

## North Queensferry Community Council

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

<p><b>Members Present:</b> Lin Collis (LC), Christina McKenzie(CM), Barbara McKechnie(BM), Mary Finlayson (MF), Jim George(JG), James Lawson (JL), Cllr M Shirkie (MS)          Colin Bain (CB), Anton Watson (AW), David Shields (DS)          Brenda Bruce (BB), Cynthia Bruce (CB), Brian Armstrong (BA), John Mark Di Ciacca (JMDC), , Elizabeth Seviour (ES), Janet Halcrow (JH)</p>		
Agenda Reference	Description	Action
<b>1. Apologies</b>	PC K Blackwell (KB), Iain G Mitchell (IGM)	
<b>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Minutes of July 2015 Approved	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	<p>As per July Minutes, Colin Bain was invited to address the meeting: CB outlined the proposed commemoration, on 20 June 2016, of the death in 1916 of Lt. G C O Paton at Port Laing. CB is looking for NQCC support to mark the date, attend the commemoration and suggestions as to a marker/mention at the beach of the event. The possibility of including mention on other planned signage eg for the Fife Pilgrim Way. JLL and MS will liaise and follow up.</p> <p>Re Stagecoach requested presence to discuss busses in the village, CM was advised this was no longer relevant as they no longer hold the franchise for the public bus service to and from the village. The new franchise holder, Bay Travel, will be contacted to invite attendance at NQCC monthly meeting to be made aware of village bussing concerns.</p>	<p>JLL/MS</p> <p>BM/CM ?</p>
<b>4. Scottish Natural Heritage</b>	<p>In view of village concerns about the level of tick presence, IGM invited Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) to update the council. AW advised that there is a Deer Code derived from the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 and covers deer management and control. AW is liaising with landowners and local authorities and a thermal imaging survey to assess numbers will take place in November 2015. AW confirmed tick incidence should be reported to local veterinarians. MS requested that, due to disruption of deer habitat, the Forth Crossing company should be advised by SNH of the issue and possible responsibility for resolution options. AW will update IGM on results of the planned survey. AW was initially hesitant and CM sought reassurance that AW would contact the bridge construction management and advise them of issues.</p>	AW
<b>11. Fife Councillors' Reports</b>	<p>Item heard out of order due to MS commitments. In respect of the Pontoon Planning Application before the Planning Committee on 23 September 2015, MS advised that any issues previously not raised should be notified to the Lead Planning Officer, Kevin Treadwell as soon as possible. MS advised North Queensferry Hotel upgrade construction is progressing on time and on budget. CM raised state of ground maintenance in NQ; MS advised Parks Department should be notified and asked to accompany Ian Jones on walk round inspection of NQ. Parks department issues currently include cuts,</p>	



	see if any update on school break-in mentioned on Facebook.	
<b>10. Community Group Updates_2</b>	Community Trust – Lease for West Bay has been signed and is effective from April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015. Boat Club – Questions have been asked of Community Trust to be answered prior to their AGM in October 2015. CM confirmed the Trust has given a response.	
<b>12. Planning Applications</b>	JG advised of one planning application for a boundary fence between properties in Battery Road. JG confirmed he would attend the 23 September 2015 Planning Meeting where the Pontoon application will be heard.	
<b>13. Treasurer's Report</b>	Treasurer's report: the Annual Grant of £564 has been received. £1584 is in bank account of which £470 is not assigned. MF suggested local businesses could be approached to help fund Christmas lighting (with their funding acknowledged as per floral displays at roundabouts, stations etc) MF advised around £2500 would be required.	
<b>14. Floral Enhancement</b>	LC expressed disappointment that display tubs had not been watered as per promised. LC will raise condition of tubs with Ian Jones and J McQueen of the Parks dept on the walk round of the village.	
<b>15. Correspondence</b>	BM confirmed email to be updated although mails of significance had been circulated to Members of the Council. This includes hardcopy letter from D Chapman MP relating to Fife Wildflower/Buzzing Project.	
<b>16. Any other competent business</b>	David Shields circulated copies of a map of the St Margaret's Marsh SSSI Management Plan. Nile Corbett of Scottish Natural Heritage is forming a Steering Group and wishes a representative from NQ. DS is willing to do this but wished the community to be advised of the opportunity. Transport Scotland are the co-ordinators of the Marsh Area.  It was confirmed to MF that the Christmas Tree at bottom of The Brae would be priority for 2015. Decision on Brock Street would follow in 2016.	

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