

North Queensferry Community council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2011.

Members present. Brian Armstrong, Jan Short, David Grieg, Myles Fitt, Simon Tate, Christina McKenzie, Cllr Douglas Chapman. 4 Members of the public.

Apologies for absence. Jim George, Iain Mitchell, Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier, Colin Bell.

Minutes from previous meeting. Proposed by Myles Fitt seconded Brian Armstrong.

Matters arising:-

1. Brian has written to Thomas Docherty MP regarding lack of response from Network Rail on the issue of reinstatement of the picnic area and clean up under the rail bridge.
2. The Salvation Army will now be able to attend the Remembrance day service.
3. Additional grit bins are being organised.
4. Forth bridge excavation works will commence on the 14th and will continue through till March.
5. Resignation. Due to work commitments Jim George has resigned from the community council. This now means that there is a vacancy on the community council. Any village resident over the age of 16 can apply.

Planning.

No contentious issues were raised.

The North Queensferry Conservation Area paper has been approved by The South West Area Committee. The CC had asked Cllr Chapman if he could ask for a postponement on the paper but this was unsuccessful.

Cruiks Quarry.

Several residents of Jamestown attended the meeting to voice their concerns regarding the possible time extension of quarry operations. Brian gave a brief talk on the history of the quarry and about the problems caused by blasting. A lengthy discussion followed with the residents of Jamestown highlighting issues that they had experienced. Dust, noise, timescale and the worry of property damage. The community council still feel that more consultation from the quarry is required for North Queensferry. The residents of Jamestown were also advised to write to Inverkeithing Community Council regarding their issues to try and gain more support for their concerns.

Secretary's report.

Correspondence discussed.

Treasurers report.

Total balance £1622.79. Set aside account balance £1167.43. Working balance £455.36

Governance

The sub committee held a meeting to discuss the results of the survey. Work is now in progress on identifying key ideas which the CC can prioritise. The topic on vehicle speeding was identified as a priority which could be tackled first. The police have been contacted and speeding will be monitored over the next coming months.

Winter resilience will be the next topic to tackle.

Community Group Reports

North Queensferry Community Centre: - Repairs to kitchen almost finished.

North Queensferry Community Trust: - Trust now has charitable status. Recruitment drive now in progress. AGM to be held on the 23rd November. Trustee's will also be elected at the meeting as well as discussions on the business plan.

Dan Howie advised that a meeting had been held with Fife Council regarding progress with the MUGA.

Fife councillors reports.

Douglas reported on the South West area committee meeting. Although he was unsuccessful in postponing the NQ conservation area paper, he advised that the paper was not set in stone and that discussions on contents could still continue.

Police report.

Brian attended the community engagement meeting. One reported crime incident had been reported for the last two months.

AOCB.

A public consultation will be taking place on the MoD's proposals for the decommissioning and disposal of submarines in Rosyth Dockyard. Attendance leaflets are being sent to all homes.

Date of next meeting.

North Queensferry Community centre on 8th December at 7.30pm. Following meeting will be on 12th January 2012.

Meetings are open to all members of the public.