

## North Queensferry Community Council

### Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 10 December 2015

<p><b>Members Present:</b> Iain G Mitchell (IGM), Mary Finlayson (MF), Barbara McKechnie(BM), Jim George(JG),  <b>New Member:</b> Cllr Sharon Wilson (SW)  <b>Peter Selbie (PS), Brian Armstrong (BA), Mino Manekshaw (MM), Karen Trotter (KT), David Shields (DS), Elizabeth Serviouir (ES), John Mark Di Ciacca (JMDC) , Duncan Foggon (DF), Mike Low (ML)</b>  <b>Derek Abbott (DA), PC Robert Drummond (RD)</b></p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
<b>1. Apologies</b>	Lin Collis (LC), Christina McKenzie (CM), Cllr Mike Shirkie	
<b>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Minutes of November 2015 meeting approved.	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	IGM welcomed Cllr Sharon Wilson	
<b>11. Police Report</b>	RD advised of 45 calls in last month for the NQ area – this includes Road Bridge call outs including breakdowns. There is continuing investigation by British Transport Police (BTP) of theft of detonator from railway – BTP will report back to local police on conclusion. RD advised of continuing liaison with local school including parking. Police patrols continue to check for anti social behaviour and speeding at Battery Road and Pierhead plus speeding in Ferryhills Road. Members of the public present at this meeting expressed strong ongoing safety concerns with the layout and operation of the new traffic light crossroads where the B981 meets Ferry Toll Rd. RD was requested by IGM to follow up with the Community Liaison Officer for Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors, E McDonnell.	RD
<b>4. Environmental Improvements</b>	DA from Fife Coast and Countryside Trust (FCCT) addressed the meeting re the planned renovation and improvements for West and East Beaches. DA supplied marked map outlines of the plans which include removal of old scrub, reseeding, renovation and painting of railings eg around Willie’s Well. Proposed start date of the joint project between FCCT and Fife Community Works is February 2016, anticipated completion in April 2016 and is funded for a set period (5yrs for maintenance, 1 year for litter) from the UNESCO Coastal Community Fund. JG has the Community Council copies of the plans. The Community Council thanked DA for his attendance.	
<b>5. Community Council Membership</b>	IGM advised of letter of resignation by Mary Finlayson due to overseas relocation. MF agreed on discussion and support from NQCC to revise her decision and take leave of absence for 9 months. There followed extensive discussion on co-opted membership and nominated membership of NQCC bearing in mind the small number of elected members on the NQCC. BM will send out clarification of Community Council membership to the elected members. IGM invited David Shields, interested in becoming a co-opted member, to address the meeting. DS is on the Community Centre committee; interested in the provision of a Sports Pitch; professional expertise is	BM

	in the Water Industry; keen to explore options for local paths/networks/walking loops; exploring the potential paths around the new Crossing including St Margaret's Marsh. For the latter there is a Management Group yet to meet organised by Transport Scotland and Scottish Heritage. This Group will have NQ representation. IGM proposed DS for co-option, BM seconded. JG proposed PS for co-option, MF seconded.	
<b>6a. Christmas Lights</b>	The Council workforce has erected the tree after delays but no lights as yet. It is anticipated these will be added in next couple of days. Provision is that someone in NQ will store the commercial, long term lights for future use. JG volunteered. Thanks were expressed by NQCC to MF and Cllr Mike Shirkie for their constant efforts to realise a Christmas Tree in North Queensferry.	JG
<b>6b. Pontoon</b>	This was added to the Agenda following an email from MS to IGM advising of HONQ attendance at his surgery on 091215. JDC addressed the meeting outlining the HONQ approach to area Fife Council representatives. MS agreed with JDC to have meeting regarding the (being prepared) Traffic Management Plan. JDC asked that NQCC representation was also at the meeting. PS advised that he had been advised by a colleague that the Town Pier had been condemned by Fife Council, hence it is not used by Maid of the Forth yet is used by Forth Tours – why is there a discrepancy? Cllr Sharon Wilson will follow up on whether the Town Pier is condemned. JDC circulated hardcopy of letter to Fife Councillors. Electronic copy to follow to BM. The letter suggests that following approval of funding for repair of the Town Pier, it is wasteful of public funds to go ahead with the pontoon plan. IGM thanked DF for the outline of advantages of a pontoon vis a vis a static pier. IGM confirmed that the pontoon plan is no longer a planning issue but one of commercial viability.	SW JDC
<b>7. World Heritage</b>	No update	
<b>8. Tourism Project Group</b>	No update	
<b>9. Forth Bridge Visitor Centre</b>	No update but JDC had been advised Network Rail have ringfenced funding and have appointed an operator in order to assist in preparation for the planning application.	
<b>10a. Forth Replacement Crossing</b>	The new junction safety issue had already been raised. JG stated that some lengths of cladding for the bridge cables had been found on the beach at the Boat Club. DS queried the final fate of Admiralty House. BA suggested that this and also the fate of St Margaret Marsh should be brought up at the next North Community Forum. IGM added that the Community Benefit should also be raised. JG will bring these questions up at the next Forum.	JG
<b>10b. Forth Road Bridge Closure</b>	General discussion on parking during the closure of the Road Bridge. "No Parking" cones have been used around Dalmeny Station.	
<b>12. Community Group Reports</b>	Community Trust: next meeting in respect of the lease will be 11 January 2016. Invoices will go out backdated to 010415. Boat Club: doors are being made for the workshop. Once complete there will be an allocation of floor space for Boat Club/rowers/kayakers etc and be ready to sign the lease on 11 January.	

	Lighthouse Project: DS had met with James Lawson and advised that work on the Ferryhills area will start on 5 January 2016. PS queried proposed walking route plans from the Battle of Inverkeithing site down to the North Tower of the Forth Bridge. The Community Council have not had representation from the Heritage Trust since James Lawson no longer acted as representative and may not have been aware of latest plans but this will be resolved when new representative is appointed.	
<b>13. Fife Councillors' Reports</b>	Cllr Sharon Wilson has been in post for 8 days so could not give a full Councillor's report but did outline her background whilst in the Rosyth Community Council, to the meeting.	
<b>14. Planning Applications</b>	JG advised that only one planning application had been received and it was that at Mt Hooley circulated during the month to members of the Council. No action by the Council was deemed appropriate. There had also been approval for private housing improvements in Carlingnose Point.	
<b>15. Treasurer's Report</b>	No report	
<b>16. Floral Enhancement</b>	Containers have been replanted but more volunteers are required. Please let Members of the Council know if you can help.	
<b>17. Correspondence</b>	BM confirmed Correspondence was up to date on the website and drew attention to 20 June 2016 as the date for the Commemoration at Port Laing Beach. BM also advised receipt to two circulated emails on 101215 re closure of libraries in Fife and the Minutes of the Community Council Focus Group.	
<b>18. Any other competent business</b>	PS asked if Stagecoach and DB bus company had been contacted. BM apologised for delay. PS outlined witnessed recent unacceptable driving practices from bus drivers. PS advised to write also to bus companies who are to be contacted for January 2016 meeting.	CM BM PS

Next Meeting: Thursday 14 January 2016, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.30pm