



## QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



### CELEBRATING 32 YEARS 1986-2018

#### MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice Chair and Correspondence Secretary), Diane Job (Treasurer and Planning Convenor) Grant Sangster (Transport Convenor), David Flint (Education Convenor), June Jansen (Environment Convenor) Graeme McKinley (Social Media Site Administrator), Eleanor Sneddon (Queensferry Heritage Trust) Neil McKinlay (Queensferry Rotary Club), Gillian Smith (QCCC) Maggie Quayle (Port Edgar Yacht Club) Jenni Smith (QHS) Ann Mitchell, Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Kevin Lang, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Jennifer Garner (Minute Secretary) Sgt. Scott Kennedy (Police Scotland), PC Jim Kelly (Police Scotland) William Samson, Lizzie Sosenko

#### 1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the February Business Meeting. February had been quite an eventful month with the planning approval of the new Queensferry High School and community facilities. The planned extension at Queensferry Primary School had also been approved and Keith commended the Architects for their design. Outline planning permission had been approved for the Builyleon Road site which included provision for a placemaking exercise. CEC had also appointed a Project Management Company to start work on the High Street. Residents and business would be consulted about the proposed works.

Keith welcomed Sgt Scott Kennedy to Queensferry.

#### 2. Apologies

Councillor Louise Young, Laura Sexton, Fiona Duncan and Carolyn McDonald

#### 3. Police Report

Assaults – man charged with three assaults (all parties known to each other). Minor assault after road rage incident.

Break in to shed in Dalmeny

Drugs – two people charged with possession

Shoplifting – 3 of alcohol from Scotmid

Thefts – fuel, wheelie bin, registration plates, material from building site, unattended belongings at Dakota Hotel

Vandalisms – ongoing dispute

Road Traffic incidents – 2

Hate crime – abusive letter left on car windscreen

ASB - several warnings given

Graeme McKinley said he had several enquiries about parking at the Cross Roads under the Road Bridge. The lollipop lady had frequently complained about the cars parked. The police said it was not an offence to park here.

GMcK also asked about a recently reported “flasher”.

Sgt Kennedy was to check whether QDCC could put the police report out to the public and feedback to the Secretary

KG thanked Sgt Kennedy and PC Kelly for attending the meeting.

#### Queensferry High School Report (brought forward)

Jenni Smith gave a very comprehensive and interesting report on the activities at the High School. It had been a really busy time with pupils sitting prelims. The results were very positive. There had been some mentoring of underachieving pupils.

Pupil Equity Fund (£28,800). This was being used for two projects:- mentoring programme which was going really well and a family learning programme. This too had been well received. The programme focused on family health and wellbeing. 28 families had been identified with 16 of them attending each week. The other 12 were being visited to see why they hadn't attended. JS was not sure if or how much funding would be available next year. The money had to be used for activities not included in the current school curriculum. Education Scotland had visited the school in December and they had been very pleased with what they had found. ES were also impressed with the school's involvement with the community in developing skills, home life, attainment, career pathways. Neil McKinlay and Graeme McKinley were mentoring pupils aged 16+ to advise on what options these pupils had after leaving school. Some pupils had taken up vocational courses at Port Edgar. The School had to make sure there was a pathway for each child – university, apprenticeship, etc.

JS also referred to the ongoing scheme relating to opportunities for teacher development and promotion.

The new build was good to go and pupils and staff were excited and involved in the planning of the new school.

The school had an equality policy and had launched Pupil Equality Group. They had held a LBGT Purple Friday. It was important that pupils accepted differences and diversity. Pupils wore purple.

They planned another focus day on anti-bullying.

Some discussion around the recent CEC grading of QHS and the way in which it was communicated.

The Pupil Council meets once a month.

QDCC wondered if John Wood (Head Teacher QHS) would do a presentation.

**ACTION: Ask John Wood to a meeting – probably a extra meeting rather than a business meeting – Graeme McKinley.**

### **Questions from the Floor (brought forward)**

Lizzie Sosenco from Health and Mind – a mental health support group - had contacted Terry earlier in the day and asked if she could speak to the CC.

She is a mental health worker and hopes to set up a group in Queensferry to deal with mental health issues. There are several mental health services in the City of Edinburgh but this group would be solely for people over 18 in Queensferry. There would possibly be a drop-in centre, support for clients and referral to other agencies. Lizzie wanted to ask QDCC what experience they had and what they felt was needed. Were there issues regarding alcohol and drug abuse? She would need premises for a drop-in centre. She has funding for two years and anticipates spending 2 days a week in Queensferry. She asked if any CC members would be willing to meet with her to give her information/help/advice etc. Anyone interested should give their names to Terry and he would pass them on.

### **6. Community Facility Funding**

QDCC had received £400,872.09 from Evans. KG and DJ had had a meeting with Clydesdale Bank with regards to investing this money. Following discussions with Clydesdale Bank, the proposal from Diane is as follows:-

£ 25,000.00 in instant access account  
£150,000.00 in a 30 day notice account  
£225,872.09 in 12 month term deposit account.

### **AGREED**

### **5. Shore Road – CRE Care Withdrawal**

Castle Rock Edinvar (CRE) are withdrawing the care support element at Shore Road. There will only be 2 ½ days admin support. There had been no consultation with the impacted residents, Health Centre, QDCC or QCCC.

Various communications on this matter had taken place resulting in a series of potentially mixed messages in circulation.

The four Ward Councillors were to meet with CRE representatives last next week but the meeting had to be rescheduled at last minute and will now take place next week at which point clarification and feedback will be provided to QDCC

### **6. Minutes of last Meeting – circulated.**

Proposed – David Flint

Seconded – Eleanor Sneddon

### **7. Matters Arising**

Queensferry Fair Trade Group – KL had taken this matter up and questions had been asked in Parliament and CEC. It was hoped to have a review by Transport Scotland into their policy on erecting fairtrade signs. QFTG were delighted with the time and effort KL had put in to helping with this matter.

Queensferry Boat Club – KG facilitated a meeting with Council Officers Dave Sinclair and Patrick Coogan and QBC representatives to discuss repairs to the Harbour using NEP's funding. Mr Dave Sinclair West Team Localities Roads and Environment Manager is leading this enquiry.

Ferrymuir Community Development – Investigating community development trusts will be undertaken if and when required. Action closed

Updates CEC – TA – ongoing work

Link Housing – Action complete

Cllr Work – NW to check on gritting situation – will follow this up.

Sub-Committee Reports/Minutes – Agreed that no Reports be circulated prior to the Business Meeting. Minutes to be circulated ASAP after meeting.

**8. Chair's Report** – circulated. KG and GMcK met with local business owners on 25th Jan with a view to discuss setting up a business forum. The business owners have scheduled their first meeting for later this week.

### **9. Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Norman Work – circulated. Follow -up on Ferrymuir Bus Flags required

Cllr. Graham Hutchison – circulated – complain of ASB in Morison Gardens. GH spoken to police and housing team.

Cllr. Kevin Lang – circulated – Burnshot Bridge funding source confirmed.

Eleanor asked about the roads and potholes. KL said that there were many areas in the City which required attention – resurfacing rather than just patching.

It was stressed that if anybody had any questions about any of the Reports they should get in touch direct with the Convenor/Councillor

10. **Treasurer's Report** - circulated

11. **Secretary's Report** - circulated

12. **QDCC Sub-Committee Reports**

Planning – Builyeon Road (red line) application had been approved. Planning Department had asked for a detailed master plan. Consultation and placemaking exercise to take place. A three year time limitation has been imposed. Need for community to get involved.

Transport – circulated. Transport Sub-Committee still to meet with a local resident who had contacted QDCC.

Education – nothing to report

Environment – circulated

Queensferry Heritage Trust – Doing very well with increasing membership. Only have two more talks this session.

QCCC – Celebrating 25 years this year. They would like to get 25 people to participate in Forth Bridge abseil. Gillian wondered if any CC members would be interested.

Queensferry Rotary Club – Senior Citizens Concert to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March. NMCK keen to establish a satellite group for younger people. Also taking a review of the Club during his year as President.

Port Edgar Yacht Club – Hoping to have new contract signed within the next few months.

13. **Any Other Business**

William Samson reported on his proposal to open a pharmacy at Scotstoun. Consultation going very well. 500 people had responded. He wondered if QDCC or a member of QDCC would write a statement or attend the hearing. QDCC will discuss and consider the request when the new pharmacy is to be considered by the NHS Board

KG asked that members check they have his correct email address.

14. **Questions from the Floor** – Heart and Mind – see earlier entry.

15. **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30.