

North Queensferry Community Council (NQCC)

Draft Minutes of Community Council Meeting: Thursday 14 June 2018

<p>Present: NQCC: - Lin Collis (LC) Vice Chair, Mary Finlayson (MF), Jim George (JG), Christina McKenzie (CM), Peter Selbie (PS), David Shields (DS). Fife Council (FC) Councillors: Cllr David Barratt (DB), Cllr Dave Dempsey (DD), Cllr Alice McGarry (AM). Members of Public: Maricruz Garcia (MCG) and David Neill (DN).</p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Donna Beveridge (DCB), Bruce Finlayson (BF), Sheila Foggon (SF), Iain Mitchell (IM), Jim Bell and Richard Duncan (Police), Kevin Hughes, (Virgin Broadband).	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Proposed JG Approved MF	
3. Matters Arising	<p>Damaged Slips at Taigh An Rubha: The reported damage was reported to Craig Bowman of Network Rail who visited the affected area. Further deterioration expected from recent storm.</p> <p>Abandoned Car at West Sands: FC Councillor liaising with three parts of Fife Council.</p> <p>Graffiti at Railway Bridge: Network Rail contact being emailed to DB.</p>	DS/DB
4. Police Report	<p>18 Calls (8 in last period)</p> <p>One crime: A tour bus struck a garage on Ferryhills Road, causing minor damage. Driver failed to stop to report the damage to the owner. Enquiries to trace the bus are ongoing.</p> <p>Incidents: 1) Male committed suicide by jumping from the Road Bridge onto Ferry Road. Local residents assisted in covering the deceased until Police arrived. 2) Minor protest at Deep Sea World (further protest planned on Saturday 16/06/18. 3) 3 calls to the Pierhead area in relation to cars parked late in the evening/night.</p> <p>Community Drop-In at Dobbies in Dalgety Bay: between 10am and 12pm on Friday 22 June for members of the community to speak to the police on any local concerns.</p>	
5. Traffic Issues	<p>1. Car on Brock Street badly damaged by MUGA construction traffic. FC requests contractor to keep movements between agreed times.</p> <p>2. Signage required advising that B891 in North Queensferry is not suitable for HGV's and large coaches. However coaches deliver visitors to Deep Sea World. Uncertainty as to how SATNAV databases can be improved.</p> <p>3. Concerns about the sale of return local bus tickets when the return is after 7pm which is when the operator changes from Bay Travel to Stagecoach. DD investigating.</p> <p>4. Speeding and upgrading speedbumps discussed.</p> <p>5. Parking and congestion at the school - a safety issue. AM discussed this with FC Transport – double yellow lines will impact on other people at other times. Police can enforce for safety issues.</p> <p>6. Suggestion for an open public 'Brain –Storming' session on all traffic concerns.</p>	DD

<p>6. Edinburgh Airport Update</p>	<p>Report on the public meeting held on 8 June concerning the consultation about Edinburgh Airport's new flight paths. This was chaired by Lesley Laird MP and attended by Douglas Chapman MP and Gordon Robertson representing Edinburgh Airport. More than 200 people were present from North Queensferry, Dalgety Bay, Inverkeithing, Blackness, Aberdour and other local areas. The meeting voiced concerns from many residents that the consultation lacks clarity and does not provide sufficient information to enable concerned residents to assess the impact of proposed changes. Calls were made for a halt to the consultation until there was clear information was available including trials of new routes and the installed monitoring equipment. There was unease about Edinburgh Airport's lack of clarity and bad handling of the consultation process.</p> <p>Action - NQCC producing and distributing leaflets to all village households to encourage residents to respond to the consultation and also to offer assistance to complete the consultation papers. Leaflet to be emailed to NQCC for approval before distribution.</p>	<p>MF</p>
<p>7. BBC Filming</p>	<p>Filming of 'Molly and Mack' for CBBC commences 18 June. Liaison by Location Manager has been very good. The village will receive a donation of £1,100 which will go towards the refurbishment of the Pierhead play park.</p>	
<p>8. Fife Councillor's Reports</p>	<p>1. Grit Bins: FC rationalising grit bins. Some proposed removals will be challenged as apparently the bins and their contents are not used. Requests made to retain bins at Forthside Terrace and at the top of ramp to the Marina. The public are asked to identify areas that may require a grit bin. FC debating this on 15 .06.18. DB reporting back. Need to publicise use of bins and means of refilling with grit on NQCC website, in the Ferry News and on the notice boards.</p> <p>2. Primary School: DD explained that the transfer of the administrator to Aberdour is to tidy up issues with staff grading.</p>	<p>DB</p>
<p>9. Community Group Updates</p>	<p>1. Primary School Parent Council: The school roll remains around the 75 pupils. The additional depute head teacher will be shared with Inverkeithing PS and there will be a Principal Teacher at NQPS from August.</p> <p>2. North Queensferry Heritage Trust: a) Renovations by Network Rail to the Rail Station near completion. The station's steps are not being refurbished, however, Network Rail will monitor the situation and conduct a design and rebuild exercise when deemed necessary. b) The Clothing Point has been removed from the back of the station. Repositioning the Recycle bins is being assessed by Fife Council and ScotRail. c) Heritage Lottery Funded WWI exhibition opens late autumn through to spring 2019. The Light Tower/Fisherman's Hut at the Town Pier will be used as a wireless communications hub for part of this time.</p> <p>Request to check why the lighthouse is closed.</p>	<p>LC</p>
<p>10. Planning Applications</p>	<p>1: AMEY and Transport Scotland – Digital Reflectors on Forth Road Bridge Towers to count traffic.</p>	

	2: Ferrycraigs – proposed house. AMEY and Transport Scotland now aware of this planning proposal.	
11. Treasurer’s Report	No change. Donation to be made to Salvation Army for attendance at Remembrance Day.	
12. Floral Enhancement	AM suggested contacting Inverkeithing and Aberdour groups for surplus plants. Submit grant form to FC – budget is £250.	DB/DS
13. Village Defibrillators, update	<p>1. Productive meeting with David Booth of Linlithgow First Responders who use Phillips FRX Defibrillators – ex hospital with new batteries and a 5 year warranty and compatible with NHS Paramedics.</p> <p>2. Deep Sea World confirms their generous sponsorship of a defibrillator and protective box which will be positioned near the Albert. Planning required as in a conservation area. Transportation is confirming use of power supply and bus shelter.</p> <p>3. British Heart Foundation's recommended defibrillator received by NQHT – installation at station expected early July.</p> <p>4. Defibrillator training being organised but no dates as yet.</p>	DS
14. Correspondence	None	
15: Community Council Elections	NQCC elections will be published 24 August. Nominations close 6 September.	
16: Any other competent business	<p>1. Lack of public toilet facilities: This is becoming a public environment and health issue in the village while also putting undue pressure on the Ferrybridge Hotel and Rankins. Councillors note that FC will not contemplate installing temporary facilities or offering funds to local businesses with toilets. FC discussing provision of village public facilities on Friday 15 June: outcome to be reported back. Requests for a progress report on proposed facilities at West Bay which require permission from Scottish Water in addition to several options and technical challenges are being addressed. Proposal for a local press release on the lack of public facilities.</p> <p>2. Snags. FC contacted concerning Battery Road, hedges and setts.</p> <p>3. Inclusion of NQCC on the Forth Bridges Forum. Hugh Gilles (Chair of the Forum) has been contacted to request Community Council representation, both North and South Queensferry. Letter posted on NQCC website</p> <p>4. Pierhead Playpark. A capable working group now formed as part of the Community Trust and with support from Fife Council. The very positive response from Primary School pupils has produced a sketch book showing what children want from the play park.</p> <p>5. NQ Information Panel at the War memorial: this is in a very poor condition. Need to find original artwork to refurbish.</p> <p>6. By Election on 6 September. New Ward Councillor needed as Lesley Laird MP has resigned. DS to notify Community Centre.</p> <p>7 Footfall at the station: numbers noted.</p>	AM / DD JG DS LC DS
	Next NQCC meeting: 7.30pm, Thursday 12 July 2018, North Queensferry Community Centre. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.	

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