

North Queensferry Community council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 13th October 2011.

Members present. Brian Armstrong, Colin Bell, Jan Short, Myles Fitt, Simon Tate, Christina McKenzie, Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier, Iain Mitchell, Cllr Keith Legg, Cllr Douglas Chapman.

Apologies for absence: - Jim George, David Grieg.

Minutes from previous meeting. Proposed by Christina McKenzie seconded Jan Short.

Matters arising:-

Network Rail project manager for the Forth Bridge refurbishment Iain Heigh has not responded to concerns raised by the CC. This is still the case even after a press release was sent the Dunfermline Press criticising the lack of response from Network Rail. Brian is to contact T Docherty MP to explain the impasse which has been reached with Network Rail and to see if he could help resolve the issue.

Remembrance Sunday minister has now been arranged. Unfortunately the Salvation Army Band cannot attend. An appeal for any musicians who could step in is to be posted on the North Queensferry Face Book.

Additional grit bins for Brock Street circle and Ferry road have been organised.

Policies and procedures paper was agreed by CC and is to be signed.

Planning.

No contentious issues were raised.

Fife council had asked for comments on social housing questionnaire. The CC felt it inappropriate to fill in due to lack of current information on the issue.

The North Queensferry Conservation Area paper is being put to The Area Committee for approval shortly. The CC asked Cllr Chapman if he could ask for a postponement on the paper due to concerns that it could be too constrictive on residents within the conservation area.

Forth replacement crossing.

Average speed cameras are being installed on the M90 to control traffic for the works installation of the intelligent transport system. 18 gantries are to be installed along the full length of the works. Queen Margaret's hope (marshes) has been closed off and is now out of bounds to the public. This is to allow construction of the bridge and link road. Work will commence out on the river from the 10TH October around the Beamer Rock. The light house is to be removed and new navigational buoys installed.

Secretary's report.

Cultural Hub and spaces audit asking for any location in NQ that could be added to their list. If was agreed that it may be useful to add the community centre to their list. Cameron Community Council asked if the CC would be interested in being included in their website link list and vice versa. The offer was declined.

Treasurers report.

Total balance £1826.79. Set aside account balance £1371.43. Working balance £455.36

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. It has been agreed that the CC can appoint a member to the trust to sit as a trustee.

North Queensferry Railway Station Trust: - Progressing clean up of railway station.

Fife councillors reports.

Keith is awaiting a response from Roddy Mann(Fife Council) on the reason for the proposed demolition of the toilet block at the marina.

Douglas asked if any of the CC members had any knowledge of any reduction to the bus route service running from the church. The CC had not to date received any complaints from residents on this issue.

Police report.

Community Council Forum to be held on 23rd November.

Brian will attend the Policing Plan Review on 25th October.

AOCB.

Beautiful Fife Seminar is to be held on 21st November.

The Governance Review Sub committee will hold a meeting next month. Sub committee consists of Brian, Myles and Colin. So far there has been over forty responses to the survey. Data will be analysed shortly.

The NQ Facebook is continuing to develop and hopefully will be liaising with the Primary School regarding adverse weather conditions.

Date of next meeting.

North Queensferry Community centre on 10th November at 7.30pm. Following meeting 8th December at 7.30pm.

Meetings are open to all members of the public.