

North Queensferry Community Council

Draft Minutes of Community Council Meeting on Thursday 11 June 2015

<p>Members Present: Lin Collis (LC), Christina McKenzie(CM),Barbara McKechnie(BM), Jim George(JG), James Lawson(JJL) PC K Blackwell (KC), Cllr Mike Shirkie (MS), PC Name Unknown</p> <p>Mike Low(ML), Peter Selbie (PS), David Neill (DN), John Leitch (JL), Chris Wheeldon (CW), Duncan Foggon (DF), Sheila Foggon (SF)</p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Mary Finlayson (MF), Iain G Mitchell(IGM)	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of May 14 2015 Approved	
3. Matters Arising	-	
4. Police Report	KB had no new issues to report. No update on placing of 20mph signs. JG asked if police were aware of the fireworks planned for 23 June. Discussion re identity of organisers, believed to be the Princes Trust, firework operators have changed to 21CC based at Hopetoun Estate, location changed from Inchgarvie to a barge midstream. Local resident raised concerns over bird breeding over this time. KB will check if police on north of Forth are aware. NQCC and residents concerned over potential for number of visitors and vehicles as per previous firework display. DF expressed concern that hotels were ill prepared for the number of visitors resulting in many pedestrians carrying glass drinking vessels. BM will forward contact details to KB.	BM KB
5. Ferry News	Actions from May completed.	
6. Pontoon Planning Application	MS clarified that extension in public consultation period was to 1 June while the NQCC had further extension to 15 June 2015. BM apologised for misdirection on NQCC website. BM distributed a synopsis sheet of pros and cons based on the content of the Public Comment (27 objections and one support for the listed building consent and 32 objections, 1 support and 1 other for the pontoon) filed on the Fife Council planning website. LC pointed out the CC had 4 options in respect of the pontoon planning application: support, oppose, submit observations or no response. JG stated that in view of public reaction the Community Council must either Object or at least Comment. SF asked that the Council Object in view of the number of objections recorded. MS advised to be aware of the likely reply to a NQCC objection in that there are also 1000+ other residents who have not made comment. JG did not agree. LC asked for a vote from the NQCC members present. Result was 4 Objections, 1 Abstention. BM will draft Objection letter based on the Synopsis sheet and circulate to other Members	BM, All

	for agreement. The Objection must be submitted by 5pm on 15 June 2015.	
7. Forth Replacement Crossing	LC unable to attend last meeting. BM attended and circulated meeting notes to Members – project progressing well and on time for Autumn 2016.	
8. Forth Bridge Visitor Centre	Network Rail have forwarded their feedback from the public presentations in March 2015. (The feedback is on the NQCC website). LC advised that feedback will be collated and added to the next Network Rail newsletter.	
9. World Heritage Steering Group	Final decision on World Heritage status to be notified between 3-5 July 2015	
10. Tourism Project Group	LC advised last meeting (290515) was presentation by Dunira Strategy, tourism consultants tasked with developing tourism between NQ and SQ. There was mention of Forth Extreme, referring to public visiting the top of the Forth Road Bridge.	
11. Community Group Updates	<p>Community Centre: new Supervisor, Gillian Martin, resident in NQ has been appointed. Recent fundraising by 10 Ladies abseiling on the Forth Bridge raised over £3000.</p> <p>Community Trust: Lease for West Bay pending. Survey of premises has been completed; delays on insurance/public liability.</p> <p>Boat Club: waiting for lease so they may proceed with business.</p> <p>Heritage Trust: the number of visitors to the Lighthouse has been consistently good; relocation of Beamer Rock lighthouse is ongoing; a new exhibition is planned at Deep Sea World where it is hoped to hold further exhibitions; the Heritage Trust will follow the Visit Scotland Year of Food and Drink 2015 at the Village Show on 29 August 2015.</p> <p>Railway Station: toilet facilities are complete though not open due to approaching change in cafe operator and key holder – discussions ongoing on replacement operator.</p>	
12. Fife Councillors' Reports	MS advised of successful local tourist meeting held at the refurbished NQ Railway Station. MS confirmed current mis-timing of Fireworks on 23 June and the Mallard crossing the same night. Discussions are ongoing. The previously advised Lighting works in North Queensferry will include the electric point at the War Memorial for future Christmas lighting. MS advised that the recent tourism event held at the Noth Queensferry Hotel was attended by some 38 businesses and proved to be very successful. MS advised Babcocks at Rosyth had celebrated 100yrs and the success of the Rosyth Community markets held at the Parkgate Centre. Rosyth is about to celebrate a centenary and may contact North Queensferry for possible joint celebration of the event.	
13. Planning Applications	JG advised of one private residence planning application for a kitchen extension. LC advised that Rock House application had been approved.	

14. Treasurer's Report	No change	
15. Floral Enhancement	LC advised gardener employed to urgently weed The Brae. Volunteers are required to negate further use of paid assistance. LC and MF plan to buy plants for restocking.	
16. Correspondence	BM confirmed correspondence up to date.	
17. Any other competent business	<p>Stagecoach – further attempts will be made to ask Stagecoach to attend a NQCC meeting.</p> <p>CM queried timing of AGM. BM will confirm date of last year's AGM and pass letter re annual grant to CM.</p> <p>LC drew attention to a Forth Bridges drop in session which had taken place (090615) and the Forth Estuary Dredging Conference to be held on 9 July. JL queried who will restore old and new B981 road junction – currently a ramp causing slow traffic. LC will contact Forthe Replacement Crossing and/or Ian Jones as to whether Fife Council is responsible for reinstatement of road surface.</p> <p>MS requested that the Chair writes to top executives of Forth Crossing Construction teams querying why there is no local benefit derived from the construction process. BM will advise IGM of this request.</p>	<p>BM</p> <p>LC</p> <p>BM</p>

Next Meeting: Thursday 9 July 2015, North Queensferry Community Centre 7.30pm