

North Queensferry Community Council
Minutes of Meeting Held on 14th January 2010

Present: David Greig Vice Chairman Brian Armstrong Secretary Colin Bell
Jan Short James Lawson Robert McGregor (Co-opted Member)
Cllr. Douglas Chapman Cllr. Keith Legg

In attendance: 4 residents, 2 members of Community Policing Team.

Apologies for absence:

Iain Mitchell Chairman Christina McKenzie Treasurer Pat Dennison
Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier

Police Report:

No trends or crimes of note since previous meeting. Continued vigilance urged to ensure security of homes, garages, garden sheds & vehicles. With the introduction of the new Community Engagement Model of policing, which will be fully described in the Ferry News, PCs would no longer attend Community Council meetings but would submit a monthly report by email

Minutes of previous meeting:

Approved.

Matters arising:

Photographs showing the appalling state of Battery Road Car Park were circulated. Secretary to forward to FC and DC & KL offered to investigate.

DC provided an update on the possibility of a Village Trust taking ownership of West Bay. It was hoped that a facilitated meeting could be arranged for February or March through the Locality Manager. DC advised that the Boat Club have been offered a new tenancy agreement for one year.

Intercept Car Park. DC advised that FC were working to see whether construction of the Forth Replacement Crossing could be phased to delay the loss of the current ICP for as long as possible whilst the possible provision of a replacement was investigated. Following further discussion it was decided by a majority vote not to lodge a formal objection to the Replacement Crossing Bill. The CC will, however, continue to monitor progress on finding a replacement.

North Queensferry Transition Initiative (NQTI):

A representative from NQTI outlined its potential plans and further information will be provided in Ferry News. Village opinion will be sought before implementation.

North Queensferry School Council:

As from August 2010, the catchment High School for North Queensferry children will change from Woodmill to Inverkeithing.

RMcG announced that the volume of School Council business did not justify a dedicated agenda item. It was decided that an agenda item would be provided under which any reports that the various Community Groups wished to submit could be discussed. Submissions to the

secretary please at brianrretired@btinternet.com. The possibility of a Community Council chaired forum of local interest groups, to improve communication, was also mooted. An update on the status of the website is required.

Floral Enhancement:

JS announced that a grant of £500 had been agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is £3,893. £3,685 of the balance is set aside, leaving £208 available for unrestricted use.

Secretary's Report:

BA provided a list of correspondence received, which is available for perusal. It included a scoping report on a proposed Renewable Energy Plant in the Rosyth Port area. It was passed to NQTI, who undertook to study it and report back with comments in laymens' terms.

Planning Applications:

An application has been lodged for an extension to The Queensferry Hotel. Whilst those present raised no objections per se, there was concern as to whether the Pumping Station in Ferry Road had the necessary extra capacity and about repeated overflows of waste matter from a manhole to the west of Ferry Barns Court. JL to speak with the hotel manager & BA to subsequently draft letter to planning department.

Fife Councillors' Reports:

FC had now been in touch regarding replacement of village signs.

KL invited residents to pass on any reports of damage to roads & pathways as a result of FC's recent snow clearance measures.

Any other competent business:

The Boat Club is to host a Boat Festival in September.

Dates of next meetings:

Thursday 11th February.

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