

North Queensferry Community council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 14th of February 2014.

<p>Members Present: Christina McKenzie, Ian Mitchell, Jim George, Jan Short, Lin Collis, James Lawson, Simon Tate. Cllr Shirkie, SQCC member Grant Sangster and one member of the public in attendance.</p>		
1. Apologies for Absence:	Marisa Di Fillipo Ferrier, Barbra Mckechnie, Mary Findlayson.	Responsibility
2. Minutes of previous meeting.	Minutes approved.	
3. Matters arising.	No Matters arising.	
4. Forth Bridges Forum	Report to be carried over to next meeting.	
5. World heritage steering group.	The application for world heritage status for the Forth Bridge has now been submitted. The full committee which will be required to run the world heritage trust for the Forth Bridge is still to be decided. Cllr Mike Shirkie informed the CC that two council officers have now been appointed from Fife Council and are currently meeting twice a month to help with future developments and issues.	
6. Forth Bridge construction Forum.	There have been no recent forum meetings. The next one is being held on 19th Feb. LC said that she would be attending and would raise the issue with the Muga. JL reported that there had been suggestions put forward for the location of the Beamer Rock Lighthouse. An area close to the Community Centre was being considered.	LC. JL.
7. Councillor report.	Cllr Shirkie informed the CC that the SWAC have been given £500,000 for community projects within the area. He advised that any groups wishing to apply for part of the grant should submit a business plan to them. He highlighted the importance that match funding may be crucial in any applications. Issues regarding the condition of the battery road wall were raised during the meeting. Cllr Shirkie will investigate the common good land audit to determine whether the land that the wall is on is registered with it.	Cllr MS.
8. Planning.	The next planning meeting is scheduled for the 26 th February. Recent application submitted regarding alterations to the Albert Hotel were discussed. Some members of the CC felt that the proposed alteration to the property was not in keeping with the building or area. Other recent applications (up to 20 th Jan) found no contentious issues.	JG.

9. Treasurers report.	Total balance. £1095.97 Set aside. £ 991.84 Available. £ 104.13	CM.
10. Liason with SQCC.	Grant Sangster was in attendance on behalf of SQCC to touch base with what was happening on the south side of the river. He reported on similar concerns regarding issues with possible increase in tourism and parking/traffic congestion in the future. Again similar to NQ they have several organisations within their town which deals with local issues. LC advised the CC she would contact Terry Airlie to request a list of contacts of the various groups.	LC.
11. Floral enhancement.	Jan advised that she had a fruitful visit to the railway station and that some planting was being proposed.	JS.
12. FRB 50th Celebration event.	A meeting was held at the school to promote awareness of the upcoming event.	
13. Police Matters.	Barbra had attended the last forum meeting. IM advised the CC that a letter of complaint had been sent in from a resident regarding traffic issues. He advised that he would contact the resident to discuss the matter.	IM.
14. Community group reports.	The community centre committee has organised a ceildhi on the the 1 st March to help raise funds for the centre.	CM.
15. AOCB .	Brian Armstrong advised the CC that the neighbourhood watch could be organised from within the CC and asked if the CC would consider it. Grants may also be available to help with the scheme. Dunfermline and West Fife Tourism Assoc. LC to be CC representative.	LC.

Next meeting will be Thursday 10th April 2014 at 7.30pm.

Following meeting will be held on Thurs 8th May 2014 at 7.30pm.