

North Queensferry Community Council (NQCC)
Draft Minutes of Community Council Meeting: Thursday 10 October 2019

<p>Present: Lin Collis (LC), Gary Bald (GB), Sheila Foggon (SF), Jim George (JG), David Shields (DS) Fife Council (FC) Councillors: David Barratt (DB), Dave Coleman (DC), Public: Duncan Foggon (DF) David Neill (DN)</p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Iain Mitchell (IM), Donna Beveridge (DCB), Bruce Finlayson (BF), Mary Finlayson (MF), Cllr Dave Dempsey (DD), Cllr Alice McGarry (AM)	
2. Minutes of previous meeting	Proposed LC Approved JG	
3. Matters arising / Previous Minutes:	5: Playpark door to door exercise was August 2018 / FC Officer was Clare Lovette. There was no item 13.	
4. Police report	11 September to 7 October 12 calls recorded and 1 crime – resident charged with possession of class A drug. Brexit preparations are taking up resource at present.	
5. Brock Street Parking (and Community Centre Parking)	DB reported good level of response to survey. Possible funding sources discussed. DC sending copy of Fife Council Funding Book. JG requested that Public Convenience and Parking Improvements be included in next year’s budget. Health and Safety angles including fire access to be explored by DC JG proposed a DIY approach to increasing parking spaces at the Community Centre with Fife Council match funding. JG to advise costs. DS and Community Centre Committee to initiate plan and contact Niven Family, owners of the adjoining area and part of the working area.	DC DC JG DS
6. Albert Hotel	IM has located owner. A local group has offered to rent the property. DN suggested compulsory purchase by Fife Council – advised funds are not available. DB advised legislation enabling Compulsory Sales Orders to prevent dereliction is coming along.	
7. Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change	MF and BF report: Since the September meeting ENAB (Edinburgh Noise Advisory Board) have been considering the Workshops being carried out by a third party for EAL (Edinburgh Airport Ltd). Many communities have expressed concern on this format of consultation. This is an ongoing situation and they will advise the CC of developments. MF and BF are contacting other CCs as we did in connection with last years ACP to seek support of our complaints to CAA. They are attending discussions at the Scottish Parliament in	

	connection with Scottish Government climate change legislation and targets and will report back ASAP GB reports that following the demise of Thomas Cook, Easyjet and Jet2 may operate more flights from Edinburgh.	
8. Water Treatment Plant and Hound Point - update	SF – no news regarding Treatment Plant except some landscaping on the South side. A lot of investment is required. Continue to monitor and report any smells. It is possible smells are arising from elsewhere e.g. Hound Point - monitor and report any smells – SF to advise DB INEOS contact number. Braefoot Bay Terminal - DS tasked to investigate. Scottish Gas DS to make FOI request (item carried over). DC suggested fall out from Grangemouth – monitored in neighbourhood DB to check with Environmental Health	SF DS DS DB
9. Glass Recycling	Removal of station facility has caused a stir. Facility at Deep Sea World is closed at 1730. DB to see if older, smaller lorry has been retained. Report issue to Dunfermline Press – DB and DC support that and looking into the issue.	DB ALL DB/DC
10. Admiralty Marker Stone	This was removed from Ferrytoll roundabout by Transport Scotland moved to Fife Council in care of Douglas Speirs. No funds allocated for reinstatement. Suggested it is displayed at the train station – DS to contact NQHT and then Douglas Speirs if they are amenable.	DS
11. VE Day 75	Events are planned for weekend of 8-10 May 2020 – information passed to Dave Bonas for initial consideration	
12. Fife Councillors' reports	New High School location: DC decision expected end of month. DB pushing to build adjacent to existing. Tourism Strategy Meeting: No consistent policy. We now have a Local Tourism Association producing a Dunfermline and West Fife map. Development Trusts Association Scotland: DC explained Community Powers Act for buying abandoned land. Community Groups can force a sale. If an application is successful landowner is required to sell land to the Community. New Public Toilet: Fife Council will ensure NQCC sees the design. Planning Permission required. Doubtful for this financial year. Setts at War Memorial: Still no action JG to check with DD. Old Kirk Road deterioration: GB has met with Ian Balfour Fife Council (IB) and suggests renovation is tied in with Main Road. IB will inspect but has no timescale. Need to schedule work for low season at Deep Sea World. DC checking with Martin Kingsman Fife Council to see if it is in his program. We discussed a concerted approach by residents using the road (and Deep Sea World) to report road faults to Fife Direct to move it up the priority list.	JG/DD DC

13. Community Group updates	DN reports major items now installed in new playpark. Grass bedding in awaiting ROSPA inspection. Expect mid November opening. Cost of work suspension will be made up by Fife Council. DF advised a lockable gate may be required – there may be an issue with teenagers from outwith the village in the evenings. LC reports Village Show was successful and made a reasonable sum.	
14: Finance	Understand DCB now has all receipts to be paid and operational cheque book. IM and DS to set up meeting to issue cheques. SF – resolution to finances required at next meeting. DS tasked to check Minutes as to when DCB last attended	IM/DS DS
15. Small Grants Scheme	Issue of payments depends on item 14 Expenditure details for NQHT and Youth Club still not received	
16. Data Protection	Fee to be paid and reclaimed via Grant. Still to order booklet, read and enact.	DS
17. Floral Enhancement	Eileen has done The Brae. Lin – The Boat. Sheila – The Lower Village. GB feels there has been a general decline in cleanliness and will chase contact regarding a village tidy up. (Willies Well requires a clean up).	GB
18. Planning Applications	None	
19. Correspondence	Bench on Port Laing Beach. Planning enquiry required – can come under street furniture. Contact owner – Colin Bell	
21. Any other competent business	SF – has signage for defibrillators. Fixing dates for training. Barnardo's Bridge Event – very well organised with local volunteers assisting. JG proposed moving seagull proof bins from beach to Battery Road. DN – overflow car park on B981 at treatment works still locked up to prevent travellers. Ferrytoll car park is very full – DB to talk to FC	SF DB

**Next Meeting 1930 Thursday 14 November
North Queensferry Community Centre All Welcome**

Local Tourism Association – is NQ represented?

We will need an update on improving the slope above the well on The Brae

Invite someone from FC to December meeting re litter picking

Venue for December meeting

Community Trust and West Bay User Group website details

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

Chase SW re sewage in East Bay

Talk to DSW @ OKRd

Scottish Water *0800 0778 778*

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