

North Queensferry Community Council (NQCC)

Draft Minutes of Community Council Meeting: Thursday 9 April 2018

Present: NQCC: Iain Mitchell - Chair (IM), Christina McKenzie (CM), Bruce Finlayson (BF) Jim George (JG), David Shields (DS), Donna Beveridge (DCB), Peter Selbie (PS), Fife Council (FC) Councillors: Cllr David Barratt (DB), Cllr Alice McGarry (AM) Member of Public: David Neill		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Lin Collis (LC) Mary Finlayson (MF), Sheila Foggon (SF), Cllr Dave Dempsey (DD); Cllr Lesley Laird (MP for Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath), the Police.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Approved	
3. Matters Arising	Graffiti removal at railway bridge: Low priority for Network Rail who aim to resolve by end of Dec 2019. Station Handrail: SF advised that Alex Hynes (Managing Director ScotRail Alliance) has requested a costing for the handrail and it is planned that this will be erected once the current work to the roof is finished. LC contacted Fife Council about Community Council election rules.	
4. Police Report	Nine calls recorded, down from sixteen in the previous period. One crime file – communications offence. Looking for volunteers for Community Speed Watch. Abandoned car at West Sands – untaxed and no MOT – DD speaking with Communities team regarding removal.	DD
5. Village Snags Meeting	JG is now contact for Village Snags. Walkabout on Friday 6 April attended by Ian Jones and Phil Clarke (Transportation), Alistair Mutch (Community Manager) DD, LC, JG and DS. SF subsequently pointed out the corroded traffic pole opposite The Albert.	
6. Traffic Management Plan	AM stated that FC will only initiate a Traffic Management Plan if plans are submitted for a specific project which requires one. Suggestion made to investigate funding towards such a plan from World Heritage or Scottish Tourism. Necessity to plan for events stressed.	
7. WHT Plaque Unveiling	UNESCO World Heritage plaque unveiling - Wednesday 14 April at Battery Road.	

8. Edinburgh Airport Update	<p>BF Reports on meetings with Gordon Robertson, Director of Communication to review priorities and issues. Update from the wider community – poor attendance at Dalgety Bay meeting. The airport proposals are still stalled. Presently old flight paths are being used with 20% latitude – hence more flights passing over NQ. Edinburgh Airport does not appear to be cooperating with EDNAB.</p>	
9. Village Defibrillators, update	<p>Three village locations (Community Centre/Station/West Bay Marina) agreed and funds in place. Fourth defibrillator still to be funded and position agreed. Coffee morning contributed £74. Type of defibrillator preferred by paramedics has been identified. Inverkeithing have bought refurbished units from the Ambulance Service (£900 including maintenance). The Service gives community demonstrations.</p>	<p>DB</p>
10. Virgin Broadband	<p>North Queensferry has been dropped from Virgin’s plans. Need to contact Virgin for more details on the alternatives and whether the constraints mentioned affect the entire village or if the newer housing areas of the village could be considered separately. Invite Kevin Hughes to a NQCC meeting.</p>	<p>DS DS</p>
11. Fife Councillors’ Report	<p>1. Children’s Playpark – Enthusiastic group formed and meeting arranged for Tuesday 17 April. Playpark strategy discussed at the Ward meeting. Play parks could benefit from ongoing investment as part of FC’s ten year plan.</p> <p>2. Public Toilets – plans in place but funding still to be identified. Estimate £40,000 for new toilet.</p> <p>3. Lights on the Queensferry Crossing are too bright. This has been raised with Transport Scotland.</p> <p>4. Station recycling point – DB advised this might have to move from existing location – investigate alternatives.</p>	
12. Community Group Updates	<p>1. Community Centre – work on the MUGA starts end April. Fliers have been delivered to all residents about construction vehicles needing access and a ‘door knock’ will happen in Brock Street for cars to be moved on the days requiring access for materials and equipment.</p> <p>2. North Queensferry Heritage Trust – obtained £10k lottery funding for exhibition at Railway Station between September 2018 and March 2019 on local military history. Material includes some from the BBC and the Imperial War Museum. The Trust is organising walking tours and also a temporary radio station at the Pierhead Light Tower.</p>	

13. The Albert	Still great uncertainty about the future of the pub/hotel.	
14.Planning applications	House with roof modifications on Main Road: approved. No further planning applications submitted.	
15. Treasurer's report	No change from last month	
16. Floral Enhancement	Planting at station exit – contact FC suggesting new planting.	DS
17. Correspondence	None received	
18. Any other competent business	<p>1. Concerns about the untidy garden opposite the station exit – discussed but not resolved.</p> <p>2. Nurdle hunt at Ferrycraigs organised for 13 April. Marine Conservation Society and FIDRA (an environmental charity based in East Lothian) now closely involved with beach cleans which take place: East Bay-21 April, Ferrycraigs – 28 April.</p> <p>3. CM contacted by FC about community events happening in June. Network Rail and Barnardo's met and agreed to schedule their proposed fundraising event taking place over two weekends in September so they do not clash with the Vigour Events' swim).</p> <p>4. CM reports that the slips either side of the railway bridge have been damaged during recent storms. Category B listed. Reported to Network Rail – who to date show very little interest in making good the damage.</p> <p>5. The information board at the War Memorial is in poor condition and needs refreshing. This was reported when the refurbishment of the War Memorial was under discussion. The Tourism/signage strategy to enable all signs and interpretation boards to complement each other.</p>	
<p>Next NQCC meeting: 7.30pm, Thursday 10 May 2018, North Queensferry Community Centre. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.</p>		