

North Queensferry Community council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2011.

Members present. Brian Armstrong, Colin Bell, Jan Short, Myles Fitt, Simon Tate, Christina McKenzie, David Grieg, Iain Mitchell, Cllr Douglas Chapman.

1 Member of the public in attendance.

Apologies for absence :- Jim George, Marisa Di Filippo-Ferrier, Cllr Keith Legg.

Minutes from previous meeting. Proposed by Colin Bell, seconded Brian Armstrong.

Matters arising:-

Network Rail project manager for the Forth Bridge refurbishment Iain Heigh had phoned Brian regarding the reinstatement of the picnic area beneath the Forth Bridge. An email had been promised regarding the issue, but has not as yet been forthcoming. It was agreed that an email should be sent to Mr Heigh regarding the CC's dismay and disappointment for the lack of communication surrounding this issue. A press release would also be sent to the Dunfermline Press to highlight the issue.

CC governance.

Questionnaires have been posted to all homes and businesses in North Queensferry. Fifteen electronic responses have been received so far. Colin requested to have CC governance removed from standing orders. This was agreed.

Planning .

No contentious issues have been raised. Discussed document on conservation area. Colin is to respond to certain items. It was agreed that the CC should revisit the document and scrutinize the last 3 pages of the document.

Forth replacement crossing.

The forums are currently being well attended both by the public and contractors. Four properties are currently being surveyed by the contractors prior to work commencement for possible damage risk. Next Meet The Contractor meeting scheduled for 1st November. Information regarding future meetings will be posted on the CC website. It is also hoped that the meetings will be well publicised via email, notices and press ads. A complaints document is currently being drafted.

Secretary's report.

Secretary to be asked to make arrangements with mail collection from the community centre.

Treasurers report.

Total balance £1853.19. Set aside account balance £1397.83 Working balance £455.36

Community Group Reports

North Queensferry Community Centre: - Repairs to kitchen still ongoing.

North Queensferry Community Trust:- A big recruitment drive is now being instigated. The AGM is being scheduled for 23rd of November. Trustees to be appointed at the meeting. Continuing dialog with Fife Council on lease of area at West bay.

Sailing School:- Annual regatta had to be postponed due to high winds. New date to be 25th September subject to weather.

Fife councillors reports.

Fife Council 's next meeting for area planning is to held in October. A request for a new grit bin for Carlingnose has been submitted. Further preparations for the winter have been made by allocating an additional 3000 tonnes of road grit being made available in ton bags for strategic positioning.

Floral enhancement.

Jan asked for the Floral enhancement be removed from the standing orders. This was agreed.

Police report.

Kevin Woods (Fife Constabulary) is reinstating the community forum meetings. The secretary has been informed regarding this. Marisa to attend next meeting.

Reform Scotland community council survey

CC agreed that CC councillors could acting as an individual respond to the survey with their own opinions.

Remembrance Sunday.

Brian has contacted The Salvation Army and The Albert Hotel. The NQC minister is still to be contacted. Date of Remembrance Sunday is on 13th November.

AOCB.

Anne Gordon raised concerns about the state of the area at the bottom of Mount Hooly. Fife Council are refusing to deal with this ongoing issue due to health and safety reasons. Also a large pothole is causing issues at the tarmac area.

NQ Facebook is now on the go.

Brian received a letter From Councillor Keith Legg explaining that Fife Council are insisting on planning consent being required for erection of the new notice board.

Date of next meeting.

North Queensferry Community centre on 13th October at 7.30pm. Following meeting 10th November at 7.30pm.

Meetings are open to all members of the public.