

## North Queensferry Community Council

### Draft Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 12 February 2015

<p><b>Members Present:</b> Iain G Mitchell(IGM), Lin Collis (LC), Christina McKenzie(CM), Barbara McKechnie(BM), Jim George(JG), James Lawson(JL), Cllr P Callaghan(PC), Cllr D Chapman(DC)  <b>PC Bob Drummond(BD), PC K Chandler(KC), Simon Hill(SH) Fife Coast &amp; Countryside Trust                  Mike Low(ML), Peter Selbie(PS), Elizabeth Serviour(ES), Brian Armstrong(BA)</b></p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
<b>1. Apologies</b>	Mary Finlayson (MF)	
<b>2. Minutes of previous meeting</b>	Minutes of the January 2015 meeting were approved	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	No Matters arising	
<b>4. Police Report</b>	BD confirmed the resumption of a defined Community Police team eg attending Community Council meetings, visiting schools. Kate Blackwell and Bob Drummond are the designated officers for the NQ area. See: <a href="http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/fife/west-fife/west-fife-and-coastal-villages/">http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/fife/west-fife/west-fife-and-coastal-villages/</a> . For non urgent reporting to the local police, dial 101. BD was updated on local concerns re speeding in Battery Road by PS.	
<b>5. Fife Pilgrim Routes</b>	SH addressed those present and shared 2 maps indicating the route of projected paths and Fife Coastal Path. There will be an open public information session on Saturday 14 March 2015, 3pm to 5pm at the Railway Station. The object of the project, led by Fife Coast and Countryside Trust in partnership with Fife Council, the Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum and the Fife Tourism Partnership, is to link the pilgrim heritage of Fife and open up paths commencing in Culross/North Queensferry through central Fife to St. Andrews. The path will be approximately 190km in length and possible projected use by 10000 people annually. Note that the Fife Pilgrim route will utilise the current coastal path between North Queensferry and Inverkeithing. SH will supply publicity information for 14 March to LC. BM will supply SH will full contact details for the NQCC.	SH BM
<b>8. Pontoon Consultation</b>	<i>This item was out of the Agenda order to accommodate meeting attendees.</i> IGM advised this item on Agenda to determine if further consultation required. ML, BA and the meeting agreed that the poorly advertised public session of 27 January 2015 was not a consultation but presentation of information. The confirmation of funding for the pontoon project was announced by Fife Council on 26 January, prior to the information session. See <a href="http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=news.display&amp;objectid=260516E9-DFBE-50E8-4C7D7D69EADFEC6F">http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=news.display&amp;objectid=260516E9-DFBE-50E8-4C7D7D69EADFEC6F</a> . The Community Council had not been consulted on the pontoon funding application to the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS). With agreement from Cllrs PC and DC (who confirmed they were also not aware of the funding application), the Chair, at LC's request, will follow up with the Fife Chief Executive re the question of principal in the lack of consultation with the community and the consideration of community benefit to be derived from the	IGM

	location of the pontoon – Town Pier or Railway Pier. PC confirmed he shall follow up on reasons for lack of consultation.	
<b>6. and 7. Public Information Meeting (Fife Council/MS) and Forth Bridge Visitor Centre Consultation</b>	IGM advised that he, LC, CM and ML (representing HONQ) had meeting with Network Rail on Monday 9 Feb 2015. The attendees were heartened by the openness of Network Rail’s plans to share the raw data from their commissioned traffic survey with a public consultation in March 2015 (date to be confirmed), public feedback will be expected. There will be a further consultation in June re the projected Visitor Centre design and again a public consultation before the final submission of the planning application. IGM advised that all viewpoints will all come into play at the time of the planning application, projected for November 2015; including those from the public and the views of UNESCO (should Forth Bridge be a World Heritage site at that point in time). BA highlighted that the commissioned Network Rail traffic survey and that of Fife Council could have opposing views. IGM stressed the NQCC role to ensure the availability of all information and to represent the Community as a whole which may mean the Council then has to forego its current neutral position.	
<b>10. World Heritage Steering Group</b>	JJL said that in awaiting the final decision for the World Heritage Site it is anticipated that this Group will become ‘guardians’ of any conditions imposed by UNESCO. Edinburgh and Fife representatives will be included in the appointment of a World Heritage co-ordinator for the Area.	
<b>11. Tourism Project Group</b>	The Tourism Project Group will report in March 2015 in respect of a proposed inclusive name for the Three Bridges Area.	
<b>9. Forth Replacement Crossing</b>	LC was asked, as a Member of the North Community Forum, to provide views on the FRC Project to the Scottish Parliament's Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee. Five questions were provided on which views were sought (See Feb15 correspondence on <a href="http://www.ngcc.co.uk">www.ngcc.co.uk</a> ) LC advised that of the nine replies received in the short time available, most related to need for constant car washing. A vital point raised was the lack of community benefit from the proximity of the construction site eg heavy equipment available for ground clearance for the MUGA.	
<b>12. Forth Bridges Forum</b>	No update	
<b>13. Community Groups Update</b>	Community Trust: IGM confirmed the lease for West Bay is due to be completed in time for entry on 1 <sup>st</sup> April. Following a recent meeting of the Trust, it had been agreed that a meeting with representatives of the Boat club should take place as soon as possible to discuss the proposed management group for the day to day running of the area. Boat Club: No update other than JCB used to replace damaged mooring block. Heritage Trust: Meeting held on 10 February and pre-planning for the relocation of Beamer Rock is now in hands of David Campbell of Fife Council. JJL confirmed some celebrations for the 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Forth Bridge: Network Rail plan an abseil on 4 March with Princes Trust. There will also be a fly past and display	

	<p>by Tugs. During the first week of July, it is planned to have a steam train stop at North Queensferry as part of a planned route. Depending on World Heritage status award, there may also be celebrations during 17 to 19 September.</p> <p>Railway Station: Refurbishment nearing completion and planned for end of February. Toilet keys are currently held by the Rankins Cafe but the door locks to be installed will determine future charges for use. LC queried availability of the Waiting Room in winter months. JLL confirmed volunteers are required but in meantime, Rankins co-ordinate all enquiries as to use of the premises.</p> <p>Community Centre: A Ceilidh will be held on 14 March. An additional fundraiser is being planned for 10 individuals to join the South Queensferry Rotary abseil on Forth Bridge.</p>	
<b>14. Fife Councillors' Reports</b>	<p>PC will determine why there was not the expected consultation in respect of the funding and placement of the Pontoon. DC had attended good meeting with Network Rail and with the Queensferry Crossing project team. At the latter, provision of additional fencing was obtained to assist with blocking noise from the M90 to nearby housing at Rosyth. The project will also install noise reducing surfacing on the M90 as far as the Amazon warehouse. DC confirmed the South West Area Committee approved £27000 to the development of the MUGA at North Queensferry.</p> <p>JG advised PC of the issue of concession bus tickets marked for incorrect destinations by Stagecoach. PC will advise appropriate Fife Council officers.</p>	
<b>15. Planning Applications</b>	<p>JG advised of one planning application for a house extension in Inchcolm Drive. As this area is not in the conservation area, the Community Council has no comment.</p>	
<b>16. Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>CM said there was no change to the total of £1380 including £86 assigned to Environment, £222 in the Christmas Lights fund and £662 in the Floral fund. Future commitments include rent for the use of the Community Centre, payment of costs for the recent edition of the Ferry News and payment for NQCC Webmail. CM asked for approval of the Committee to move funds from the residual balance to round up the Environment to £100 and the Christmas fund to £300. This will leave £20 residual balance. This was approved.</p>	
<b>17. Floral Enhancement</b>	<p>As weather improves, LC will be asking for volunteers to work on the tubs and flower beds.</p>	
<b>18. Correspondence</b>	<p>BM confirmed mail up to date on website.</p> <p>In view of a recent request from a Fife protest group, IGM asked the Committee to approve a procedure to place such letters on the Correspondence folder of the NQCC website but take no action unless the matter directly affects the village of North Queensferry or is of an outstanding nature so that it is then discussed at a NQCC Meeting.</p>	

<p><b>19. Any Other Competent Business</b></p>	<p>BM will forward a reminder to Ian Jones and Lesley Craig of Fife Council to request the NQCC be advised of action taken at the South West Area Meeting in January relating to parking in the vicinity of the Railway Station on Ferryhills Road and the maintenance of paving due to inconsiderate parking at the Ferry Bridge Hotel corner.</p> <p>Following queries from the Meeting attendees, BM will write to Stagecoach enquiring as to the necessity for double-decker busses using the B981 into North Queensferry. It was noted also that any individual sighting speeding or inconsiderate driving by a Stagecoach driver within the village, then that individual should take note of the vehicle and time of day and notify Stagecoach of the issue. See Stagecoachbus.com for Customer Services.</p>	<p>BM</p>
--	--	-----------

Next Meeting: Thursday 12 March 2015, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.30pm

DRAFT