15k. More traffic issues concerning articulated lorries reported. Concerns that Sat. Nav. is causing unsuitable traffic to enter the village.	
6. Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum	This forum has been disbanded.	
7. UNESCO World Heritage plaque unveiling	LC and PS attended UNESCO plaque unveiling in South Queensferry. Area Services organising unveiling of NQ’s UNESCO plaque on 18 April, on the wall by the Albert bus stop.	

<p>8. Edinburgh Airport: a) Formalisation of sub group b) Flight paths</p>	<p>a): Sub Group formed consisting of IM, BF, MF, Moira Clark, John Clark, Malcolm Thoms. Remit: flight path consultation and noise issues; reporting to NQCC; correspondence via NQCC. BF represents NQCC on the Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board. BF to list which bodies NQCC is represented on and put on NQCC website. (DD is Fife representative on the Airport Consultative Committee) b): Original consultation is on hold and will restart soon. There is a lack of clarity and distrust of Edinburgh Airport and the consultation process. A summary of the flight path issue will be added to the NQCC website and posted on noticeboards. An action group has been started and NQCC has been invited to join. NQCC agree to attend this group, but not to commit to legal action or other actions requiring expenditure without further consideration.</p>	<p>BF</p>
<p>9. Village Defibrillators update</p>	<p>SF has learned from Linlithgow First Responders of a defibrillator that is compatible with the Ambulance Service. Funds in place to progress placing defibrillators at the community centre, station and the Marina. Possibility of using the telephone box near the War Memorial but the phone would have to be removed, but only after consultation with the village Suggestion of obtaining a redundant telephone box and locating it at The Albert. Next meeting: 27 March.</p>	
<p>10. Consultation on revision of Community Council Election Rules</p>	<p>New rules are clear except for reference to a polling station yet the vote is by post. Contact FC.</p>	<p>LC</p>
<p>11. Fife Councillor's Reports</p>	<p>a) David Neill proposed action to rejuvenate and improve Pierhead Play Park – described as one of the most picturesque in Scotland. DD has spoken to school and proposes forming a group. Applying for funds requires a constituted body – could NQCC or Community Trust help? Any play area must comply with FC Health and Safety guidelines. b) DD: Spoke with Ian Jones regarding the setts on Main Street. Told that long road closures required. JG asked to review Risk Assessments and Method Statements for this work. c) Stuart Biggar reviewing tourism signage for the village and found an App which he is looking to improve. Stuart contacting LC. d) DB: Funding being sought for replacement of Battery Road toilet. (Aberdour replacement was £30k). A River Taxi service proposed to deliver people to piers along the Forth. PS pointed out that sometimes The Forth Belle lands at Pierhead. LC remarked that this is when liners are using South Queensferry. DB thought this could be a lever for a Traffic Management Plan. Discussion identified Tourism and Town Centre Development officers being aspirational and Transport Officers being reactive. IM Suggested a proactive approach to traffic management.</p>	<p>DD DN JG LC</p>

12. Community Group Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> West Bay Users Group – currently seeking permissions for emergency repairs to Railway Pier to take place at spring low tides. Village Show takes place 8 September. 	
13. The Albert	<p>Community Trust is exploring the possibility of a pre-emption of what is a Community Asset. This does depend on the owner selling the property and requires 10% support from the public. Potential uses – Pub / Air B&B / Bunkhouse. Latter would support The Pilgrim Way which starts here. The Trust is currently investigating the level of resident support for the Albert continuing as a pub with support from other appropriate activities.</p>	
14. Planning Applications	No plans posted with proposals for 20 Carlingnose Point JG chasing up.	JG
15. Treasurer’s report	No report	
16. Floral Enhancement	Meeting with the Brae planters but action waiting for better weather.	
17. Correspondence	Data Protection / Spanglefish Website Renewals received.	DS CM
18. Any Other Competent Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In general the village managed well in the recent bad weather. NQCC thanked local people who checked on elderly neighbours while others helped by using their 4x4 transport. Consider where there are gaps in resident support and please contact NQCC with any suggestions. LC met Ann Camus to look at a circular tourist trail incorporating the bridges. JG, DS and Garry Irvine of NQHT attended meeting with Transport Scotland (TS) about the Admiral’s House, the Gate House and Coastal Path diversion. TS has to sell the properties once they are no longer required and the boundaries are reinstated. JG asked if TS intended to consult NQCC regarding the use of the house. The answer was no, not intended. TS has concerns that bringing the Coast Path in closer proximity to Admiral’s House would jeopardise the sale and they have safety concerns over sharing the access road with the path used by vehicles operated by Scottish Power and Amey. TS have to offer the Admiral’s house to the previous owner before it can go on the open market. Car parking attendants state that parking on double yellow lines is OK for 10 minutes. DB checking. 	<p>DS JG</p> <p>DB</p>
Next Meeting:	Thursday 12 April, 7:30 North Queensferry Community Centre	