



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## **MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – MONDAY 28th January 2013 COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE, BURGH CHAMBERS, SOUTH QUEENSFERRY**

### **ATTENDEES**

Keith Giblett (Chair); Terry Airlie (Secretary); Diane Job (Treasurer); Grant Sangster; Doug Ross; Jim Ferguson (Queensferry High School); Eilidh Donaldson (Queensferry High School); Mark Ruickbie (Queensferry High School); June Jansen; Laura Sexton; David Flint; Diane Brown (Queensferry Ambition); Ross Martin; Fiona Duncan (Queensferry Boat Club); Paul Kirkwood; Juliette Summers

Councillor Norman Work; Councillor Alistair Shields; Councillor Lindsay Paterson

PC Aidan Douds (Lothian and Borders Police);

### **VISITORS**

Colin Keir MSP

Neil McNaught – First Scotland (East)

Scott Ferguson – First Scotland (East)

### **1. Chairman's Welcome**

Keith Giblett (Chair) welcomed everyone to the January business meeting of Queensferry and District Community Council (QDCC).

The Chair reported that once again it had been a busy period since the November meeting not withstanding the Christmas break dealing with Community Council business matters and took the opportunity to both introduce our guests and extend a welcome to our new members

Mention was given to the time restraints for the meeting given we had two sets of guests and a round table series of introductions to and from members and our visitors followed.

### **2. Apologies**

Kirsty Picton; Doug Ross; Willie Hardie

### **3. Police Report**

Police Report circulated in advance of meeting.

Aidan spoke to the report and indicated that the increase in number of crimes reported was skewed in that 11 events could be attributed to one individual.

A discussion on the theft of copper from the Agilent Site which occurred shortly after a change in responsibility for security took place, and it was noted that QDCC will continue to use Facebook to post any relevant requests from Lothian & Borders Police including those related to the recent theft at the Agilent site.

### **4. Colin Keir MSP**

Keith welcomed Colin to QDCC and delivered a short history of Colin's career to date.

Colin expanded on his experiences firstly as a CEC Councillor and more latterly as an MSP and indicated that in the 18 months or so since his election had visited Queensferry approximately once every 8 days.

Some discussion points included his visit to China on a trade/cultural mission and the British Airways/Virgin to Heathrow flight slots

More locally High Street traffic, Port Edgar and the future of the Two Bridges Hotel.

Colin expressed concerns regarding the Westminster Governments benefit/welfare reforms and highlighted the Independence Referendum in 2014.

A number of questions from the floor ensued, including topics such as the Local Development Plan, retail opportunities, statutory provisions on bus stop information, the future of FETA, community buy –outs and MSP's mailbag

### **5. First Scotland (East)**

Grant both welcomed and introduced Neil and Scott and gave a brief overview of the reasons as to why QDCC had invited First to visit.

Neil provided a brief synopsis of his career with First Scotland and some background into some of the recent activities surrounding the closure of both the Dalkeith and Linlithgow depots and a brief outlook into the future service provision from Livingston of the 43 service and the logistics behind the withdrawal of the cash handling facility.

Neil introduced Scott who provided additional detail on the day to day issues affecting the 43 service.

Grant opened the Q & A session with a query on the journey route from Dechmont to Sommerville Gardens, the registration of the service and the fuel duty rebate.

Diane then provided Neil with a list of questions that had been drawn from some 40 plus queries on the QDCC Facebook page. Answers to these will be provided later.

A number of additional questions from the floor were raised relating to the reliability and punctuality of the 43 service.

Other issues raised included driver training and familiarity with the route, the withdrawal of the night service, pricing structure and cost of the child/half fare, cleanliness and condition of buses, early arrivals/late departures, changes of bus stops in town, the commercial viability of the service, and a request to ensure fare information is available at bus stops now that change is no longer given.

## **6. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Accepted as a true record

Proposer: David Flint      Seconder: Grant Sangster

## **7. Matters arising from Previous Meeting**

QDCC noted that the action taken on matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting was as follows:

- Police request regarding information on parking at Dalmeny Station to be posted on Facebook

**Initial Action Complete. Ongoing as and when applicable**

- RNLI site at Hawes Pier. Confirmed as ongoing business via Queensferry Ambition – Initial Action Complete  
Follow up information on discussions with Craig Lamont (CEC) to be pursued.

**Action: Queensferry Ambition to provide updates as and when applicable**

- Tesco trolleys.

**Action: Completed**

- Councillor Shields to bring to the attention of the Partnership Safety Forum QDCC's concerns as previously noted

**Action: Dialogue continues. Further updates as and when available**

- Almond Ward Councillors requested to prepare motion for submission to CECTransport Committee (TIE) on topic of bus stop flags/timetables/information across Queensferry

**Action: Completed**

- Secretary to contact Colin Keir MSP on behalf of QDCC to raise matter

with Transport Minister (Keith Brown) on statutory responsibilities and duties.

**Action : Completed**

- Manor Homes. Update required

**Action: Secretary has contact Natalie Hoy for update. Further communication needed**

- Queensferry Boat Club. New representation required.

**Action: Completed**

- Dalmeny Station Parking - Chair to contact CEC (John Bury/Lesley Hinds) to further explore possibilities

**Action: Initial action completed. Follow up required after dialogue with Petitions Committee**

## **7. Chair Report**

Report circulated.

## **8. Councillor's Reports**

Councillor **Lindsay Paterson** report circulated.

Councillor **Alastair Shields** report circulated

Councillor **Norman Work** report circulated.

## **9. Treasurer's Report**

Report circulated.

## **10. Secretary's Report**

Report circulated.

## **11. QDCC Sub Committees Reports**

### **11.1 Transport**

Report circulated. Additional note on High street repairs/resurfacing works

## **11.2 Queensferry Churches Care in the Community**

Clarity on future representation required.

## **11.3 Queensferry Boat Club**

Fiona will update at February meeting

## **11.4 Queensferry High School**

A summary of activities since last meeting was provided by Eilidh and Mark, including updates on school shows, games hall repairs, fund raising activities which continue to impress – including shoe box appeal and the last day of term dress down collection.

Jim followed up with additional details on positive destinations from 2012 and follow ups.

Diane J raised the current situation regarding lack of hot water showers at the swimming pool.

Jim provided an update and the fact that no off the shelf replacements are available due to age of facilities so a custom build is required. Timescale to be confirmed

## **11.5 Community Safety Forum**

Report circulated and update on top 3 priorities.

## **11.6 Business Improvement District (QA)**

Verbal update provided.

## **11.7 Planning**

Planning Report circulated.

## **11.8 Port Edgar Yacht Club**

No report available

## **11.9 Environmental Report**

Report circulated

## **12. Any Other Business**

### **12.1 General**

- Pelican Crossing on Hopetoun Road
- Speed limit on B904
- Forth Bridge Forum
- Contact & Education Centre – Forth Replacement Crossing

- QDCC website now up and running
- Placemark for meeting with James Pitt/Evans of Leeds
- Minute Secretary for 2013 required

**13 Questions from the Floor**

None

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 19:30 hours

**Terry Airlie**  
**Correspondence Secretary**  
**16<sup>th</sup> February 2013**