

North Queensferry Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 10 December 2014

Members Present: Iain G Mitchell (IGM), Christina McKenzie (CM), Barbara McKechnie (BM), Jim George (JG), James Lawson (JL)		No Members of the Public
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Lin Collis (LC), Mary Finlayson (MF), Cllr M Shirkie, Cllr D Chapman	
2. Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes for November were approved	
3. Matters Arising	JL has accepted co-option to the North Queensferry Community Council (NQCC). Parking in North Queensferry: The bollards at the turning circle at Pierhead Buildings are believed to have improved adherence to the parking regulations. Christmas Lights: NQCC has been unable to secure a location for a village Christmas Tree. However, grants and assistance have been identified for Christmas 2015 and every effort will be made to locate an electrical connection believed to be in the War Memorial area.	
4. World Heritage Steering Group	IGM was unable to attend the last meeting but JL advised that it was decided that residents should still be updated in January should the required information not be received in time for the proposed public survey to go ahead. The Steering Group are conscious of 125 yr anniversary of the Forth Bridge in 2015 and the September 2015 decision regarding UNESCO World Heritage site. Consideration is being given to, and suggestions are welcome on, proposals for possible local events to mark events. Eg Bridge Walk and Station Exhibition	All
5. Tourism Project Group	JL confirmed a brief has been prepared for Consultants to clarify the marketing approach for the Three Bridges area. It is hoped that a Consultant will be appointed before the end of December 2014, to report, following local consultation, by end of March 2015.	
6. Forth Bridges Forum	No update	
7. Forth Replacement Crossing	Weekly traffic updates are posted to the NQCC website. Further information is available on the Forth Replacement Crossing website: http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/project/forth-replacement-crossing	
8. Proposal for Pontoon	Information regarding proposals for a pontoon at Town Pier has been forwarded to the NQCC. BM will thank Douglas Spiers, Fife Council, for the information and confirm that comment will be offered when the information is made available at the public session to be held at the Community Centre on 27 January 2015.	BM
9. Community Group Updates	Railway Station: JL confirmed winter hours now operate at the cafe. Catering for group meetings on the Station premises is possible. End windows have now been upgraded and prepared for painting. Building and plumbing work is complete for the Toilet facilities. An additional general storage area is included in the works with a targeted completion date at end of February. IGM queried status of the astragal frame and requested estimated costs be obtained for the refurbishment. Community Trust: IGM confirmed progress was slow in respect of the harbour lease	JL

	<p>signing. CM confirmed funding application has been prepared for the MUGA. Boat Club: JG expressed concern over the Fife Boat Building Trust, registered with the Scottish Charity Register (OSCR) having favour with current lease holders. IGM advised the Community Trust would look afresh at the situation. Community Centre: The current Manager is leaving the post and the committee is looking at options, due to Grant reductions, to reduce cost of building supervision. Heritage Trust: JIL advised quotes are being prepared for removal of vegetation west of the Community Centre in preparation of plans for Beamer Rock and the Heritage Trail.</p>	
10. Fife Councillors' Reports	None	
11. Police Report	None received	
12. Planning Applications	<p>JG advised of one private planning application, no comment from NQCC. JG also advised of planning in principle of Residential and Mixed Use Development to the West of Camdean Primary School, Rosyth. Although not in North Queensferry, the Community Council believe it essential that consideration of this development is confirmed as included in the traffic impact assessment to be presented to the public in January 2015.</p>	All to Note
13. Treasurer's Report	<p>CM confirmed £1380.05 in bank account of which £969.96 is set aside leaving £410.09 unrestricted funds. As per the November meeting, the donation to the Salvation Army has been prepared. JIL queried if the NQCC could propose minor maintenance and repair of village features eg painting of benches. The Council believe it is essential that local residents propose the maintenance items not the members of NQCC. Therefore BM will place wording on website to ask for ideas and suggestions. CM confirmed that for some items, it may be possible to receive contributory funding/matched funding from Fife Council.</p>	BM
14. Floral Enhancement	<p>The Floral Enhancement Grant documents were received from MF to be passed to LC on the latter's return by CM.</p>	CM
15. Correspondence	<p>BM confirmed all correspondence posted to website. IGM will forward copy of Network Rail press release for 12/12/14 to BM for publication on the website.</p>	IGM BM
16. Any other competent business	<p>CM confirmed her contact with Network Rail and the Forth Crossing construction site management re 2 foreign registered articulated cabs being parked overnight for 2 nights below the Rail bridge on Battery Road. Neither organisation was aware of origin of the cabs. CM will draft letter of follow up with the previously contacted person at the Forth Crossing contractors seeking reassurance that cabs are not being directed into the village. BM will send letter of behalf of NQCC.</p> <p>IGM gave apologies for monthly meeting of NQCC on 8 January 2015 and BM gave advance notice of being unable to attend the meeting in March 2015.</p>	CM BM

Next Meeting: Thursday 8 January 2015, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.30pm