

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 10 April 2014

Members Present: Christina McKenzie (CM), Lin Collis (LC), Barbara McKechnie (BM), Jim George (JG), Jan Short (JS) Councillor Mike Shirkie (MS) + 1 Member of Public – Elizabeth Servior		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies for Absence:	Mary Finlayson, Ian G Mitchell, JJ Lawson	
2. Minutes of previous meeting.	Minutes approved and Action items reviewed and outstanding identified.	*BM (120414) *LC *IGM
3. Matters Arising	None	
4. Resignation of Marisa di Fillipo Ferrier	The extensive work and appreciation of Marisa was noted and BM to send email to Marisa on behalf of NQCC. MdiFF to be asked for email confirming resignation and quoting the name of the current Secretary, BM requesting that website rights be transferred to BM. This is to facilitate the request to the website host for change of rights. MdiFF attended Forth Road Bridge Festival meetings also attended by CM who will continue to attend and request cover from other members of the Council as needed. MdiFF also attended the North Community Forum concerned with the new bridge. LC will continue to attend on own and similarly request cover as necessary.	*BM *BM
5. World Heritage Steering Group	No report	
6. Forth Bridges Forum	No report	
7. Forth Replacement Crossing	Next meeting will be on 21 May. A public meeting was held in NQ on 25 March and was attended by 20 local residents, 1 Fife councillor and 4 NQCC members. Members who attended stated the presentation at the meeting on 25 March was very worthwhile. CM advised that Pat, Manager of the Community Centre has received a booking from the Forth Replacement Group for a public 'drop in' during 3 days in each of two weeks in August. The meeting commented on the temporary speed limit, due to road works, of 30mph at the end of the village to the entrance to St Margaret Hope. It was felt that the 30mph limit	

	would be good to retain due to the bends, blind summit plus hotel entrance but as this is an area in transition, this can be reviewed. LC will write to Ian Jones (Fife Council) to enquire if the 30mph area may be retained.	*LC
8. Forth Bridge Festival	NQCC do need to collate a list of all local organisations with activities planned for the Festival. (See March Minutes) The school are involved in the regular meetings as are Queensferry Hotel. JIL, LC and MS attend the local tourist area meetings for SWFife and it is hoped the attendance of Lyn Hoey at the next NQCC meeting will expand the knowledge of the effect on NQ of the Festival. BM will contact Fife police operations team again for any further information regarding transport plans. MS stressed the need to prevent different groups working at cross purposes.	*BM (120414)
9. Tourism Project Group	LC advised that this had been the first meeting of this subgroup of the Forth Bridges Forum. As such the aims of each attending representative were requested for the next meeting which will look at timing and funding for the Group as well as its objectives and geographical area. It is hoped that the attendance of Lyn Hoey at the May NQCC meeting will clarify responsibilities in the overall strategy.	
10. Fife Councillors Reports	MS advised the next meeting of the SWArea is on 16 April 2014 where it will be confirmed how the additional area funding will be allocated. MS will provide NQCC with a copy of the minutes of the SWArea meeting.	*MS
11. Planning Applications	w/comm. 17 March – no applications w/comm. 24 March – Albert extension approved with the constraint that the materials must be approved w/comm. 31 March – consent for the MUGA approved with no constraints. JG commented on the increase in required parking in the area of the community centre for the MUGA use but parking issues had never been raised by the professional consultants. MS queried the ongoing delay in approval of Rankin’s retrospective planning application (including a modified flue). MS will follow up.	*MS
12. Police Matters	Next meeting is due in May. MS confirmed the Community Police meetings are to take place every 2 months.	

13. Treasurer's Report	CM supplied the Financial Report from April 2013 to March 2014. The AGM will be held at the NQCC monthly meeting in June 2014.	
14. Floral Enhancement	<p>The Council queried the damage to floral displays on entrance to North Queensferry on the B981 grass verges – when roadworks are finished for new Forth crossing, the road alignment will have changed but old road will be used for overflow car parking – the NQCC is aware that the contractors should reinstate previous attributes of the verges if appropriate ie if they exist as verges. LC will bring this up at the next North Community Forum on 21 May 2014.</p> <p>The NQCC noted that wind and inclement weather has pulled up tree roots on the North Queensferry Hotel property, consequently damaging the roadside wall. It was agreed that JS in company of BM will raise informally, the question of maintenance with the Hotel.</p>	*JS/BM (140414)
15. Correspondence	All correspondence received by NQCC has been posted to the NQCC website.	
16. Any Other Competent Business	<p>i) West Bay: CM confirmed that the Community Trust (CT) would be sending out a letter to all the Bay interested parties (users and neighbours) inviting them to meeting for discussion. JFG advised that he was aware the Boat Club did not wish to discuss the development options until the lease is signed by the CT – JFG understands that there is also an appeal in progress regarding the allocation of responsibility for the Bay. MS advised that Fife Council decision would be final and that this would be advised to any appellant. MS strongly recommended that all groups meet as quickly as possible in order to facilitate any opportunity to obtain match funding. MS also confirmed that no match funding would be available for discussion until the lease was signed.</p> <p>ii) LC queried the development of Rosyth as a container port and MS confirmed the same and that Babcock had completed an environmental assessment. For all pros and cons see http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/files/Port_Babcock_Rosyth_HRO - doc 291b - PLI report revised 21 January 2013.pdf</p> <p>iii) JFG queried who owned the unmaintained boats left on the beach beside the Albert Hotel.</p>	

	<p>CM will inquire and confirm who has responsibility (thought to be the Sailing Club). iv) Elizabeth Servior (member of public attending the NQCC meeting) queried repair of Battery Road sea wall and it was confirmed this is under ongoing discussion with Network Rail (although actual ownership of said wall is unclear). A second question from Elizabeth related to responsibility for Beach Clean ups. Historically, Deep Sea World staff, LC and Anne Monteith had been involved in the clean ups and latterly the Community Service teams had been seen on East Bay. Options were discussed as to possible sources of help eg Community Payback scheme, SEPA (SEPA's website does quote for individual beaches that "Beach Cleaning and litter clean up is maintained by xxxCouncil"ie for Kirkcaldy Beach it refers to Fife Council.) CM and CC will find out where current cleaning equipment is stored and pass information to BM. Initial query to Lyn Hoey re what assistance could be provided for volunteers.</p>	<p>*BM (120414)</p>
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Next Meeting: Thursday 8 May 2014, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.30pm