

North Queensferry Community Council

Draft Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 14th November 2019

<p>Present: Iain Mitchell (IM), Gary Bald (GB), Donna Beveridge (DCB), Mari Finlayson (MF), Sheila Foggon (SF), David Shields (DS), Fife Council (FC) Councillors: David Barratt (DB), Cllr Dave Dempsey (DD), Alice McGarry (AM) Public: David Neill (DN). For Paul Hogarth Co. Paul Hogarth (PH) Gordon Muir (GM)</p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Councillor Dave Coleman (DC), Lin Collis, Bruce Finlayson, Jim George	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Approved	
3. Matters Arising	Significant agenda items.	
4. Police Report	Between the 8 th of October and the 11 th of November a total of 11 calls were recorded. 2 Crime Files were recorded for the area. One person has been charged in connection with an assault to injury and vandalism. Enquiries are still on going in relation a motorist failing to stop after a road accident. PC Louis McGuire has now joined PC Richard Duncan for the Ward 6 area. Police request volunteers for community speed watch. Mari noted residents in Ferryhills Road requested forms to submit application to volunteer	
5. Forth Bridge Visitor Centre	Ian Heigh of Network Rail unable to attend – postponed to next year.	
6. Signage and Interpretation Strategy	<p>PH explained his work on a comprehensive signage strategy building on existing signage for both sides of the Forth. Images distributed for review. High quality entrance signs proposed – at both entries to NQ. They will be in keeping with the standard of the World Heritage Site and will use the NQCC Crest. Current thinking is colour will reflect the Forth Bridge.</p> <p>The stories for the proposed boards in both North and South Queensferry can be found in the document.</p> <p>Community Council has an electronic copy of North and South Queensferry Report which is available for all to read.</p> <p>Forth Bridges forum document exists and was published earlier in 2019</p> <p>Fife Council actively involved but engagement by officers at local level needs to improve.</p> <p>IM will review correspondence received from Forth Bridges Forum and seek opportunity for NQCC to become more involved.</p> <p>IM requested PH produce printed copies of the Tourism Strategy.</p> <p>New Tourism Manager to be appointed soon for three year term with remit and funds to implement Signage Strategy <i>and</i> Public Toilets.</p> <p>Re new toilets in NQ. Fife Councillors to determine who in Fife Council has been involved in Forth Bridges Tourism Forum.</p> <p>Michael Dineen from Transport Scotland attended a meeting on Monday of this week.</p>	

	Action – discuss with LC whether to continue working with school to design the temporary replacement signage beside the War Memorial in the village. Edinburgh Council extending the cycle hire scheme to South Queensferry and considering possible drop off / pick up point in NQ.	LC/ALL
7. Brock Street Parking	Nothing further to report since Ferry News article	
8. Edinburgh Airport Airspace change	CAA response received to confirm Edinburgh Airport will be held to consultation process which is presently with a third party PR consultant. At this stage objections need to come from Government and politicians. MF / BF seeing Douglas Chapman MP in next week. Next stage could be to go to press, Iain agreed to lead if this is required	
9. Albert Hotel	Very promising enquiry received from operators of a nearby hostelry who would like to take on The Albert. Invite to attend the next NQCC meeting. Learned current owner is considering change in use to residential. AM explained that change of use would have to meet strict criteria for consideration and unlikely to be approved. All agreed The Albert is a valuable community resource we would like to retain and change of use to be resisted.	DS
10. Pilgrim Way Gateway	Proposed site for gateway sign is beside bus shelter. DS met with Ed Heather Hayes (FCCT) and satisfied the defibrillator signage was not obscured – but all to review and agree. Discussed co-existence of existing and new display panel for Fife Pilgrim Way Panel at Battery Road. Intention is to reduce street clutter. Action DS to put PH in touch with Ed Heather Hayes (FCCT).	ALL DS
11. Glass Recycling	Not available vehicle to service the route. Scottish government glass deposit return scheme could help the issue	
12. Admiralty Market Stone/ Admirals House / Gatehouse / Coastal Path	Two Admiralty Marker Stones are in storage alongside the Beamer Lighthouse. It is suggested that one stone is displayed at the station – agree with Douglas Speirs and NQHT Beamer Lighthouse – PH to discuss West Bay location with Community Trust . Coast Path Diversion around St Margaret’s Headland – PH reported that resistance by Transport Scotland to this and other matters – may be softening.	DS/BF
13. Remembrance Service – report	Successful Remembrance Service – good turnout partly due to involvement of children from our school. Thanks to Dave Bonas for organising.	
14. Abandoned Vehicle at Station	DS has been chasing this matter with Fife Council / Scotrail / Police. Agreed to request assistance from Alex Hynes Managing Director of Scotrail. (Car has been there since June and taking up a valuable space since June)	DS
15. Christmas Tree	Ordered, delivery expected 25 th Nov Propose to put lights up on Sat 30 th November	

16. Fife Councillors' reports	Report on Inverkeithing High School site – call in requested by DD. Asking for review of using existing site. DC has met with Ian Balfour (FC Roads) and repair of sunken setts is in program. GB has consulted with Sarah Wilson (FC). DB reports nothing to be done to Main Road for time being but Councillors ultimately make decision.	
17. Community Group Updates	Congratulations on Pierhead Playpark – formally opened in the presence of 2 actors from Molly and Mack Community Trust – consultation at Village Show raised various small projects to work up and a land purchase proposal.	
18. Finance	Cheques written and agreed. There is an outstanding task to apply for Fife Council Grant for 2019/2020. Application to be submitted by the end of 2019, a set of examined accounts and copy bank statement as at end March 2019 is required. DCB will progress this. Still to apply for 2018/2019 Grant – AM checking with Wendy McGregor (FC)	DCB AM
19. Small Grants Scheme	Allocated funds not to be paid – only holding back Youth Club as more information required.	
20. Floral Enhancement	No update	
21. Planning Applications	Nothing to report	
22. Correspondence	Sewage observed leaking from treatment works outfall pipe at East Bay DS has reported to Scottish Water and will follow up. Poor condition of pavement under bridge following patching by FC. Suggest this is checked. Pigeon droppings issue under bridge also raised. DS took this up again with Network Rail – response was they have no obligation to deal with the matter. Remedy would be a regular cleaning detail by FC	DS
23. Date and place of next meeting	December meeting will be cancelled due to General Election on 12/12. Next meeting in 09 January 2020	
24. Any other competent business	Community Centre – additional parking spaces. GB reports indicative cost £ 7,500 due to restriction on size of machine that can pass under bridges. Likely to be more. Discuss how to fund the work. DS to advise Community Centre Committee.	DS

Next Monthly Meeting: Thursday 09 January 2020, North Queensferry Community Centre
7.30pm. Residents of North Queensferry are welcome to attend all Monthly Meetings

Contact email: nqccsecretary@livingwater.org.uk

Agree time for putting up Xmas tree on 30 November

Signage and Interpretation Strategy needs to be presented to residents.

Dates for next year's meetings (Second Thursday of month)

Jan 9

Feb 14

Mar 12

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May 14

Jun 11

Jul 09

August – no meeting

Sep 10

Oct 08

Nov 12

Dec 10

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