

North Queensferry Community council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 13 June 2013.

Members Present: Iain Mitchell (IM), Christina McKenzie (CM), Jim George (JG), Jan Short (JS), Marisa Di Fillipo Ferrier (MdiFF), Mary Finlayson (MF), Lin Collis (LC), Barbara McKechnie (BM) Cllr Mike Shirkie (MS)		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies for Absence:	Apologies from Simon Tate	-
2. Minutes of previous meeting.	<p>May Minutes circulated to above attendees except co-opted members, BM and LC (newly approved at AGM of 13/06/13.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Police Community Engagement Report had been forwarded by IM and was circulated for May CC meeting b. Concern had been expressed at May meeting re the 6.30pm closure of Battery Road car park. This timing will be monitored and reviewed as necessary – possibly earlier closing in Winter. Minutes are also to be amended that 2, not 3 local residents involved the car park opening and closing action. c. CM queried if the Council was willing to provide a prize for the Community Centre Ladies Fundraising Evening. Following discussion, £75 was approved. 	May Minutes were proposed and seconded as amended.
3. Matters arising.	None	
4. Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group	<p>This Agenda item occupied most meeting time. IM and JG designated attendees at this group. This group is now in Public Consultation and meeting minutes will be published on the web site. IM cannot make next meeting and JG may not be available for 6mth period due to work commitments. MF will also be copied in meeting agenda and available for cover attendance. CM suggested 2 members cover and LC proposed. Public attendance had been low at NQ consultation meeting and various options discussed to highlight consultation</p>	IM will advise steering Committee of cover inclusion.

	<p>opportunities to NQ residents. MS stressed, despite enthusiasm and expertise in NQ, village organisations must still pull together and co-ordinate response to FBWH bid. There is opportunity for eg funds to revitalise NQ piers and the pros have to be brought to attention of NQ residents – latter perhaps previously disillusioned in past through DSW and Network Rail experience in NQ village. MS suggested mentioning at the Steering Committee meeting, co-operation with SQ CC. CC meeting felt communication and information distribution had to be stepped up – use of web sites and CM mentioned previous use of Community Centre ‘drop in’ meeting had been successful. JS will advise the team when latest NQ heritage consultation meeting minutes and available and the Community Council will go ahead with drop in meeting, at a weekend with free bacon rolls, to circulate information to interested groups and with the objective of a co-ordinated response and approach to the WH bid.</p>	<p>JS will advise team when latest NQ heritage consultation meeting minutes are available.</p>
<p>5. Forth Road Bridge Festival</p>	<p>JS reported no change to previous information discussed on arrangements for Sept 2014 – eg flotilla, regatta, Red Arrow display, big sit down lunch. Posters, place mats etc. Four groups are meeting to arrange activities including schools, art and business. JS advised that Chris Waite is Communications Manager for the group.</p>	
<p>6. Forth Replacement Crossing</p>	<p>MdFF had attended meeting and advised of update of additional parking in vicinity of Scottish Water property at FerryToll. Future of Admiralty house had been discussed – to sell or use for bridge master’s office. MS advised MOD had restricted future sale for housing and that already in discussion was possibility of new bridge information point or similar.</p>	
<p>7. Network Rail Issues</p>	<p>Email trail had been circulated prior to CC meeting advising that Network Rail may now make the picnic and viewing at the foot of rail bridge available for lease to the Community Trust. Network Rail may still require access for bridge visitors – eg WH proposals or other maintenance.</p>	

8. Edinburgh Airport – Flight Path changes	Edinburgh airport flight paths may be changing and an additional runway may be built – funds are available to communities for issues arising. MF to continue liaison with Tom Wright (previously Pat Callaghan) – next meeting due in August.	
9. Fife Councillors’ Report	MS advised of Battery Road broken wall in 2 locations and of overgrown road crossing access to bridge steps. LC advised of access difficulty for wheelchair users	MS will advise Ian Johns of Fife Council of both issues.
10. Police Issues	With regard to speeding on Ferryhills Road, MS advised named incidents to be forwarded to police possibly using a health and safety approach. MdFF queried just how many complaints had been received. IM advised police had not recorded speeding above 26mph (the speed at which prosecution could be effected. The bus company also require to be notified of any incidence involving their transport. All members of the public who would still like to complain regarding speeding in Ferryhills are encouraged to attend Inverkeithing High School CEM meetings and express their concerns in person. MS also advised that in future there may be a police presence at community council meetings.	IM will liaise with Insp Chris Stone
11. Community Group Reports	As mentioned above	
12. Treasurer’s Report	Treasurer confirmed sufficient funds available to repair bench as requested by LC	
13. Floral Enhancement	JS confirmed all planted but some eaten by deer and at least one red rhododendron suspected to have been removed by a member of the public.	
14. Planning Applications	2 advised by JG. One private application and 1 from NQ Hotel	None
15. Correspondence	Correspondence list had been circulated by MdFF prior to meeting (not to BM or LC)	
16. Any Other Competent Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ladies Night (29th June) fund raising – CM listed some of the prizes 2. IM abseiling Forth Rail Bridge to raise funds to maintain the memorial to those who died on the building of bridge. 3. LC advised she had written in own capacity with regard to overnight lighting of the Rail Bridge – no lights needed after midnight. 4. Discussions on using the NQCC website 	

	as a means of communicating events taking place around the village.	
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Next meeting: 11th July 2013

Following meeting: TBC