

North Queensferry Community Council (NQCC)
Draft Minutes of Community Council Meeting: Thursday 12 September 2019

<p>Present: Lin Collis (LC), Bruce Finlayson (BF), Mary Finlayson (MF), Jim George (JG), David Shields (DS) Fife Council (FC) Councillors: David Barratt (DB), Dave Dempsey (DD) Link Officer: Dave Manderson Public: Gary Bald (GB) Colin Bell (CB) Dave Bonas (DB) Maureen Gray (MG) Diane Gooch – Caldwell (DGC) David Neill (DN) Karen Trotter (KT)</p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Donna Beveridge (DCB), Cllr Dave Coleman (DC), Sheila Foggon (SF), Cllr Alice McGarry (AM), Iain Mitchell (IM)	
2. Minutes of previous meeting	Approved LC Seconded JG	
3. Matters arising / Previous Minutes:	<p>8 Agreed to keep reporting any smells arising from Ferrytoll Water Treatment Plant so Scottish Water builds up information.</p> <p>16 Eileen Donaldson is not maintaining the planting at Pierhead Buildings but plants at the junction of Main and Ferry Roads.</p>	
4. Police report	Police Report not received. (Second month) – DS to chase	DS
5. Pierhead Playpark Project	<p>Work suspended on 29 August following concerns raised by a neighbouring party regarding the height of the tower. (NQCC had not been approached on this matter). DN, DGC and KT explained how there had been extensive public consultation and school involvement on this project. This included a door to door exercise in the Pierhead area and in August, Pierhead residents including the concerned party signed an agreement on road access to the site. At the meeting FC confirmed support and confirmed that Planning Permission was not required because the project is an upgrade on local authority land.</p> <p>FC (DM and FC Officer Clare Robert) met with the concerned party on 3 September. DM stated that FC fully understood the complaint and would learn from the process.</p> <p>There are cost implications arising from the delay which the contractor is seeking to mitigate. There is still a shortfall in funding.</p> <p>NQCC received nine, including one from the Parent Council, supportive emails for the project received and none against. DM reported that the playpark will be inspected by FC every 15 days and by ROSPA once a year.</p>	

6. Remembrance Sunday	Dave Bonas reported that road closures are in place and Ferrybridge Hotel booked. He is working with the Primary school to commemorate 75 years since the D-Day Landings, younger members of the village are invited to attend and to select and decorate 38 pebbles to be laid at the Memorial – one for each of the fallen. This project may run annually and may alternate with the High School in following years.	
7. Vigour Swim Event	JG reported this went off without incident and conditions were good. The changing facility was appreciated. There were a good number of marshals. During the event a resident witnessed an elderly driver manoeuvring his car in the turning circle and hitting a child in a buggy. There was no injury, the incident was reported to the Police. NQCC communicating with Vigour Events to advise that 100 swimmers seems to be the optimum number and to keep to this number in future. Next year's event is 13 September	DS
8. Brock Street Parking Survey	DD reports 14 responses out of 100 – DD and DB will collate details. Intention is to work up a proposal and consult again to hopefully eliciting a higher response. Issue of school parking really needs attention, however Police maintain situation at NQPS is not unacceptable compared to other schools.	
9 Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change	Second application now underway. Edinburgh Noise Advisory Board not able to voice views until a later stage of the process. Letter drafted by BF to MP Douglas Chapman agreed. The latter also considers The Climate Emergency as part of the process.	
10. INEOS / Hound Point Odour and Noise Complaints	BF, SF, JG met with INEOS and made a trip out to the Hound Point Terminal. Established INEOS has a reporting system for smells. SF to post contact number on NQ Facebook page. It is possible smells are arising from elsewhere e.g. Braefoot Bay Terminal DS investigating. CB suggested making FOI request to Scottish Gas.	SF DS
10 Forth Bridges Public Meeting 10 Septembe	Discussed congestion on new bridge and traffic lights on slip roads. Proposed common signage strategy for the area has new funding so some progress expected. LC to send DD details. Iain Heigh of Railtrack spoke about 'Forth Bridge Experience' and visitor centre going ahead at South / Dalmeny end of the bridge. LC to invite IH to speak at next meeting.	LC LC
11. Fife Councillors' reports	DD – new lorry to collect recycling will not fit under bridge at Jamestown and will not be able to service recycling at the station. Therefore station recycling facility to be withdrawn, A fait accompli.	

	<p>Main Road – may be resurfaced.</p> <p>DB – Still chasing landscaping of slope above The Brae.</p> <p>Autonomous buses proposed to operate Ferrytoll to Edinburgh Park next year. Possibility of one joint campus for High Schools and Fife College.</p> <p>Question regarding increased housing and healthcare provision – this determined by NHS Scotland</p> <p>GB concerned about large / heavy vehicles now headed to Deep Sea World recycling point. Pointed out that FC grounds people visited 6 times a year now only once a year.</p> <p>Inverkeithing is six times a year. DB DD expect improvements next year on this.</p>	
12. Community Group updates	LC requested that Community Trust and West Bay User Group website details included on minutes.	LC
14: Finance	DCB reports that new cheque book expected next week and will arrange counter signatures. DCB also attending to FC Grant applications and payments.	
15. Small Grants Scheme	LC requested DS for more details for NQHT and Youth Club.	DS
16. Floral Enhancement	No Action	
17.Planning Applications	Pilgrim Way Gateway Panel now relocated to Battery Road Bus Stop – size has not been changed. Existing sign needs relocation. No other applications.	
18. Speeding on Ferryhills Road	<p>(Letter received from Pat Dennison) Ferryhills Road unusual as limit drops from 60 to 20 MPH. It was to be 40 MPH DB / DD to follow up. Felt that speeding on Main Road also needed attention. Speeding issue seems to be with local people – not visitors. Agreed a ‘speeding project’ required – need teams of three.</p> <p>Action request volunteers next Ferry News – item required deadline 4 October</p>	<p>DB / DD</p> <p>MF</p> <p>TBA</p>
19. Correspondence	Courtney Cuthbert regarding a memorial bench at Ferrycraigs. Discussion about memorials in general and a bench with landscaping already in place there. Consideration of North end of Port Laing – need to check with landowner (CB) JG suggested we check with Planning Department	JG
21. Any other competent business	<p>Gary Bald co-opted as member of Community Council</p> <p>Proposed JG Seconded LC</p> <p>JG – litter at Battery Road Car Park and issues with bins and landscaping</p> <p>Carried forward – The Albert Hotel</p>	

Next Meeting 1930 Thursday 10 October
North Queensferry Community Centre All Welcome

DS to sign up for GPDR booklet – still chasing abandoned car in station CP

Date for refurbishment of setts – avoid conflict with Remembrance Day